

# Campus Forum

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# Celebrations!



# Forum Topics

- Promise Housing
- ITS Updates
- Organization Priorities & Pending Changes
- General Updates
- Q&A



# Promise Housing Update



# Promise Housing Overview



- **Location:** UC Merced campus
- **Term:** 30 years, with two optional 10-year extensions for Merced College
- **Scope:** 478 beds dedicated to low-income students
- **Bed Allocation:**
  - 287 UC Merced students
  - 191 Merced College students
  - 9 Resident Assistant units
  - 1 Resident Director Unit
- **Eligible Tenants:** Priority given to students who meet criteria under the Grant Program; priority given to full-time, low-income students.
- **Unit Types:** Apartment-style & suite-style units with lounges, study spaces, and amenities.
- **Rental Rates:** Subject to the State grant requirements. Will be escalated to cover expenses, management fee, and capital reserves. Includes all utilities.



# Timeline and Key Dates

- Construction underway
- Building completion expected late Fall 2026 (October)
- Initial student move-in (partial occupancy) planned for Spring 2027 (January)
- Eligibility Application is expected to launch in April

# Why Promise Housing Matters

- Addresses housing affordability and stability for students
- Enhances transfer pathways & academic integration
- Creates a statewide model for intersegmental housing partnerships
- Provides early exposure to UC Merced campus life
- Creates a structured, supportive residential environment - On-site student support and resident staff
- Expands educational opportunities and degree completion
- Below-market, all-inclusive housing costs

# Eligibility Criteria

- Must be 18 years or older (some exceptions may apply)
- Full-time enrollment (12+ units)
- Pell Grant or FAFSA-equivalent eligible
- 2.0 GPA or higher and good conduct standing

*A waterfall priority structure will be implemented if demand is high*

# How Promise Housing Rental Rates Are Set

- **State Housing Grant Requirement**

- Rent must be capped at no more than 30% of 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)
- Based on Merced County AMI for a single-person household

- **Additional Commitment**

- UC Merced and Merced College committed to setting rental rates 4% below the required 30% cap
- This ensures Promise Housing remains deeply affordable for eligible students.

# Information & Application Process

## Information

Merced College Promise

Housing:

<https://www.mccd.edu/student-support/promise-housing/>

Information sessions available  
monthly

## Application

- Step 1: Interested student data imported to StarRes system
- Step 2: Invited students complete Housing Application
  - Housing is not guaranteed due to limited capacity
- Step 3: Student signs housing contract

# Housing Model & Community

- Single-student housing rented by the bed
- Unit types include:
  - 3 Bedroom - 6 bed/2 Bath Suites (majority of units)
  - 2 Bedroom - 2Bed/ 1 Bath Suite (no kitchen)
  - 2 Bedroom - 4Bed/ 2 Bath Suite (mobility + adaptable)
  - 4 Bedroom - 4Bed/ 2 Bath Suite (mobility)
  - 4 Bedroom - 4Bed/ 2 Bath Apartment (adaptable)
- Shared units with roommates
- Resident Assistants (RAs) live on-site
- Community programming and events throughout the year

# Amenities, Support Spaces, & Transportation

## Amenities & Support

- Study rooms, lounges, and community kitchen
- Transfer Student Resource Center
- Event and multipurpose rooms
- Laundry, courtyard, bike and scooter storage

## Transportation

- CatTracks and Merced transit access
- Bike infrastructure improvements underway
- Parking is lottery-based – additional cost

# Requirements

**Immunization:** Merced College students must meet all tuberculosis (TB) and immunization requirements, following the same policy as UC Merced students

## Vaccine & Proof of Immunization Required

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR):** Two doses; first dose on or after age 1 - OR - Titer (blood test) showing immunity.

**Varicella (Chickenpox):** Two doses; first dose on or after age 1 - OR - Titer (blood test) showing immunity.

**Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap):** One dose on or after age 11, then Tdap or Td every 10 years. NOTE: Td/DTaP/DPT does NOT satisfy the requirement

**Meningococcal Conjugate Serogroups A, C, Y, & W-135:** One dose on or after age 16 for all students 21 years or younger. Students 22 years or older leave blank

## Meal Plan Requirement:

- Meal plan required for Merced College students (not included in rental rate)
- Bobcat 100 commuter-style meal plan (minimum requirement)
  - 100 flexible meals per semester (~\$950)
- Upgrade options available at student cost

# Information Technology Update



# Information Technology Updates

- **Engaging Ellucian Managed Services**

- Provides leadership and operational support for Information Technology Services (ITS)
- Maintains alignment and momentum for the Ellucian Colleague SaaS migration
- Serves as a temporary solution during this transitional period

- **Future Leadership Plan**

- The district plans to re-evaluate CTO-level position after the SaaS implementation is complete
- Allows time to reassess long-term organizational and technology needs

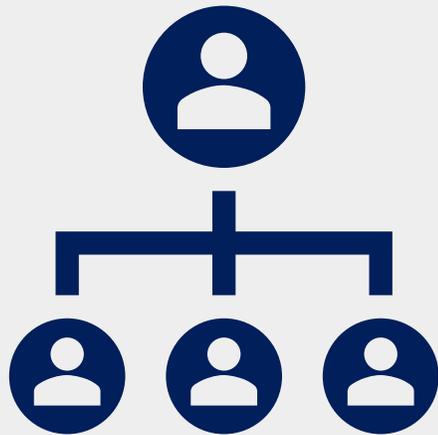
- **Continuity of Operations**

- ITS staff will continue in their current roles with no immediate changes (minus not filling some of the vacant programmer and enterprise roles due to AI solutions with the new SaaS implementation)
- Ongoing projects and services will remain uninterrupted

# Organizational Priorities and Pending Changes



# Aligning EMP Priorities and Future Innovation with Organizational Structures...



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Contracting our ITS services

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Increasing enterprises and academic partnerships

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New student housing complex

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New South Merced Center

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Increased focus on innovation, AI, automation

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New public private partnerships and future expansion

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Pending new study abroad / international student recruitments

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Balancing workload and responsibilities

# Supporting Growth, Innovation, and Change

## Initiative

- Business Resource Center
- South Merced Center
- Dreamscape Learn, AgTEC
- Current PPPs
- Future PPPs
- Innovation AI Development
- Int Student Recruitment\*
- Enterprise and Auxiliaries
- Student Promise Housing

## Alignment with EMP Initiatives and Strategies

- Strategy 1, Theme 1.1, A3
- Strategy 1, Theme 1.2, A3
- Strategy 1, Theme 1.3, A1&A2, Theme 2.4, A5; Strategy 3, Theme 3.1, A3
- Strategy 1, Theme 1.3, A3; Strategy 3, Theme 3.2, A1, A3; Strategy 5, Theme 5.3, A3
- Strategy 1, Theme 1.3, A3; Strategy 3, Theme 3.2, A1, A3
- Strat 2, Th 2.1, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, Th 2.4; Strat 3, Th 3.1, A1; Stat 5, Th 5.1, A2
- Strategy 4, Theme 4.1, A1, A2
- Strategy 5, Theme 5.3, A3
- Strategy 3, Theme 3.2, A2; Strategy 5, Theme 5.3, A2

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## Student Impact

- Business Resource Center
- South Merced Center
- Dreamscape Learn, AgTEC
- Workforce Dev; Engagement
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- Efficiency; Student Success
- Increased diversity; Global Opps\*
- Employee and student supp svcs
- Affordable student housing

## Resources Generated

- New Center – Additional \$2.2M
- Potential New Grants/Allocations – \$2M
- Potential Revenue – \$\$\$
- Potential Revenue – \$300k – \$500k annually
- Potential Revenue – \$1M+ annually
- Potential Revenue – \$\$\$
- Potential Revenue – \$250k – \$1M+ annually
- Potential Revenue – \$\$\$
- Potential Revenue – \$\$\$ annually

## Needs/Positions

- Mostly either new or re-org management positions
- Some salary savings with changes to SaaS and vacant programmer positions
- Finalized proposal in the works and will be reviewed with EMPC, College Council, and President’s Advisory Council
- Goals: Cost neutral/very low financial cost + high impact towards meeting our goals and student success

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# General Updates



# Commencement Updates

## Class of 2026 Commencement Dates:

- **Los Banos Campus**, Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- **Merced Campus**, Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm

## Graduate Regalia

- Cap, Gown, Tassel, and Stole = \$92.25
  - Without stole = \$53.00

## Certificate Ceremony Standards

- These standards establish a consistent, student-centered, model for departmental certificate ceremonies that complements, but does not replace, Commencement.



# General College Updates

- MC's Got Talent, this Thursday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- New Greenhouse Open House, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am
- Student Engagement Survey, March 30 – April 16<sup>th</sup>
- REMINDER:  $\Delta > ME$  (Change is Greater Than Me)
- Merced College is amazing—help us keep it that way!

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*Questions?*

