



Rowan University

Division of Facilities, Planning and Operations

Summer 2021 Activities

Dear Campus Community,

I am happy to introduce the first in a series of newsletters to be issued by the Division of Facilities, Planning and Operations. Our work covers a broad spectrum of activities on campus, from the highly visible to the seemingly invisible. The Division plans, designs, constructs, maintains and operates the physical campuses and related open spaces in support of the University's academic and research initiatives. We work closely with the Administration, Academic community and the Student Government Association to ensure that our campuses are responsive to the needs of students, faculty and staff. I look forward to sharing highlights of our projects and people throughout upcoming issues of this newsletter. Following are the highlights of projects that will be taking place during the summer semester. More information can always be found on our website at <https://sites.rowan.edu/facilities/index.html>.

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SUMMER PROJECTS

WILSON HALL ADDITION - Completion Fall 2022



The 7,500 sqft addition will add two new dance studios, a locker room, faculty offices and lounge to the College of Performing Arts main facility at Wilson Hall. The new addition will house companies-in-residence and student clubs and consolidate the Dance Department in Wilson Hall.

MEDITATION WALK PHASE 3 - Completion Summer 2021



Construction of Meditation Walk on the north side of the creek will include a pedestrian connection to Rowan Boulevard with an entry plaza and reconfigured parking on the parking lot created when the Cassidy Building was demolished. This project incorporates sustainable stormwater infrastructure and plantings funded partly by the Student Government Association.

DISCOVERY HALL - Completion Summer 2021

The construction of Discovery Hall, the new 68,000 sqft academic building East of Winans Hall, will begin to be occupied this summer. Discovery Hall houses the School of Earth and Environment and also includes teaching and research laboratories for the College of Science and Math. A highly visible component of the building site is a permanent, site-specific public artwork, entitled *Time Sweeps*, being completed by artist, Thea Alvin.



LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE - Completion 2022

Design will commence on modernizing Campbell Library including upgrades and enhancement of existing space and information technology infrastructure available for serving the current and future academic, research, and collaboration needs of a modern research university.

REC CENTER GYM FLOOR - Completion Summer 2021

The gym floor of the Rec Center on Main Campus has suffered water damage due to flooding and will be replaced with state of the art flooring. The flooding at the gym is being mitigated through water sealing the double man doors to the exterior as well as the installation of a stainless steel dam at the roll up door.

CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT REPAIR – Ongoing

Much of the capital spending over the past decade at the University has been focused on creating buildings and spaces to keep pace with growth in enrollment; the University recognizes the need to also direct dollars to critical supporting infrastructure that is in need of repair. This summer, the Herring Heating Plant or Central Utility Plant (CUP), behind the newly constructed Discovery Hall, is the site of several “deferred maintenance” projects that are key to the optimal operations of Main Campus. The CUP contains heating and cooling equipment that serve most buildings on campus.



A critical item at the CUP is the underground condensate return tank. Originally built in 1964, this concrete pit has begun to crumble and is being replaced in June with an above ground steel tank, providing more reliability in heating and cooling much of campus. Another important project includes the replacement of boiler tubes in the plant's large co-gen unit, which will extend the life of the unit, and continue to allow the University to create its own electricity.

UNDERGROUND UTILITY REPLACEMENT – Summer 2021



The Glassboro Campus' heating and cooling system includes a substantial network of underground infrastructure that has partially deteriorated and exceeded its useful life. The University has deemed it necessary to replace portions of this infrastructure, which includes chilled water, condensate and steam distribution pipes and the reconstruction or replacement of manholes.

BUNCE HALL FLEXIBLE SPACE – Completion Fall 2022

Several projects are underway at Bunce Hall, including abatement, fire suppression enhancements, information technology upgrades as well as the creation of a variety of flexible use spaces on the 2nd floor.

WATER INFILTRATION MITIGATION - Summer 2021

Work will begin to mitigate water infiltration issues at various locations including Science Hall, including the Planetarium, James Hall and SOM-Stratford.

CMSRU LIGHTING – Completion Summer 2021

The CMSRU auditorium will be re-lamped over the summer to provide energy efficient lighting that also increases brightness to provide a better experience for this highly used building space.

A NOTE OF THANKS...

To the Facilities Maintenance and Operations Staff who worked tirelessly all academic year to keep the campus clean and safe in unprecedented times and made the campus shine for 2021 in-person commencement in May. Their hard work and dedication was obvious to all who came to celebrate with the grads!