Los Banos Campus Forum Moving Forward with Positive Changes

November 2, 2022



LOS BANOS CAMPUS

Topics...

- 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?

Thoughts and themes...

- Los Banos is an opportunity for growth
 - Positioned near some of the greatest areas for growth
- The Los Banos Campus is a "known entity" within the community—50-plus years
- Faculty, classified professionals, and leadership are incredible—engaged, friendly, caring, and committed
- Comprehensive programs and services
- Care deeply about students
- Sometimes misunderstood by those on the main campus

(Other) thoughts and themes...

- The campus lacks a "college identity" for students—a campus that both brings students in and keeps them
 - Engagement opportunities—student government, activities, sports, places to hang out, entertainment, etc.
 - Resources—food, supplies, etc.
 - Building names/identity
 - Expanded opportunities for learning
- We need more CTE in Los Banos
- Campus is more than 15 years old—and to grow, some things need to be adapted to current needs

Facility Improvements...

Exterior paint

Interior paint (some areas)

New carpet in some areas

Improve/enhance the Quad

Clean up landscaping

Conference rooms



 Creates a sense of community through activation zones and a sense of collegiate identity Provides active and quiet spaces to study and

```
   Showcases learning opportunities

   Provides outdoor classroom space and learning

gardens along the pedestrian paths and adjacent
```

Kelly Moore to match to BEHR Camping Tent

to facilities

Color Legend

Color 1

LANDSCAPE

students

• The main quad provides a large open lawn framed by plazas with a range of seating types Habitat gardens frame the exterior quad space

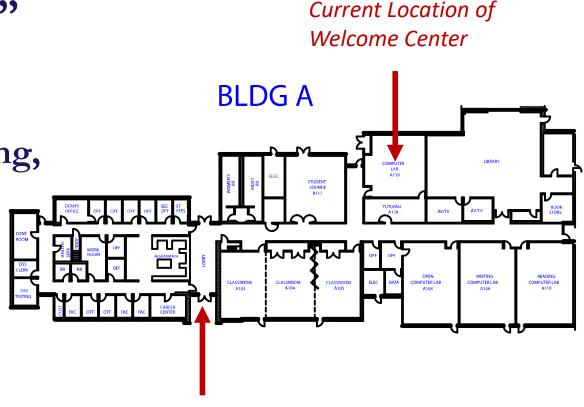
- providing an extension of the educational curriculum into the gardens • Located at the confluence of the promenade and the quad is the "heart" of the campus; a grand

- quad providing a variety of outdoor spaces for

LOS BANOS CAMPUS

Welcome Center...

- 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



Main entrance to campus

Awards ceremony...

Feedback from LB faculty and staff:

- Bring back the awards ceremony
- Add LB student of the year awards for programs/disciplines
- Resolution passed at Academic Senate

Other thoughts:

- Bring community to LB campus
- Help create "identity" with LB campus



Awards ceremony...

Let's do all of it, but bigger...

Inaugural Merced College 2023 = Los Banos Campus Graduation Ceremony *Thursday, May 25, 2023*

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?

A Food Forest is currently under construction and will provide outdoor space for the community and tudents. This site development accomplishes the ollowing:

 Provides a communal space for food production A place for the community to gather, host events

- and workshops Provides a connection with the students and
- community

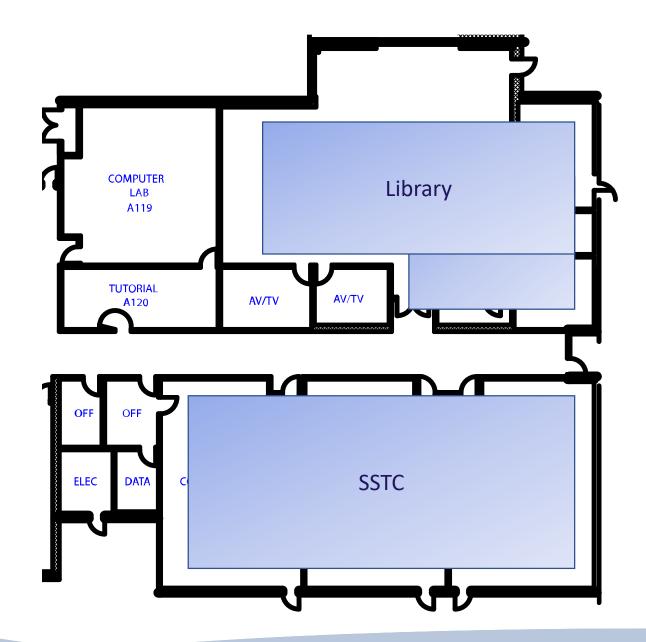
LANDSCAPE

- Outdoor classroom and amphitheater Demonstration garden beds and tool shed
- Showcase artwork
- 8' path for bike access
- Barn owl / bat boxes
- Apiary / bee hives
- Seating and gathering spaces
- Espalier fruit trees

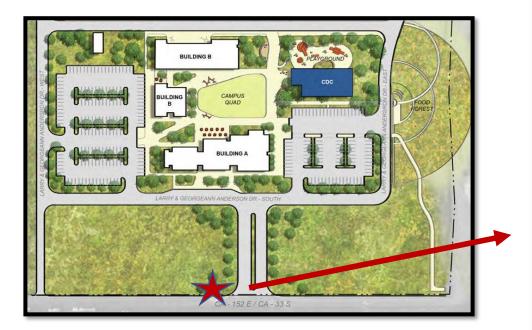


SSTC and Library...

- 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



Digital Corner Sign...





Naming Buildings...

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

Examples

only

LECTURE LECTURE CLASSROOM B106 LECTURE CLASSROOM B134 **BLDG B** CHEMISTRY LAB B105 **BLDG** A



Plant Science Portable and Greenhouse...

Good idea? Worth exploring?

- New program
- Sustainability plan for food forest
- Community engagement



Outdoor Gym...

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



Food Service and Lounge...

- 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</u> <u>happening</u> one way of another!



Did we miss anything? Discussion / Q&A



LOS BANOS CAMPUS