

FACILITY RENOVATIONS / CAPITAL SUPPORT

Transform the Beneficial-Hodson Library



The way that students access information changed radically in the past two decades. The days of browsing card catalogs and library shelves are long gone; the rise in technology and instant access to information has transformed how students study, communicate and complete course assignments. Today, students work in groups using multiple types of media and often submit assignments electronically. In keeping with the explosive progression of technological advancement, our library requires substantial renovations in order to continue to be a valuable resource to the Hood College community.

Planned for re-opening in fall 2020, Hood's Beneficial-Hodson Library will be transformed into a dynamic Learning Commons that will meet the needs of students both today and in the future.

Our Vision: Creating a Student-Centered Facility and Academic Hub

Transforming Hood's library will enable us to combine the functions of a library, laboratory, classroom and lounge into a single academic space. The first floor will become the Learning Commons, a hub of active, engaged, collaborative learning with open and flexible spaces. Large glass walls will flood the environment with increased natural light. The new interior will also offer improved ADA accessibility.

Flexibility is the key word for the library as a whole. It will include moveable furniture, creating multi-purpose areas that can be adjusted to the needs of individuals and varying group sizes. Spaces will be able to be customized for meetings, seminars, tutoring, presentations, poetry readings, art displays, and even yoga. This renovation will provide a 50 percent increase in study seats, new group study rooms, an expanded high-tech boardroom and a new computer lab.



Centralized Academic Services

The new Learning Commons will provide the opportunity to centralize academic support services in one convenient and easily accessible location for improved student assistance. The central service desk will be located in close proximity to the main entrance, providing immediate access to information for students. The Josephine Steiner Center for Academic Achievement and Retention (CAAR), Library Services and the Office of Information Technology will all be near the central hub to improve delivery of support to students and make a positive impact on student retention and success.

Dedicated Doctoral Space

Currently, students in Hood's fast-growing and highly regarded doctoral program meet in makeshift classrooms set up between the library stacks. This renovation will provide dedicated, enclosed seminar rooms and accessible technology for this flagship program.

A Display of Treasured History

The crowded and inaccessible archival space will be completely reconfigured and expanded. The transformation will add sufficient storage for the College's archives, an environmentally-controlled workroom for students to view and study college artifacts, and a reading room where special collections will be on display.

VIEW THE LEARNING COMMONS FLY THROUGH:

www.Hood.edu/LearningCommonsFlyThrough

Café

Food and beverages will be available in the new Café, promoting the Learning Commons as a gathering space and academic hub of Hood. The Café will be a welcome addition for the doctoral classes, which meet for a full day on Saturdays. A wall of glass on the east side of the Commons will add a bright, vibrant atmosphere and will connect the Commons to the rest of our beautiful campus.



Philanthropic Opportunities

As part of Forging the Future: The Campaign for Hood College, we seek a total of \$7 million in grants and individual philanthropic support. The total projected cost is \$7.2 million, and the State of Maryland has demonstrated its own commitment of \$2.9 million toward this project.

Join us

We invite you to join us in transforming the library to be the academic hub on the Hood campus. Hood College's students have enormous power and potential. This space will unlock their capacities and facilitate their learning. You have the power to help us renovate this facility to serve the Hood academic community's current and future needs.





Forging the Future

The Campaign for Hood College

Forging the Future: The Campaign for Hood College invites alumni, friends and supporters who believe in the College's future to invest in it. We seek \$50 million in philanthropic support to provide more scholarships, ensure that every student graduates world- and work-ready and increase future support for our faculty. We will develop new degree programs that meet emerging needs and create new spaces in which to deliver them. By growing our endowment, we will strengthen Hood College for generations to come.