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STUDENT EXPERIENCE
Bridging cultures at home and abroad, preparing for leadership in a changing world

In a college classroom, the world is revealed. Outside of it, the world is experienced. Furman has long provided both kinds of exposure to each new generation of students, but perhaps never more intentionally than in the opportunities afforded by Because Furman Matters. Extensive renovations and new construction ensured a sophisticated and rich environment for learning, living, and leadership. Expanded internship, study away, and research programs took students outside the gates and confidently into a world that will be of their own making.

AT HOME IN THE TRONE STUDENT CENTER
A $7.75 million renewal turned a crossroads into a destination—giving everyone on campus a place that feels like home.

Over 6,000 square feet of new space have been added to a building that has served Furman since 1967. Coupled with extensive renovations, the center serves to unite the goals of student development seamlessly with the ideals of liberal arts and sciences education. Students come to the Trone Student Center for student organizations such as Furman University Student Activities Board (FUSAB) and Greek Life, or to work in the student media suite, participate in small group study, enjoy a meal, browse through Barnes & Noble, or watch a movie at Burgiss Theatre.

To that end, the offices of Career Services, Undergraduate Research and Internships, the Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection, and the Rinker Center for Study Away and International Education are united in one area, trumpeting Furman's commitment to preparing students for their lives after graduation.

A separate part of the building is dedicated to meeting space for student groups ranging from the Student Government Association to Heller Service Corps, where they learn to negotiate the intricacies of collaboration and sustained effort that are essential to leadership.

And there is new recreational and social space—places to eat, to study, to buy books and a cup of coffee. Notably, the University's first full-service restaurant serving alcohol, called the Paddock, is now open to the public, bringing students and the large community together in a space that opens to the Furman Lake.
1,800
students placed in community service agencies last year through the Heller Service Corps

13
number of active sororities and fraternities on campus using the Trone Center

2,000
pounds of lettuce used annually in the PalaDen’s famous Caesar wraps

135,000
attendance at meetings in the Trone Center during one academic year