
Campus Planning Newsletter

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Dear members of the Connecticut College community,

The College is in the midst of an inspirational time of capital projects that will continue for many years as we align with Conn's master plan. To ensure clear communication and collaboration within the institution, we're starting a monthly newsletter to keep everyone updated on our facilities management and campus planning project process.

In just the past few months, we have seen a number of transformative projects that impact our campus and the local community.

Hale Landscaping Project

As part of the largest gift in the College's history, Rob Hale '88 supported an initiative for campuswide landscaping improvements. The first phase started last year and is nearing completion with the installation of a gate at the Admission parking lot. Visitors are now welcomed at Horizon House with a new entry plaza with granite seat walls, a refreshed building with beautiful plantings and new sidewalks. Across campus, you can see BigBelly smart waste and recycling stations, lighting and pedestrian improvements on the south end of campus, the addition of three bike shelters and custom designed bike racks by Artists for Humanity in Boston. We also have a new beautifully designed and crafted main entrance sign off of Route 32.

Stark Center for the Moving Image in the Liberal Arts

With a generous gift by the Stark Foundation, a new home for film studies is underway in Hillyer. Students, faculty and staff will benefit from a new editing lab, seminar room, teaching and production space. The project is nearing substantial completion and is slated to be ready for this spring semester.

Classroom Upgrades

Under the leadership of the Registrar's office, the College made improvements to more than 30 classrooms across campus, including new furniture, carpeting, painting and upgrades to whiteboards, chalkboards and AV.

Bolles House

Home to the Departments of Human Development and Education, Bolles House received major upgrades this summer. The project is nearing completion, and you can see landscaping and parking lot improvements along with a new fire escape and sidewalk. The House underwent a transformation with a new roof, new flooring, painting and new classroom furniture.

Waterfront Revitalization Project

On Oct. 21, the College officially opened its revitalized waterfront. The revitalized waterfront provides a first-rate athletic facility for the sailing and rowing programs, an outdoor classroom and living laboratory for marine science, environmental research and conservation, an expedition training area for Conn's Outdoor Adventures program and a vibrant recreational space for students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members.

33 Gallows

The waterfront revitalization project provided an opportunity to repurpose the underutilized 33 Gallows building. The design for this space allows for expanded teaching and office spaces for the arboretum, biology, botany and environmental studies to be ready in the spring semester.

Phase 1 Dayton Renovation

The Dayton Arena project is nearing its completion with new varsity men's and women's locker rooms along with coaches offices and enhanced visitor locker rooms.

Bathroom Privacy Improvements

The College is in the process of adding floor-to-ceiling partitions for increased privacy in all residential hall bathrooms. This project, which started in the Katherine Blunt House last summer, will be ongoing over the next three years.

We look forward to updating you on these and other projects in our monthly newsletter and a revamped capital projects website coming soon!

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