

Campus Facilities

Harper College supports a wide range of programs within its 200-acre campus in Palatine and two satellite facilities at the Harper Professional Center in Schaumburg and Harper College Learning and Career Center in Prospect Heights. Our main campus is comprised of 23 buildings and offers state-of-the-art science and technology laboratories and classrooms, a comprehensive library and learning resources center, computer labs, lecture halls, theaters, a Health and Recreation Center and the Wojcik Convention Center. Wi-Fi access is provided across campus. The College also offers electric vehicle charging stations in Parking Lot 1, at the Health and Recreation Center and in Parking Lot 14, near the Wojcik Conference Center.

Every 10 years the College completes a new Campus Master Plan, an exhaustive analysis to determine the physical needs of the campus. The 2010 Campus Master Plan have been completed and a new Campus Master Plan is being developed and scheduled to be completed in June 2021. The new Campus Master Plan will capture the spirit and character of the college while addressing the complexities of evolving diversity in enrollment and educational programs. The principal goal of the Master Plan is to guide the future development of the campus in a planned and orderly manner to achieve the objectives of the Strategic Plan, the College Mission Statement, and Vision Statement while expressing the core values.

The first phase of the 2010 Campus Master Plan began in 2012 with the reconstruction of the north parking lots and the reconfiguration of the entrances at Euclid and Roselle Roads to provide a safer and more sustainable campus. The design incorporated the use of vegetated swales to help channel and filter storm water, native plantings and returned nearly an acre of land to green space.

In 2014, the College completed the renovation of two 1970s era buildings to create the Engineering and Technology Center (Building H), funded by a combination of capital referendum dollars matched by a grant from the State of Illinois. This building houses enhanced facilities to accommodate the growing demand for career training programs that lead directly to jobs such as manufacturing, welding, architectural technology, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), maintenance technology, law enforcement and fire science. Some of the programs have experienced double-digit enrollment increases as adults have gone back to school to train for new careers after the current economic downturn. In 2015, an adjacent space was built for Harper's innovative new Advanced Manufacturing program that was launched in 2012. A new parking garage was also constructed adjacent to the Engineering and Technology Center that provides convenient parking and covered access to the campus.

In May 2016, Building D completed its extensive renovation. This building was one of the original six buildings opened in 1969 and had remained virtually unchanged. Building D meets LEED Silver standards and provides enhanced accessibility and state-of-the-art classrooms. Adjacent to Building D is a new multi-use outdoor pavilion. This venue will provide more outdoor gathering space for students as well as theater, concerts, graduation and other College-related events.

In 2018, two more renovations were completed. Both facilities were designed to meet LEED Silver standards.

The first renovation is the David K. Hill Family Library (Building F) opened in spring 2018. This 104,000 square foot, three level facility features the Academic Support Center, The Academy (formerly the CAFÉ - Center for Adjunct Faculty Engagement, CII - Center for Innovative Instruction, and ATE - The Academy for Teaching Excellence), and the Library. Highlighting the renovation are the 100,000 cubic foot, three story atrium, a maker space, a performance space, and many group study rooms of varying sizes.

The second renovation, the Foglia Health and Recreation Center (Building M), opened in fall 2018. This 135,000 square foot facility features academic, athletic and wellness areas as well as an improved natatorium that we share with our partner, the Palatine Park District, and a medical facility provided by our other partner, Northwest Community Healthcare.

The 2010 Campus Master Plan also identified a new area that centralized all student services in one location on campus. This project, the Canning Center, is funded jointly with the State of Illinois. The state released the funds in September 2020 and the professional services selection process is scheduled to be completed February 2021. The project will provide for construction of a new facility located on the main campus, which will include a Campus Life/One Stop Center, Hospitality Facilities, and a University Center. The project should include connecting links to adjacent buildings where appropriate and all associated site work, parking and landscaping.

Finally, it should be mentioned that a significant portion of funds received in the last referendum have been allocated toward campus infrastructure improvements including building exteriors, windows and doors, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and HVAC. These equally critical components are necessary to keep our physical college assets in good working condition.