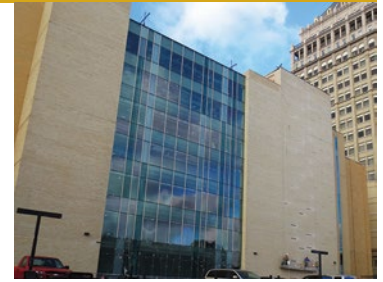




New Downtown Campus

MCC Supporters Get Guided Peek Inside Building as Project Moves Closer to Completion



Construction on all seven floors of MCC's Downtown Campus is anticipated to be substantially completed by the end of April 2017.

This significant milestone in MCC's construction project signals that major work inside the building is nearly finished. Furniture has begun arriving, and in a few months employees will start moving into the new campus.

The campus will be ready for move-in during the summer after the building passes onsite inspections and is cleared for occupation. Important ancillary work—including parking lot improvements—will continue at full pace through summer 2017.

The construction project is on schedule and will be completed in time for classes to begin at the new campus in fall 2017.

Excitement about the opening of the campus is growing. In addition to sharing project updates, MCC has provided guided tours of selected parts of the building to MCC student leaders, employees and community partners to show the project's progress. In 2016, MCC led 16 building tours for more than



MCC's Instructional Services staff, above, visit a nearly finished science laboratory on the sixth floor of the Downtown Campus in fall 2016.

At right is one of the classrooms on the sixth floor.



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120 participants, including Rochester Police Department personnel and Rochester City School District staff.

Here are several reflections on the design features of the new campus and on the opportunities for innovation, collaboration and robust student engagement within:

Read comments from other MCC team members on www.monroec.edu/downtown.

"The student leadership area has a nice view of the entrance and elevator area. We are excited to see all of our clubs and students leaders fit in such a cozy space. Many student services are located in close proximity to the student leadership area which may allow for easier communication between the community."

–Casey Moore, student leader

"I like the fact that there will be a green roof and plants around the campus because it promotes a stress-free environment. I heard that they also plan to put in walls that let people draw and write on. Students can doodle on the wall or can set up a study group and work out math problems among themselves using the wall. It would promote creativity and encourage that sense of community that DCC is known for."

–Daniel Skerritt, student leader

"With the new campus, MCC will be unified as one. It will let students know that we are one school but with two different locations. ... It will be great to have a cafeteria because we don't have one now and it's inconvenient. I feel the cafeteria will help students make healthier choices about what they're eating."

–Qutisha Britt, student leader



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Registration and financial aid services will be located in the room at left on the second floor.

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Inspiring every day.

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"I was impressed to see a whole section of the building dedicated to offices for student clubs and organizations. The offices looked visible and easy to find. As a student leader, I believe this will encourage more students to participate in student life activities."

–Omran Omar, student trustee

"Seeing the new campus was exciting, as I could envision students using the shared spaces to socialize and work in groups, enjoying the café area, and milling around the classrooms and learning centers. Our students deserve an educational environment that is designed with their needs in mind, and I believe that these spaces at the new Downtown Campus will offer them a collegial atmosphere that fosters their educational and interpersonal growth."

**–Eileen Radigan, instructor
Human Services Department**

"When I took the tour, I could visualize the expansive space that will be available to students, faculty and staff. I was also impressed by the openness and welcoming atmosphere of the first floor, where I imagine much of the hustle, bustle and activity taking place. I particularly like the student-centered focus of common areas, learning areas and spaces for community interaction."

**–Lena Shiao, associate professor
Education Department**

"I visited our campus in late October and was encouraged and inspired—encouraged because the new campus will stimulate growth in the Downtown Campus enrollment and inspired because the creative design of the campus will arouse student learning."

**–Adrian Smalls, assistant professor
Law and Criminal Justice Department**

"I especially liked that collaborative and solo study spaces are integrated throughout the campus as well as in the Learning Commons. Learning and knowledge creation takes place wherever they are. It's exciting to see the building come together. Our students deserve to study and learn in a beautiful space."

**–Alice Wilson, assistant director
Library Services**



MCC faculty and staff enter what will be space for hosting events.



Damon City Campus student leaders listen as Dr. Joel Frater, executive dean of DCC, highlights major features of the building during a tour of the Downtown Campus in fall 2016.



An open stairway connects the first three floors.

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Links to follow project's progress:

MCC: <http://www.monroecc.edu/downtown>

DiMarco Constructors:
<http://mccdowntown.dimarcoconstructors.com>

LaBella Associates: <http://www.labellapc.com/mcc/>

Several key features of the campus

MCC's Downtown Campus covers 255,000 square feet on seven floors. The project includes the creation of flexible, innovative and high-tech spaces, such as simulation labs that allow for real-world applications; a library/learning commons; event space; a bookstore; a fitness center; food service/cafe; and student activity areas.

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