

CAPITAL PROJECTS SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE



SRJC Capital Projects Team welcomes students, faculty and staff back to campuses & facilities

As difficult as sheltering-in-place was, construction projects benefited

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Academic Year! The Capital Projects Team has worked tirelessly to get each campus ready for staff and students. Transformations are taking place on our campuses, with completed projects and several projects underway. Major projects were completed on the Petaluma Campus, including the



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Emergency call tower at the Public Safety Training Center in Windsor. Read about the Security Upgrades projects on page 3.



Human Resources Lobby
THE SRJC Human Resources Offices relocated to Bussman Hall one year ago. Read more on page 6.

A Look Ahead at our next issue: Shone Farm, the Quinn Central Plant Projects, and more.



Interior of the new produce processing facility at Shone Farm.

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inviting new façade and welcome center, the science building and outdoor classrooms, and the relocation of the Fashion Lab from the Santa Rosa Campus. Shone Farm is receiving a new produce processing facility and a new greenhouse building, portable classrooms and upgrades to Porter Barn are still underway. We have completed the security system upgrades at the Public Safety Training Center which include emergency call towers, electronic door hardware, and emergency call buttons for all classrooms. Security upgrades are also in progress for the Petaluma and Santa Rosa campuses.

The Santa Rosa campus is currently the site where students and staff are most impacted, with construction taking place for the Lindley Center for STEM Education, the Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance and the Central Plant Projects. Parking and walking pathways are impacted. We encourage new and returning students, and faculty and staff, to visit the SRJC website to download the Santa Rosa campus map in order to plan the best path of travel when on campus.

Good luck to everyone in achieving your academic goals this year.

MEET THE SRJC CAPITAL PROJECTS TEAM

Every month, we will feature a different team member.

Sumita Mukherjee, Project Manager



“It’s wonderful to work on these large projects right in my back yard,” said Sumita Mukherjee about her work. A Petaluma resident, Sumita joined the SRJC Capital Projects Team in 2018. Prior to SRJC, she worked for capital planning and design for Sonoma State University.

Some of Sumita’s SRJC projects include the Construction Trades Center, the Science Building, Student Life, and the Kitchen Project at the Petaluma Campus, and the Bertolini Student Services Center at the Santa Rosa Campus.

The daughter of a professor at the University of Illinois Chicago, she loves working for higher education. “My father worked in the school of dentistry at the university his entire career—and he loved it. I get invigorated being around the faculty and students.”

Sumita worked in architectural firms for a long time in Chicago, before she and her family moved to California in 2010. Although she enjoyed the work, Sumita felt that in order to become a well-rounded person and fully understand the field, it was important to try new things. “I needed to touch the work from every angle.”

Many of Sumita’s early projects in those Chicago firms received awards: Rogers Park Montessori School (2006 Chicago Building Congress Award) and Tarkington School of Excellence (2007 American Institute of Architects Chicago Design Award and 2007 Chicago Green Works Award).

Other notable projects include designing a three-story loft conversion for Harpo Studios, and developing a new low-income housing model for reconstruction of New Orleans homes after Hurricane Katrina (funded by Oprah Winfrey’s Angel Network).

Architecture was not the first career Sumita dreamt of as a child. She has always enjoyed art, but the financial uncertainty of being an artist did not appeal to her. She wanted something more practical. “Both of my parents are dentists,” Sumita said, “but I didn’t get that gene.”

TV sit-com architects, like Elise Keaton on “Growing Pains” and Jim Brady on “The Brady Bunch” presented architecture as a possible career path for an artsy girl who also liked math. “I like the creative side of the work I do,” she said.

Sumita loves to travel and spent one semester abroad in Italy. She has now explored the architectural treasures of nearly a dozen countries.

Hardworking and modest, Sumita credits both of her parents for her drive. “They taught me, “Shoot for better, always.”

Your Safety a Top Priority

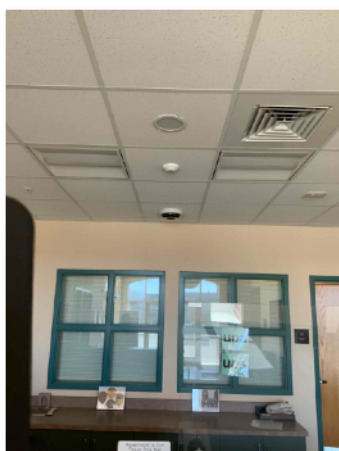
Security Upgrades Enhancing Safety

Thanks to Measure H, enhanced security on campuses will help ensure safety for students, faculty, staff and visitors in the event of any emergency. The Emeritus Security Project on the Santa Rosa campus was completed in August 2020. Many of the Security Upgrades at the Public Safety Training Center (PSTC) in Windsor were completed in July, with the installation of electronic hardware and the transition from brass key to key cards now underway. Work at the Petaluma campus is scheduled to be complete at the end of August, and the security work at the Santa Rosa campus has started with surveying of conduit pathways in Maggini Hall, Lark Hall and the Race building.

“Student, staff and faculty safety is a top priority for all of us at SRJC...” — *President Dr. Frank Chong*

As part of the Security System Upgrades Project, the required American with Disabilities Act (ADA) site accessibility work is finished or nearing completion at three SRJC campuses: the Petaluma Campus, the Santa Rosa Campus, and the Public Safety Training Center in Windsor.

At the Santa Rosa campus, these improvements have been completed at Lounibos Center, Haehl



Emergency Call Tower with 360 degree camera in the parking lot of the Public Safety Training Center in Windsor.

Pavilion, Lark Hall, and the Robert Call Center. Construction of a new walk at Facilities Operations was also included in the Security Upgrades Projects. Anticipated completion date of the security upgrades projects is May 2022.

Key Card Distribution Reminder

Only Emeritus Hall has completed the switch from brass keys to key cards and electronic hardware. The District Police is working tirelessly with building admins on distribution. Please do not try to pick up a key card until informed by your building admin it is time to do so. Allow extra time to pick up the key card in order to troubleshoot any issues. If the lobby is closed, please use the intercom.

Thank you!

New student welcome center and outdoor artwork at the new science buildings on the Petaluma campus attracts scholars

Students and faculty will enjoy many new features, including outdoor classroom spaces

In March 2020, students at the Petaluma campus saw construction fencing going up just before the pandemic's shelter-in-place went into effect and schools throughout California transitioned to remote learning. The onset of the coronavirus pandemic initially led to project delays. Later, another North Bay fire stopped work again in the fall. However, the Capital Projects Team took advantage of a campus without students and made up for lost time.

Projects completed include a 2,220 square-foot chemistry lab and 1,600 square-foot anthropology lab, a new quad and a lovely remodeled student welcome center that offers multiple amenities, including large hang out spaces, private meeting rooms, a kitchen area, and even a place to do laundry.

The new science buildings will allow SRJC students their first full year of biology and chemistry at the Petaluma campus. The outdoor artwork features planets, the periodic table, the structure of chlorophyll, DNA and chromosomes, a life-sized condor, and much more. White boards on the building exterior and seating areas provide outdoor classrooms.

"Planned before the coronavirus pandemic, these outdoor learning spaces are now even more desirable," said Capital Projects Senior Director Serafin Fernandez. He added that the design of the campus renovations centered on making the campus warm and inviting to students. "The quad, the outdoor sound system and music students select themselves, the gathering places and eating areas, including an outdoor stage, all of this is designed taking into consideration students' needs and desires, and how to keep them on campus and build community with their peers and faculty."

"SRJC uses science and safety as our true North Star..."

— President Dr. Frank Chong
Professional Development Day, August 13, 2021



New and in-progress capital projects at the Santa Rosa Campus

Learning environment transformations in various stages, thanks to Measure H funding

Luther Burbank Auditorium

Last March, the Luther Burbank Auditorium enjoyed a ribbon cutting and opened its doors to Santa Rosa theatergoers—only to close shortly after due to the pandemic. Completed in December 2019, the \$28,000,000 project preserved the beautiful exterior of this 80-year-old building while completely modernizing the interior, allowing for more flexibility in the types of programs offered. Theater students will enjoy having classes in this lovely state-of-the-art building. Others on campus will also enjoy use of the small and large auditoriums, which allows classes to spread out and take advantage of these spacious surroundings.



Lobby of the Luther Burbank Auditorium

Jeff Kunde Hall & the Lindley Center for STEM

Jeff Kunde Hall was completed in August 2019, and was the first phase in a multi-year development and construction process that will culminate with the building of the Lindley Center for STEM education, currently under construction. Kunde Hall includes permanent math faculty offices, eleven classrooms and four computer labs, temporarily occupied by the displaced math, engineering and applied technology programs, until the Lindley STEM center is completed.



The new 200-seat theater addition

Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance

Phase 1 of the Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance (KAD) Project, the football field and track, was completed by summer 2020. Phase 2, currently under construction, includes a new field house at the south end of Bailey Field. It will house locker rooms for football, women's track and field, and men's track and field. Coaches' offices at the upper level will have an outdoor roof terrace. The



The Lindley Center for STEM Education

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new bleachers will contain a press box on the west side of Bailey Field. The KAD project also includes baseball, softball and soccer fields and an aquatics center, all designed to provide the best athletics programs for our students.

Emeritus Circle Improvements

A new two-way drive is one of the big changes to Emeritus Circle drivers will enjoy on the west side of Emeritus Hall. New sidewalks, handicap ramps, landscaping, asphalt and striping complete the enhancements.

Scholars Drive Improvements & Much More

Scholars Drive is undergoing many improvements, thanks to Measure H. Phase 1 of the improvements is installing the hardscape, which is currently underway. New shrubs and native plants, and trees—including the preservation of an existing one—will

enhance the natural beauty the Santa Rosa Campus is known for.

Other Santa Rosa campus projects include renovations at Baker Hall and alterations at Garcia Hall, including lead and asbestos

remediation and a new roof, and the installation of



Santa Rosa fiber ring. No matter where you look on campus, infrastructure and beautification projects are evident. Look for more details on these, and all our campuses' projects, in future newsletters.



Bussman Hall's Human Resources Lobby is now one year young



The Human Resources Department moved into their new offices in Bussman Hall one year ago. The relocation was critical in carrying out the District's Facilities Master Plan and the Department's former home, the Button Building, was demolished in order to make space for the new student housing project. The renovation included updated finishes, painting and flooring, and other updated finishes, electrical improvements and new wireless access points.

SAVE THE DATE: The Student Housing Project Groundbreaking is scheduled for October 22, 2021.