## Los Banos Campus Forum Projects Follow-up/Update

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## Project/Initiative Updates...

- LB Campus/Facility (paint, carpet, quad, landscape)
- Welcome Center
- Awards Ceremony
- Food Forest
- SSTC, Library, etc
- Digital corner sign

- Naming buildings
- Portable classroom for Plant Science? Greenhouse?
- Outdoor Gym
- Food Service/Lounge
- Other, discussion, Q&A?

## Facility Improvements...

Presented in November 2022:	Update:
Exterior paint	• Getting quotes – Pending
Interior paint (some areas)	• In-progress
New carpet in some areas	• In-progress/Completed
Improve/enhance the Quad	• Architect Design Proposal – Pending
Clean up landscaping	• In-progress
Conference rooms	• In Discussion - Pending

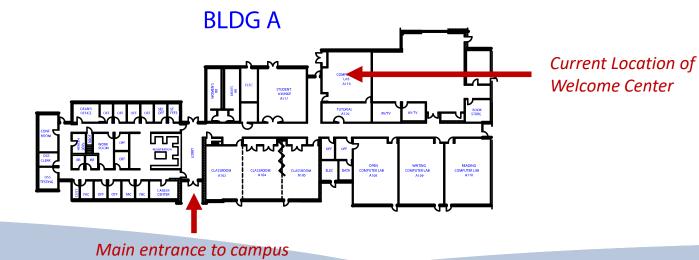


### Welcome Center...

#### Presented in November 2022:

- What is a "Welcome Center?"
  - One-stop for admissions and resources
  - In-take, application, processing, etc.
  - Scheduling assistance
  - Make appointments with counselors
- Let's explore a new location

- Darden Architect is working on options for a more permanent space
- Welcome Center has been temporarily relocated to the end of the hall in Building A



### Los Banos Graduation Ceremony...

#### Presented in November 2022:

 Inaugural Merced College Los Banos Campus Graduation Ceremony will take place in 2023



- Ceremony Scheduled: Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM
- Location: Los Banos Campus Quad
- Planning:
  - Full Commencement Program
  - Speaker Dr. John Spevak
  - Logistics, program, etc. –
    Office of Student Services/Felicia Jones
- Expectations:
  - 40-60 graduates will walk
  - LB Faculty and Staff will attend
  - Approximately 500 guests/attendees

### Food Forest and Agriculture Program...

#### Presented in November 2022:

#### Food Forest

- Community garden day coming up—80 new native plants
- Next phase...
  - Sidewalks
  - Mulch/wood chips
  - New vegetable boxes
  - Clean up amphitheater with new plants
  - Additional seating
  - Outdoor artwork?

#### Agriculture Program

- New program
- New classroom/greenhouse
- Sustainability plan for food forest
- Community engagement

- Landscape Proposal Submitted:
  - New sidewalks
  - More native plants
  - New vegetable boxes
  - New outdoor furniture
  - More functional amphitheater area
  - August 2023 completion date goal
- New Agriculture Program:
  - New Agriculture Faculty Approved
  - New Agriculture/Plant Science Portable Classroom by August 2023

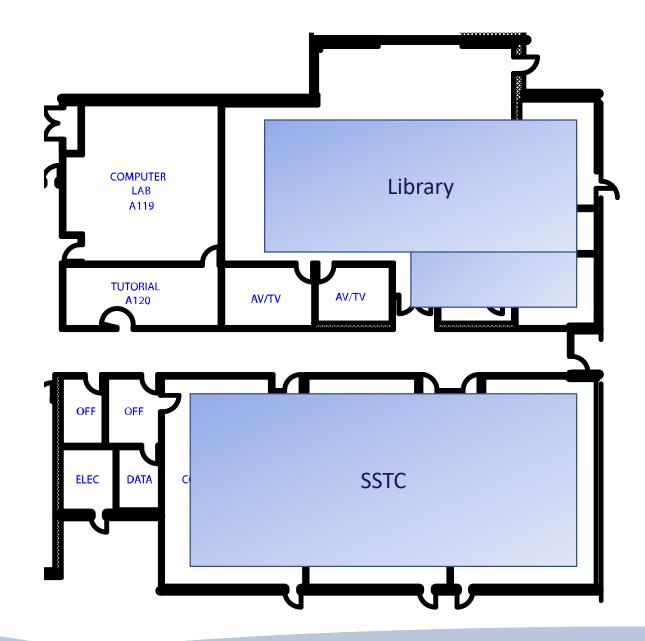


## SSTC and Library...

Presented in November 2022:

- Integrate student success and tutorial and library services
- Maintain quiet and active spaces
- Create comfortable, welcoming, and flexible spaces
- Provide increased access to just-in-time technology support

- Darden Architects has been engaged to look at options and they will be moving forward with a design proposal
- Los Banos Campus employees will be included in the design planning/discussions



## Digital Corner Sign...



- Proposed location is not going to work due to pole/lamp post
- Ideas? What do you think about a modified digital sign in the "island"

## Naming Buildings...

#### Presented in November 2022:

- Create more "identity"
- Current building names...
  - Building A
  - Building B
  - Building C
- New names could give more identity to the campus (examples only)...
  - Student Services Building
  - Science Building
  - Instructional Building
  - Child Development Center

- BP/AP 6620
  - BoTs may name a building "to designate the function of the building"
  - Request made to the Superintendent/President then submitted to the Board
  - How would you like to proceed?
    - LB Task Force?
    - Survey?
    - Other?



## Outdoor Gym...

### Presented in November 2022:

- Physical education program/classes
- Student engagement
- More identity

- Exploring options/vendors
- Bid limits
- Most likely an outdoor "jungle gym" for adults with artificial turf



### Food Service and Lounge...

Presented in November 2022:

We've tried everything

- We'll do another RFP
- The District will build it and staff it, if we have to—but <u>it is happening</u> one way of another!

- Engaging design architect for options
- Looking at "Starbuck's" type café option
- Existing lounge space with expansion options



# Discussion / Q&A



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