

Ballon Saloon

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The Balloon Saloon captures the spirit of our diverse campus community, and highlights the special moments of peer-to-peer interactions vital in every student's journey. "Safely Back Together", we envision a space where students may reconnect, re-collaborate, and re-engage, in a safe environment amidst the unprecedented current circumstances. The design integrates a flexible system that allows people to create and adjust their own space depending on their individual or collective needs. The system utilizes Balloons that are 6 ft in diameter, filled with Helium gas, and draped by a soft fabric curtain. The balloons are caged under a honeycomb wire-mesh pavilion. Users can easily move, shuffle, or pull down the balloons to customize a variety of spaces, from an individual enclosed capsule to a bigger gathering plaza.

The Balloon Saloon is used not only by on-campus students, but also invites international out-of-city students to share the experience. Zoom, studio meetings, lectures, and 6on6 social nights can be projected onto the fabric surface promoting interactive connections across physical limitations.

We invite you to join us in the Balloon Saloon, where the vibe is bubbling and the mood is popping!

