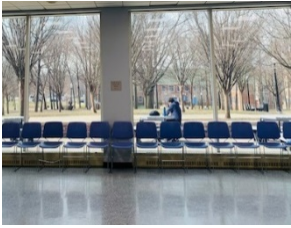


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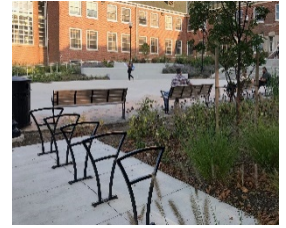
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Over the winter break CSI Student Government and Student Life teamed up with Facilities and Campus Planning to give the Green Dolphin Lounge in 1C a face lift. Students and staff worked together to decide on the most cost-effective ways to improve the visual appeal and comfort of the space. Thanks to funding provided by CSI Student Government, Facilities was able to replace the ceiling tiles, install window film to control sun glare, install new LED lighting, apply fresh paint and make some additional minor repairs to improve the environment. We hope the students are enjoying the improvements.

Soccer Field Upgrades



You may have noticed that our soccer field is under construction. The project, managed by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and CUNY, is a Reso A-funded project with some additional support from CUNY, which means our local City representatives have helped to secure most of the funding.

The improvements will be a benefit to all soccer fans and include new bleachers/grand stand with seating for 1,000 spectators, a fully connected press box, three ADA parking spaces, concrete walkways with bleachers and parking access, and fencing to surround the new bleachers and field. The addition of fan seating will be a welcome enhancement for Dolphins supporters this summer.

Lift Broadens Swimming Pool Access to People of All Abilities



In December Campus Planning worked with a contractor to purchase and install a brand new, fully functioning, ADA-compliant pool lift. The funding for this project was provided by CUNY.

The automated user-friendly lift is ready in the 1R pool to provide easy access for persons with mobility and physical challenges. Two lifeguards are always on-site, available to assist anyone who would like to try out this wonderful campus amenity or use it regularly. We hope the lift will bring new aquatic explorers to 1R to check it out!

Athletic facilities are available to all students with their activities fee; faculty and staff can click [here](#) for access information.

Fire Alarm Upgrades



Last semester The City University Construction Fund, rolled out a University-funded long-planned upgrade to the fire alarm systems throughout the campus. During the spring semester buildings 1C, 1L, and 1M will be equipped with newly installed fire alarm systems. Upgrades to buildings 1R and 2R will begin in the coming months and continue through the summer when Phase 1 will be completed. Phase 2 of the project will include all other buildings on campus and is expected to be completed in 2021. Information related to Phase 2 will be shared as it becomes available.

CSI Entry Plazas—Award Winner in Staten Island

What do buildings 1N, 2N, 3S, and 5S have in common? A \$6.2 M capital project is now coming to fruition and bringing a fresh color and pattern palette to the outdoor plazas. For its visual appeal, improved safety, and consistency with campus architecture, the project won the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce 2019 Building Awards in the Outdoor Space Category.



The new plazas provide a range of gathering areas for students, faculty, and staff through varied types of seating. As a feature seen throughout the campus, new wooden benches have been carefully placed for added seating and cohesion within the campus. The gathering areas were designed with sustainability in mind. To promote environmentally-responsible forest management, reclaimed Ipe wood was milled and sanded perfectly smooth to use for slats in our benches on the perimeter seat wall. For those with sustainability in mind, the project also employs contemporary, efficient landscaping practices with native plants and groundcovers used to lower soil erosion and reduce water consumption.



With careful consideration given to improving egress flow among the buildings, new ADA ramps, steps, and railings have been included. We expect the enhanced access and new areas for students will increase the use of outdoor spaces overall and support community gathering on the campus.

Phase 2 is in the planning stages and will make the same improvements for 3N, 4N, and 5N.

What Is a “Capital” Project?

A Capital project is funded with money from the State or City and allocated by CUNY for construction and capital eligible repairs that, by law, cannot be used for operational expenses. Capital money is designated specifically for large projects (e.g., paving of the Loop Road, renovation of 2M, new gutters, construction of a new electrical substation, new sidewalks) and cannot be used for routine repairs and labor costs for campus upkeep which must be covered by our operational budget. “Reso A” projects are funded through individual grants allocated by the Borough President or the members of the New York City Council.