

## **Resident Halls, Office Moves and Parking Lots Top University of Scranton Summer Project List**

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Not everyone vacations during the summer months.

This summer, The University of Scranton invested more than \$1.75 million in construction projects that include surface parking lots, upgrades to residence halls and classrooms, and the relocation of a half a dozen departments.

In addition, Sordoni Construction Services, Inc., is completing the construction of a new apartment style residence hall called Madison Square. The three-story complex, located on the corner of Madison Avenue and Mulberry Street, will house a total of 114 students in 25 apartments this fall.

The 37,301 square foot apartment complex consists of three buildings surrounding an outdoor garden area. The complex has three, four, five and six bedroom apartment suites. Each apartment style suite will include a kitchen and sitting room, and one bathroom for every two bedrooms.

The design by Burkavage Design of Clarks Summit closely resembles the university's award-winning Mulberry Plaza townhouse complex across the street, which was designed by Sasaki Associates.

Building demolition on Mulberry Street, Madison Avenue, and Monroe Avenue will precede surface parking lot construction that will add nearly 100 parking spaces. The university will add a 20 space parking lot on the corner of Monroe Avenue and Mulberry Street. The current parking lot located in the 400 block of Madison Avenue will be extended to run from the Smurfit Arts Center to Mulberry Street, which will add 72 spaces for a total of 154 spaces at this site.

A deteriorated retaining wall was replaced with a reinforced concrete wall in the parking lot of O'Hara Hall.

New windows and interior upgrades will be completed in August in Martin Hall and minor renovations will be completed in Driscoll, McCormick, Lavis, and Hannan residence halls for incoming freshman students.

Multi-media computer technology was added to four classrooms in St. Thomas Hall. Upgrades were also made to the university's science building, Loyola Hall.

Renovations were made to accommodate the relocation of several offices on campus. The university's Small Business Development Center and the Royal Technology Group have relocated to the historic Scranton Estate. The university's Graduate School Office has relocated to O'Hara Hall, on the corner of Jefferson and Linden Street. The University of Scranton Press has relocated to the Smurfit Arts Center on Madison Avenue. The Provost's Office, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Office of International Programs and Services and International Center will relocate in the Harper McGinnis Wing of St. Thomas Hall.

A computer lab on the first floor of the Alumni Memorial Hall was converted to offices to support the Instructional Technology department.

Additional summer projects include a railroad-crossing upgrade, re-keying residence hall locks, equipping elevators with emergency telephones, and installing an outdoor clock on the commons.