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UNDERSTANDING THAT ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE relies in part on superior facilities, Baylor will construct a world-class science building that will host a full complement of natural science teaching, research, and experimentation on campus. Our undergraduate and graduate programs in Museum Studies will find a permanent home in the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center. Baylor will design an Academic Success Center, located prominently on campus, which will house a program aimed at increasing both student retention and graduation rates by ten percent by the year 2012. Further, Baylor will augment its Fine Arts Programs by completing Phase II of the Music Building Project and, secondly, improve Engineering and Computer Science facilities by providing upgraded space for laboratories.

## Progress Summary

- 1.** Construct a world-class science building  
The Baylor Sciences Building **was opened** in fall 2004. The building was nominated for *R&D Magazine's* 2005 Laboratory of the Year Award.
- 2.** Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center  
The Mayborn Museum Complex **was opened** in May, 2004, bringing together the resources of the Sue and Frank Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex with the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center.
- 3.** Paul L. Foster Success Center  
The first floor and basement wings of the Sid Richardson Science Building were remodeled and reopened in Fall 2007 to house the Paul L. Foster Success Center. The Department of Mathematics is now housed on the second and third floors.
- 4.** Phase II of Music Building Project  
The next phase of the McCrary Music Building moved through the strategic planning process and is now being considered for the upcoming comprehensive campaign.

# Progress Summary (CONTINUED)

5. Improve Engineering and Computer Science facilities  
Spaces in the building have been repurposed for research and classroom use as required by additional faculty and expanded academic programs.

6. Other academic facilities  
Morrison Hall was renovated and rededicated in fall 2002. The library facilities have been enhanced through the creation of the Pritchard Information Commons.

## Progress in depth

### GOAL 1

Construct a world class science building

The Baylor Sciences Building was opened in fall 2004. With more than 500,000 square feet of space, 33 classrooms, greater than 160 faculty offices, and more than 150 teaching and research labs, the building houses the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, and Psychology/Neuroscience.

The building also houses five multidisciplinary research centers on Prehealth Education, Drug Discovery, Molecular Biosciences, Reservoir and Aquatic Systems and Research, and Scientific Analysis and Computing.

The building was nominated for *R&D Magazine's* 2005 Laboratory of the Year Award by the facility's architectural design firm, HarleyEllis.

The building design exceeded by more than one third the energy-saving requirements of the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code, which required a variety of approaches for an environmentally-responsible design.

### GOAL 2

Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center

The Mayborn Museum Complex was opened in May, 2004, bringing together the resources of the Sue and Frank Mayborn Natural Science and Cultural History Museum Complex with the Harry and Anna Jeanes Discovery Center.

The building has 143,000 square feet and brought together three previously separate entities – the Strecker Museum, Ollie Mae Moen Discovery Center, and the Governor Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village.

The building also includes the academic building of museum studies, faculty and administration offices, and collections storage and preparation areas.

The Anding Traveling Exhibit Area has been home to a number of exhibitions and has served as a facility for receptions and selected university events.

The State of Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities presented the museum with an "Access for All" decal for the museum's outstanding compliance with Texas Accessibility standards.

## GOAL 3

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### Paul L. Foster Success Center

The first floor and basement wings of the Sid Richardson Science Building were remodeled to house the Paul L. Foster Success Center, which occupied the space in Fall 2007.

The completed center houses the Director of the Success Center, along with Academic Support Programs, Career Services, Career Counseling, and Academic Advising. The advising staff for the College of Arts and Sciences (CASA) joined the Success Center staff in this location.

The second and third floors of the building were refurbished and once again house the Department of Mathematics.

## GOAL 4

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### Phase II of Music Building Project

The next phase of the McCrary Music Building is now in the strategic planning process.

## GOAL 5

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### Improve Engineering and Computer Science Facilities

The School of Engineering and Computer Sciences has reorganized to add a third department for mechanical engineering and offices have been renovated to accommodate the additional faculty.

Other spaces in the building have been repurposed for research and classroom use as required by additional faculty and expanded academic programs.

## GOAL 6

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### Other academic facilities

#### Morrison Hall

In fall 2002, Morrison Hall (originally known as Morrison Constitution Hall, when it was home to the Baylor Law School) was rededicated after a year of renovations.

The renovated space houses the Departments of Classics and Philosophy, along with faculty from the Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

It is also home for the Institute for Faith and Learning, Graduate School, and the Honors College, including three of its components, the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, University Scholars, and Honors Program.

#### Libraries

The library facilities have been enriched through the creation of the Pritchard Information Commons, a soft-seating area with computers for student use, and offices have been added and remodeled. Computers in labs have been upgraded.

Additional soft seating has been added throughout the building, and several large study carrels were remodeled to create group study rooms.

#### Cashion Academic Center

A significant portion of the first floor of the Cashion Academic Center has been renovated to create three learning labs, including the Southwest Securities Financial Market Center, the CNL Real Estate Learning Lab, and the Curb Learning Lab for Music and Entertainment Marketing. These new learning labs support the academic learning mission of the Hankamer School of Business.