



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Self-Guided Walking Tour

This walking tour of campus should take you approximately one to two hours, depending on your walking speed. If you are doing this tour during regular office hours (Monday through Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm); you may enter most buildings with little difficulty. However, if you are visiting campus during the weekend or evening hours some buildings may be locked. The starting point for the tour is the Curris Center and is open seven days a week, except during holiday breaks when the university is closed. This would be a good place to take a restroom break before the tour!

To help guide you along the tour you will find a campus map on the back page of this booklet. The number before the name of each building corresponds to the building numbers on the campus map.

Let's Get Started!

21 Curris Center (beginning of the tour)



- Built in 1981.
- The building is named after Dr. Constantine Curris, who was the president of the university at the time the Curris Center was built.
- The building was built in five separate sections so that it could withstand a magnitude 5 earthquake and took 3 years to complete.
- A student, David Mitchell, created the wooden benches and statues located on each floor. He made them by putting layers of plywood together with Elmer's Glue, and then he cut out the designs with a chainsaw.

FIRST FLOOR:

- Offices for Undergraduate Recruitment, Admissions and Transfer Center
- Sodexo (Dining Services)
- Study Areas
- Esports Lounge
- Student Government Association
- Greek Life
- Marvin D. Mills Multicultural Center
- Chick-fil-A

SECOND FLOOR:

- University Store and Bookstore
- Starbucks Coffee
- Market 22 (offers sushi and custom packages)
- Thoroughbred Room Cafeteria (Commonly called the T-Room)
 - Open for breakfast and lunch, Monday thru Friday
 - Students can use Flex Dollars to eat in the T-Room
 - Tres Habaneros, Sub Connection, Mein Bowl

THIRD FLOOR:

- Ballroom
- Meeting Rooms for campus organizations and other community groups
- Curris Center offices
- Curris Center Theater which Seats 326 people
 - International movies are shown in this theater every weekend throughout the semester. There is no cost to attend the movies.

Exit the Curris Center at the second-floor entrance and turn left to continue the tour. Pause right after the Curris Center Building and look to your left down the hill.

30 Cutchin Fieldhouse and 22 Cutchin Field

Located down the hill and on your right behind the Carr Health Building



- Connected to the back of the John W. Carr Hall is Cutchin Fieldhouse, which houses Racer Arena.
- Racer Arena seats 5,500 people.
- It was the fourth arena for MSU Basketball from 1954 to 1998.
- It is now the home to Women's Volleyball and is the nation's second-largest volleyball- only facility among NCAA Division I schools.
- Directly across from Cutchin Fieldhouse is Cutchin Field. It was the first football field and now is home to Division I Women's Soccer.



31 Mason Hall

Located across the street from Cutchin Fieldhouse



- Houses the School of Nursing & Health Professions that offers many different health careers that offer the opportunity to influence the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.
- Programs include; Nursing, Exercise Science, Nutrition & Dietetics, Public & Community Health, Occupational Therapy and more.

29 John W. Carr Hall

Located on your left



- Indoor jogging track, a swimming pool and locker rooms.
- The gymnasiums are used for many of the intramural sporting events.
- It also houses several health-related resources as well as recreation and non-profit leadership
- In October 2020, a statue of John W. Carr was added in front of the building
- Social Work, Criminal Justice and Gerontology Department

28 Blackburn Science Building

Located on your right



- International Studies Program and Education Abroad. Murray State offers study abroad opportunities in 45 different countries.
- ROTC Offices
- Student Support Services including LGBT programming and Racers Helping Racers food pantry.
- TRIO (AIMS - Adventures in Math and Science, Upward Bound and Talent Search)
- Houses the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences (Geoscience).
- Houses the Mid-America Remote sensing Center (MARC), which has worked with NASA Earth Resources Laboratory at the Stennis Space Center.

33 Oakley Applied Science

Located on your right



- Hutson School of Agriculture
- Some Health Professions Faculty
- College of Health Sciences and Human Services
- Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Management Department
- Career Services and University Counseling Services
- Women's Center
- Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology
- Open computer lab on 2nd floor
- State-of-the-art video conferencing and smart screen technology room

44 Waterfield Library

Located on your left



- The building was named in honor of Harry Lee Waterfield, MSU alumnus and former Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky.
- This has been the main library on campus since 1978 with three floors holding approximately half a million books, as well as the largest computer lab on campus.
- The library contains a media room, and access to more than 100 electronic databases from the library online and students can checkout laptops.
- The building has wireless access throughout, lounges and study areas.
- The basement houses campus's MakerSpace, where students can work on school projects of all varieties
- The building stays open until 12:30 a.m. during the week and 8 p.m. on weekends with extended hours during finals.
- Einstein Bros. Bagels was added for the convenience of our students, faculty and staff

42 Old Fine Arts

Located on your right



- Houses the Performing Arts Hall on the 2nd floor where many students and groups hold their end of semester performances
- Houses classrooms, practice rooms and a dance studio

43 Price Doyle Fine Arts Center

Located on your right



- This 11-story building is the tallest building on campus.
- The primarily student-run television station MSU TV-11, and the National Public Radio station WKMS-FM are housed on the top floor.
- The Clara M. Eagle Art Gallery used for student and professional exhibits is located on the sixth floor.
- The Robert E. Johnson Theatre is located on the ground floor and is used for student performances and productions.
- Departments in this building are Theatre and Dance, Art and Music.



Walk around the gate and face it.

- Murray State's iconic gates hold a version of our shield. There are several versions on various campus buildings
- A great spot for a group photo. Many students take graduation photos here.

Look to your right

Ordway Monument (Front Façade)

- Ordway Hall, originally built in 1931 as a male dormitory and later used as offices.
- It was demolished during the summer of 2013 and the façade was left standing as a monument to its significance to campus.



47 Woods Park

Located on your left down the sidewalk from the Ordway Façade

- Woods Hall, originally built in 1957 as a women's dormitory and later renovated to use as offices and classrooms.
- It was recently demolished and will be turned into a beautiful green space to be used by the students.



Proceed back toward the Main Gates and continue walking diagonally across the Quad toward the Business Building (46).

41 Lovett Auditorium

Located on your right

- Used for special events including: lectures, concerts and theatrical events, Miss and Mr. MSU pageants and step shows.
- All Campus Sing, a Murray State tradition for more than 50 years, is held on the steps.
- It can hold around 2,300 people.
- The stage, at one point, was the second home of Racer Basketball until Carr Health was built.
- Dave Matthews chose Lovett Auditorium for his acoustic set with Tim Reynolds back in 1998.
- Nobel Peace Prize winner F.W. de Clerk gave a lecture here in 2005; Ben Stein lectured here in 2011.





48 Pogue Library

Located on your left

- The eighth building and the first library on campus, which was built in 1931.
- The Overby Law Library is located in the basement of Pogue.
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and holds the University's archives in addition to special collections for the entire Jackson Purchase area.
- In addition to being a library in the past, it also featured a bookstore, post office, museum, and the offices for The Murray State News and the Shield.



Rainey T. Wells Statue

- Dr. Rainey T. Wells is considered the founder of Murray State and served as the second and sixth president.
- MSU was founded in 1922 as Murray State Normal School.
- The doors officially opened on September 24, 1923.
- The first graduating class consisted of 12 people.
- In 1930, we became Murray Teachers College.
- In 1948, we became Murray State College.
- In 1966, we became Murray State University.



The "Shoe Tree"

- Tradition at Murray State that if two people meet while at Murray State and then later marry, they return to place a "his" and "hers" shoe on the shoe tree. If they have children, often people return and place their children's shoes on the tree.
- The "Shoe Tree" tradition originated around 1965.
- The tree (due to its high zinc content from the nails) is a common target of lightning and has caught fire in the past.
- The current shoe tree is believed to be the third or fourth shoe tree as the tradition continues.



49 Lowry Center

Located on your left

- The Lowry Center was attached to Pogue Library in 1967.
- Houses the Center for Academic Success and primary home for the Pathways to Success Program, peer tutoring and education classes.
- Home to the Honors College and the First Generation Student Lounge.



53 Wilson Hall

Straight in front of you

- Named after James F. Wilson and originally housed the library, gymnasium, agriculture, and bookstore.
- The first home to Racer Basketball.
- Second oldest building on campus and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Home of the following departments:
 - Journalism and Mass Communications
 - Organizational Communications
 - Graphic Communications Management Department
- The MSU News student newspaper and winner of many national awards, is located on the first floor.

Still standing in the Quad, turn to look back at Lovett Auditorium



40 Faculty Hall

Immediately to the left

- Departments in Faculty Hall
 - College of Humanities and Fine Arts including the Dean's office.
 - English and Philosophy
 - Modern Languages
 - History
 - Math and Statistics
 - Sociology
- Many University Studies classes meet in the building including: Math, English, Humanities and Psychology.

39 Wells Hall

Located on your left

- Named after Dr. Rainey T. Wells, founder of Murray State University
- Offices in Wells:
 - President's Office
 - Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
 - VP for Student Affairs
 - Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity
 - Student Disability Services
 - Psychology
 - Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access
 - Veterans Affairs
 - Health Services (provided by Murray Calloway County Hospital)



Proceed back toward Wilson Hall. As you walk between Wilson Hall (on your left) and the back of the Business Building (on your right), you will see Sparks Hall and the back of Oakhurst off to your left.



54 Sparks Hall

- Sparks Hall was named for Dr. Harry Sparks, 5th President of Murray State University and was completed in 1967.
- The Main Administrative Building which houses the following offices:
 - Registrar
 - Bursar
 - Accounting and Financial Services
 - Vice President for Finance
 - Branding, Marketing & Communication
 - Human Resources
 - Financial Aid and Scholarship



55 Oakhurst

- Home of MSU’s President
- Oakhurst was originally called Edgewood and was built by the founder of MSU, Dr. Rainey T. Wells in 1918.
- Oakhurst has served as the home for every MSU president except Dr. John W. Carr.

Turning to your right, you will pass Wrather Hall located on your right



52 Wrather West Kentucky Museum

- The first building on campus, which was built in 1923.
- In the first few years, it was where all classes were taught.
- Now it serves as a museum for the western region of Kentucky with rotating exhibits and one stationary exhibit for Nathan B. Stubblefield, a former resident of Calloway County, believed to have invented the radio.

***Continue down the sidewalk until you reach 16th Street.
Take a right before crossing the street and follow the sidewalk.***

51 Business Building

Located on your right

- Recently underwent a \$2 million renovation to the front of the building to include a Stock Ticker and a new Trading Room.
- The MSU Business programs are “Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business” (AACSB) accredited.
- Departments:
 - Dean’s Office for the College of Business
 - Accounting
 - Management, Marketing and Business Administration
 - Computer Science and Information Systems
 - Economics and Finance



Located across the street on the left is the new Science Complex

38 School of Engineering

Located on the left



- This was completed in 2017 at a cost of \$36 million.
- Offers modern classrooms, the latest equipment and labs, research spaces and computer labs.
- The engineering physics program is “Engineering Accreditation Commission” and “Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission” accredited and one of only 22 programs nationwide that carry this accreditation.

37 Jesse D. Jones Hall (Chemistry Building) and 36 Biology Building



- The Jesse D. Jones Hall is the left portion of the building and houses the Chemistry Department.
- The Biology Building is to the right and houses the Biology Department.
- The Biology unit is home to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute premedical program.
- Both sections contain classrooms, teaching labs, research labs and conference rooms.
- The clock tower was dedicated in 2007 as the Jesse L. Jones Clock Tower.

35 Future home of School of Nursing and Health Professions

Located on your left past Faculty Hall



- On your right is the future home of the School of Nursing and Health Professions.
- The building is expected to open in 2026.

33 Alexander Hall

Located across the street on your left



- Named after Dr. Kern Alexander, 9th President of Murray State University.
- Departments within this building are:
 - Adolescent, Career and Special Education
 - Early Childhood and Elementary Education
 - Educational Studies, Leadership and Counseling
 - Communication Disorders Program
- The “National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education” (NCATE) accredits the programs within the College of Education and Human Services.

Continuing up 16th Street on your right

26 Howton Agricultural Engineering Building

Located on your right



- Houses the heart of the Agriculture Systems Technology program; has over 7,000 square feet of space housing three offices, a dual-purpose lecture/electrical lab facility and a multipurpose shop.
- The hands-on teaching approach allows students to utilize the concepts learned in the classroom through application in the laboratory. The laboratory hosts a variety of tools and equipment necessary to develop skills in all aspects of the engineering and mechanized fields of agriculture.
- The Agriculture Systems Technology program offers a wide variety of courses including welding, electricity, construction, engine mechanics, surveying, soil and water engineering, irrigation, grain handling and storage, and precision agriculture.

19 Murray State Police Department

Located on your right as you round the corner



- Houses the University Police which is empowered by the Board of Regents as a full-functioning police agency
 - 14 sworn officers certified through Kentucky Dept. of Criminal Justice Training
 - 24 hour-a-day availability
 - Response time is 1-2 minutes for emergency calls
- Racer Patrol
 - Offers nighttime escort service
 - Have direct radio contact with police and dispatchers
- There are 40 emergency call boxes located across the campus.
- MSU Emergency Notification System towers installed in several locations on campus.
- RacerAlert is the system of emergency communications that allow the police department to provide information via phone, text and email during an emergency or when prompt communication is required.
- Lighting exceeds requirements throughout campus
- Ambulance service is within one mile and Fire Department is adjacent to campus.
- Murray is classified as a “Storm Ready” community.

Take a right at the end of the street and proceed down the sidewalk.

20 Collins Industry and Technology Center

Located on your right



- Departments and offices:
 - Industrial Technology and Design and Engineering Technology
 - Information Systems
 - Telecommunication Systems Management
 - Occupational, Safety and Health
- Houses one of the few nationally accredited programs for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
- The site used to be the home of Johnny Reagan Baseball Field until it moved to the stadium area. Students used to stop and watch the baseball games on the way to and from classes.

Take the walking bridge to cross the street. You will then be on the residential side of campus where you will see Winslow Dining Hall, numerous Residence Halls and the Wellness Center. Just past the Wellness Center are the athletic facilities used for football, track and field, baseball, basketball, and rifle events.



Residential College System History



- Murray State was the first public institution in the country to adopt the Residential College idea in 1996.
- Original Residential College idea originated in Oxford and Cambridge, England. It then spread to Harvard and Yale.
- Residential Colleges are small families that create a living-learning environment for its students.
- Residential colleges offer clubs and leadership positions in campus organizations giving all students an opportunity to get involved.
- Students of all age, race, ethnicity, background, etc., are put together to learn and grow from each other.
- A faculty member is assigned to each Residential College as the College Head; however, all faculty and staff are also members of each Residential College. It offers the students a chance to interact with faculty in and outside of the classroom.
- Studies have proven that being a part of a Residential College has led to higher grade point averages as well as higher graduation rates.
- Each college is composed of residents and students who commute; the building serves as a hub for the Residential College.
- Anyone can visit any time, but have to be signed in as well as escorted at all times by the resident. There is always someone at the front desk of every residential college to monitor the cameras and sign people into the building.
- The Residential Colleges are:
 - **11** Lee Clark College
 - **16** Elizabeth College
 - **17** H.C. Franklin College
 - **14** Hart College
 - **9** Hester College
 - **8** Richmond College
 - **24** Regents College
 - **25** R.H. White College

12 Winslow Dining Hall



- Offers an all-you-can-eat menu, deli and wrap line, pizza, salad, grill, and vegetarian and vegan meals.
- Winslow offers fun events for students:
 - Winter Olympics Party
 - Chinese New Year
 - Build your own Banana Split
 - Hot Wings Challenge
 - Easter Brunch
- Fast Track on the side of Winslow is our own campus grocery store.

5 Susan E. Bauernfeind Student Recreation & Wellness Center



- The facility is named after the late daughter of alumnus Art Bauernfeind (class of 1960).
- The Student Recreation and Wellness Center is a 73,000 square foot facility available to all students, faculty, staff and alums of Murray State.
- Students may use the facility free of charge as long as they are full-time and have a valid Student ID.
- Faculty, staff and alumni can purchase memberships for a very reasonable price.
- Visitors must enter with their student host and pay a \$5.00 visitation fee.
- Houses the Intercollegiate Recreation (Intramurals) Office
- Facility includes:
 - Three full size basketball courts with hardwood floors, two of which can be converted to volleyball courts.
 - Aerobics studio with hardwood floor, mirrors, ballet bar, and sound system
 - Free weights, machines and cardio workout equipment featuring treadmills, elliptical trainers, cross trainers, bikes, steppers, and rowing machines.
 - Indoor swimming pool featuring lap pool, leisure pool area, whirlpool, vortex, and water bench.
 - 2 racquetball courts
 - Lounge with internet access
 - Men's and women's locker rooms
 - 1/11 mile walking/jogging track
 - Multipurpose Room available for meetings, classes, and workout sessions.



7 Racer Field (Softball)



- Racer softball opened its inaugural season in 2010 using a field at Murray-Calloway County Park.
- It was later moved to Racer Field in the Fall of 2013



3 Reagan Field (Baseball)

- The first game was played in 1989 on this field.
- The field is named after the former head baseball coach, Johnny Reagan.

2 CFSB Center (Community Financial Services Bank)



- Home to Racer and Lady Racer Basketball
- All home MSU sporting events are free for all students if they have their student ID.
- Originally the Regional Special Events Center, the facility opened in the fall of 1998.
- The fifth arena for Racer Basketball.
- It can seat up to 8,600 people.
- Many people/groups have come to perform/speak here including:
 - John Mayer
 - Kanye West
 - Nelly
 - Jason Mraz
 - Three Doors Down
 - Maroon 5
 - Larry the Cable Guy
 - Montgomery Gentry
 - Phil Vassar
 - Miranda Lambert
 - Harlem Globetrotters
 - Disney on Ice
 - Maya Angelou
 - Archbishop Desmond Tutu



4 Roy Stewart Stadium

- The stadium, which is home field to the Murray State Racers football program, was completed in 1973 and named for former MSU football coach Roy Stewart.
- The stadium seats approximately 16,800 people.
- The stadium is also home to the athletic department offices, the housing offices, a weight room and a training room.
- The Pat Spurgin Rifle Range is also located here and is the three-time NCAA champion rifle squad.
- Racer One Tradition - Since 1976, every home-game touchdown is followed by a thoroughbred, nicknamed Racer One, running a celebratory lap on the running track around the football field.



***We hope you enjoyed your tour of our beautiful campus!
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the
Office of Recruitment at 800-272-4MSU or email
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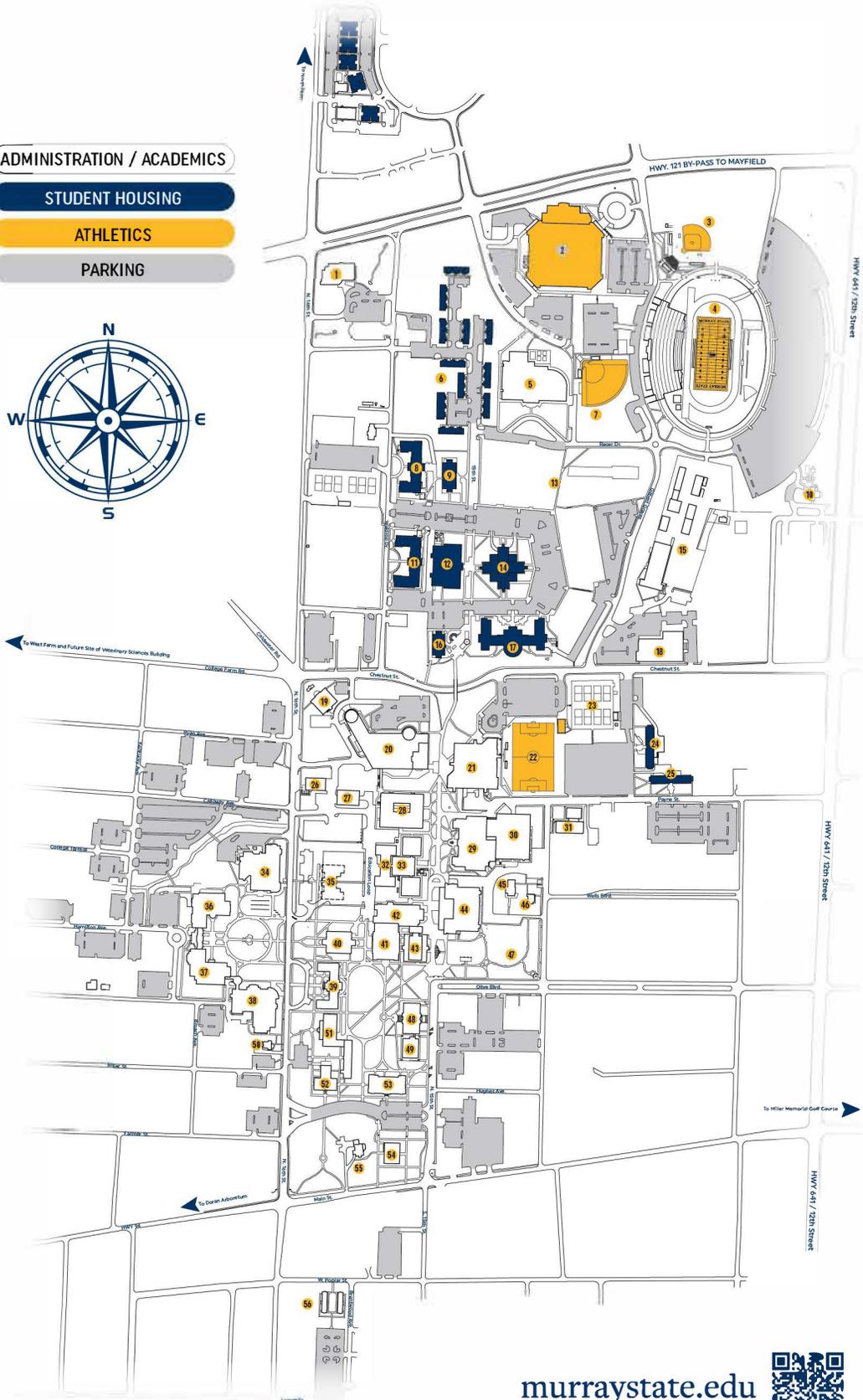
Campus Legend

ADMINISTRATION / ACADEMICS

STUDENT HOUSING

ATHLETICS

PARKING



1. Heritage Hall
2. CFSB Center
3. Johnny Reagan Field
4. Roy Stewart Stadium, Pat Spurgin Rifle Range, Marshall Gage Track
5. Susan E. Bauernfeind Recreation and Wellness Center
6. College Courts
7. Racer Field
8. JH Richmond Hall
9. Hester Hall
10. Sid Easley Alumni Center
11. Lee Clark Hall
12. Winslow Dining Hall
13. Future Site of Living/Learning Commons
14. Hart Hall
15. Facilities Management
16. Elizabeth Hall
17. Hollis Franklin Hall
18. Hogancamp General Services Building
19. Murray State Police Department
20. Collins Industry and Technology Center (Jesse D. Jones College of Science, Engineering and Technology)
21. Curris Center
22. Cutchin Field
23. Bennie Purcell Tennis Courts
24. Regents Hall
25. RH White Hall
26. Howton Agricultural Engineering Building
27. Central Heating and Cooling Plant
28. Blackburn Science Building
29. John W. Carr Hall
30. Cutchin Field House/Racer Arena
31. Mason Hall (School of Nursing and Health Professions)
32. Visual Arts Building
33. Oakley Applied Science (Hutson School of Agriculture)
34. Alexander Hall (College of Education and Human Services)
35. Future Site of School of Nursing and Health Professions
36. Biology Building
37. Jesse D. Jones Hall (Chemistry Building)
38. School of Engineering
39. Wells Hall
40. Faculty Hall (College of Humanities and Fine Arts)
41. Lovett Auditorium
42. Old Fine Arts
43. Doyle Fine Arts Center
44. Waterfield Library
45. Simpson Child Development Center
46. University Club
47. Woods Park
48. Pogue Library
49. Lowry Center
50. Nash House
51. Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business
52. Wrather Hall/Wrathier West Kentucky Museum
53. Wilson Hall
54. Sparks Hall
55. Oakhurst
56. Sorority Suites

