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The new Centre for Hospitality and Culinary Arts at George Brown College has significantly revitalized Toronto's St. James neighbourhood. Adaptively reusing a historic warehouse building on King to create a teaching restaurant and expanding a 1980s academic building on Adelaide to incorporate a residual space, the twinned projects create a vibrant hub and a beacon for the appreciation of education, sustainability and urban renewal.

Colour, transparent architecture and gleaming stainless steel kitchens showcase the college's prestigious chef school to the city—animating the drab, vehicular-dominated campus with the lively presence of culinary culture. The projects are visible to each other along the north-south axis of Frederick Street, with the in-between stretch transformed into a lively pedestrian thoroughfare. An interior café and the feature restaurant draw the public into the school. Glass, natural light and wide views foster accessibility crucial to the success of the college and offer opportunities for social interaction at many scales.

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