Welcome To Our New Home

In just under two years, SU’s Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) went from a dusty construction site to a showcase building for the mid-Atlantic. Located at the corner of U.S. Route 13 and College Avenue, the building serves as SU’s new front door, welcoming faculty, staff, students and visitors to a campus on the forefront of education and technology.

The three-story, 165,000 square-foot facility replaces Caruthers Hall as the home of the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies. (On a side note, the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business is now residing in Caruthers Hall awaiting their new building on which ground is being broken in 2009.)

Home to the departments of Education Specialties, Teacher Education and Social Work, the complex revolutionizes the manner in which teaching, learning and discovery take place on campus. The building features enhanced classrooms, laboratories and studio spaces, while the state-of-the-art learning technology it houses prepares SU graduates with the tools to succeed in today’s knowledge-based economy.

Technology on campus moves to the next level in the TETC with a 124-set mega-computer lab, a Distance Learning Center and a new Integrated Media Center (IMC). Serving both Seidel School and Fulton School of Liberal Arts students, the IMC includes a large television production studio, video demonstration lab, music recording studio, digital integration lab, editing facilities, video and audio production bays, and photography center. A cutting-edge multi-media art exhibition gallery includes plasma screens and its own control room. Bringing faculty together from across disciplines, the IMC allows students to create in digital film, animation, music composition, Web, DVD, CD, broadcasting, performing and visual arts, and other cross-disciplinary media. The integrated concept may also lead to the development of new majors and additional areas of concentration.

The University System of Maryland Board of Regents were on hand this summer when the campus got its first glimpse of this awesome facility. The building hosted the Regents’ public session and all were impressed by the accommodations. From its bright hallways to its lush courtyards, SU’s newest facility enhances the University’s status as A Maryland University of National Distinction.
TETC Fun Facts

- The building’s foundation includes 541 auger cast piles driven 50 feet deep. Their combined length is about the same as the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

- The 1,550 tons of steel used to construct the TETC weighs about the same as 310 elephants.

- Some 532,073 bricks make up the building’s exterior. Laid end to end, they would stretch some 67 miles—enough to reach outer space.

- Some 607,646 pounds of mortar were used, equaling the weight of 40 school buses.

- The building includes some 400 windows.

- The structure includes some 125 miles of data and telecom cables, enough to stretch from Salisbury to Baltimore.

- The TETC includes more than 250,000 pounds of steel, concrete, wood and drywall, enough to equal the weight of over 7.5 million soda cans. Up to 40 percent of the building’s structural steel is made from recycled materials.

Come See the TETC for Yourself!
Alumni are invited to tour the new TETC on Homecoming weekend! Tours begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, October 18—don’t miss this opportunity to get an insider’s view of this amazing facility.