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UH Hilton getting \$12.5 million face lift

The staid Hilton hotel on the [University of Houston](#) campus is getting a much needed makeover.

Over the next six months, the 86-room [Hilton University of Houston Hotel and Conference Center](#) will see \$12.5 million in improvements - the property's first major renovation in more than three decades.

The hotel is part of the [Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management](#), a top-ranked hospitality program that offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in hotel and restaurant management and hospitality management.

Designed by Houston-based Portfolio Associates, the makeover will include redesigned guest rooms, an updated conference center and a new training lab.

The project is being funded by contributions from the Conrad N. Hilton Fund, the [Conrad N. Hilton Foundation](#), the University of Houston and hotel capital reserves.

Concurrently, a \$2.5 million renovation is under way on the school's library and hospitality industry archives.

Fernando Bravé of Houston-based [Bravé Architecture](#) designed the space.

The collection includes papers, photos and other items from Conrad N. Hilton dating from the 1887 through the 1970s.

Nick and Vicki Massad of Houston-based [American Liberty Hospitality](#) gave \$1.5 million toward the project.

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