

Self-Guided Walking Tour for Elementary School Groups



Welcome to Murray State University!

This walking tour of campus should take you approximately one to one and a half hours, depending on your walking speed. If you are doing this tour during regular school hours (Monday thru Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm) you may enter most buildings with little difficulty. However, if you are visiting campus during holiday breaks, 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 any holiday when the university is closed. **This would be a good place to take a bathroom break before the tour!** There are restrooms on every floor.

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

We are so excited you are here! We are very proud of our campus, students, and faculty. We hope you enjoy your day with us. Please keep in mind that we are a place of education and many of our students and teachers are busy at work. It is important that you are respectful while you are here on campus.

With that said, “Let’s get started!”

Before we begin, look at the picture above. This is a picture of the Murray State shield. The three stars represent Hope, Endeavor and Achievement, and it can be seen on many of the buildings on our campus. Watch closely to see how many you can find on your tour today.



If you are parked in the Curris Center, you may notice a bridge that crosses over the street. This is a walking bridge. Some students will say this bridge separates our campus into two parts: an academic side (where students go to school), and a residential side (where they live). We'll start on the academic side.

Murray State's favorite thoroughbred, Racer One, is now permanently displayed on campus. The sculpture, which is 150% larger than life size, displays Racer One and jockey, and is located in front of the Curris Center off of Chestnut Street. The monument honors Racers of the past, present and future, and its location is where hundreds of students arrive each year for campus tours as a first step in becoming Racers.



The **Curris Center** (21) is the student center. It is often the place students meet to hang out. The building was built in five separate sections so that it could withstand a magnitude 5 earthquake. The wooden benches on the inside were created by a student who put layers of plywood together with Elmer's Glue and then cut out the designs with a chainsaw. Depending on your time, you may want to visit the bookstore on the second floor before you leave campus.

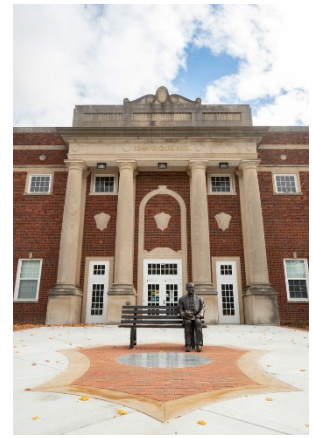
Exit the Curris Center on the second floor and turn left to continue the tour.

Just past the Curris Center, if you will ***look to your far left, down the hill***, you will see **Cutchin Fieldhouse** (30). This houses Racer Arena. Racer Arena seats 5,500 people and was the 4th arena for Racer Basketball. It is now the home to Women's Volleyball. Across from Cutchin Fieldhouse is Cutchin Field (22). It was our first football field and is now home to Women's Soccer.



Located across the street from Cutchin Fieldhouse on the corner is **Mason Hall** (31). This building houses the School of Nursing. Have you been to see your school nurse when you weren't feeling well? This might be where they were taught how to make you feel better.

Next, we come to **John W. Carr Hall** (30) *located on your left*. Carr Hall has four racquetball courts, three multipurpose gymnasiums, a gymnastics room, an indoor jogging track, a swimming pool and locker rooms. The gyms are used for many of the intramural sporting events. This building also houses our Social Work and Criminal Justice programs.



To your right is the **Blackburn Science Building** (28) which houses several departments including ROTC and Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Just past Blackburn *on your right* is **Oakley Applied Science** (33). Oakley holds the Hutson School of Agriculture in the south tower to your left. The tower to the right houses Career Services and other campus offices. Some of the classes offered in this building are Nutrition & Food Management. Oakley also has a state-of-the-art technology room.



To your left is **Waterfield Library** (44). This is our main library on campus with 3 floors holding approximately half a million books, as well as the largest computer lab on campus. The basement houses our new MakerSpace, where students have access to various equipment for digital projects as well as photography, sewing and audio/video recording. The building has been renovated with wireless internet access throughout, study areas, and Einstein Bros. Bagels. Students are often found here studying until 12:30 in the morning, long after you've gone to bed.



Next *on your right* is the **Old Fine Arts Building** (42) and **Doyle Fine Arts Center** (43). Doyle Fine Arts is the tallest building on campus. The television station, MSU TV-11 and the radio station, WKMS are run primarily by students; they are both located on the top floor. Departments in this building are Theatre and Dance, Art, and Music. This building also houses the Clara M. Eagle Art Gallery which exhibits a lot of student pieces. The **Robert E. Johnson Theatre** is located on the ground floor and is used for student performances and productions.





You are now at our gate. Look at the shields. Are these the first you've seen so far? If so, you may have missed some. This would be a great place to take a group picture. Be sure to move around to the front to get a good picture of the shields.

Standing looking at the gate from the front, look to your right (on the street side)



Ordway Monument (Front Façade)



Woods Park (47)

Ordway Hall and Woods Hall were both first built as dormitories. Ordway Hall, the first male dormitory was built in 1931. When it was demolished in 2013, the front wall and entry way was saved as part of the Ordway Monument. Woods Hall was built in 1957 and was a women's dormitory. It was recently demolished and turned into a beautiful and functional green space to be used by the students, along with a dog fountain for those pets who come to campus.

With your back to the gate, turn to the right and walk until you get to the building with all the steps.

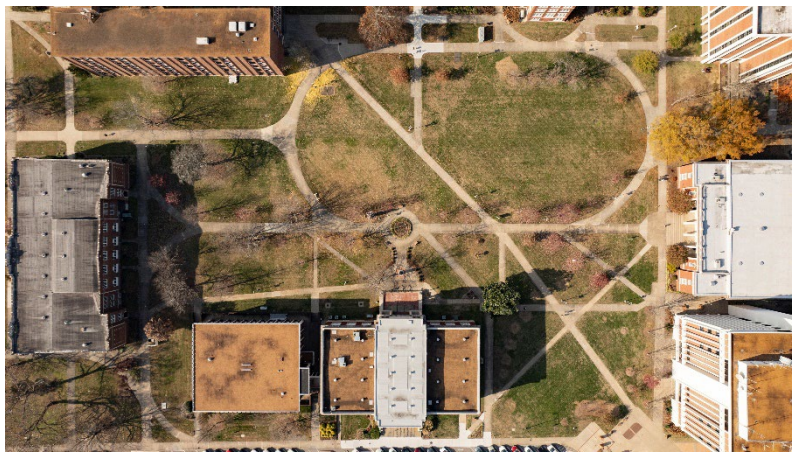
Lovett Auditorium (41). This building can seat about 2,300 people for concerts, step shows, lectures and theatrical events. This is also where we hold the Mr. MSU and Miss MSU pageants. One of our favorite traditions is All Campus Sing, which takes place on the steps (weather permitting). The stage, at one point, was the 2nd home of Racer Basketball until John W. Carr Hall was built. Do "U" notice anything odd about the writing at the top of the building?





To the left of Lovett Auditorium is **Faculty Hall** (40). This is where many of the classes are held, including Math, English and History. Freshman English classes are limited to 25 students per class so there are enough computers in each classroom for each student. Maybe this building is named Faculty Hall because so many of our faculty (those are teachers to you) have offices in the building.

Standing in front of Lovett Auditorium, turn around and look at “The Quad”.



It’s kind of like a big backyard. When the weather is nice, you may see students sitting under a tree doing homework or maybe taking a nap. This would be a good place to stop and eat a sack lunch (be sure to clean up after yourselves). You might also want to play a couple of yard games, while you’re here. If you need help thinking of a couple, please see the add-on at the back of this packet.



If you’re ready to continue, find the statue. This is a statue of Dr. Rainey T. Wells, the founder of Murray State University. Dr. Wells served as our 2nd and 6th president. Does this remind you of another President who served two non-consecutive terms? (Grover Cleveland, 22nd & 24th President of the United States; Donald Trump, 45th and 47th President of the United States). MSU was founded in 1922 as Murray Normal School. The first graduating class had 12 people; today we have more than 1000 students graduate each year.

Behind the statue is **Pogue Library** (48). This was the first library on campus. It now houses mostly special collections and a Law Library.





Another tradition we have is the **Shoe Tree**. The tradition is that if two people meet while in school here and later marry, they return to place a “his” and a “hers” shoe on the tree. If they have children, often people return and place their children’s shoes on the tree. This tree is believed to be the 3rd or 4th tree; the first tree was struck by lightning and had to be cut down. As you can tell this one has had its top cut off because the nails act as conductors for electricity. Is it possible your mom and dad’s shoes are on here?



You can also see the back of the **Lowry Center** (49) and **Wilson Hall** (53). One of many things in the Lowry Center is free tutoring service for current students. Wilson Hall was the first home to Racer Basketball. It is the second oldest building on campus.



We’ll talk about the other two buildings in the quad when we get in front of them; but be sure to take notice of the back of this building to your right.

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.



Sparks Hall (54) houses the business offices of the university. It also houses several offices that are necessary for current students.

Oakhurst (55) is the official home of the President. It was built by Dr. Rainey T. Wells (remember the statue?) and it was originally called Edgewood. So far, all but one of our presidents has lived at Oakhurst.



Turning to your right, you will pass Wrather Hall; turn to the right past it and continue down the sidewalk along 16th Street.



Wrather West Kentucky Museum (52) was the first building on campus. In the first few years, it was where all the classes were taught. It now serves as a museum for the western region of Kentucky with rotating exhibits and one stationary exhibit for Nathan B. Stubblefield. Have you learned about him yet? He was a former resident of Calloway County who was believed to have invented the radio.

The front of the **Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business** (51) is ***located on your right***. Do you remember seeing the back of the building in the Quad? Do you notice how much newer the front of the building looks? That's because we recently spent approximately \$2 million renovating the front of the building.



Next on your right is **Wells Hall** (39). Remember the statue? This building was named after him. There are many offices in this building including the President's office. Wells Hall was originally built as a dormitory.

Walk a few feet past Wells

Remember Faculty Hall; the building students take classes in? Here we are at the front of it (to the left of Wells).



Located across the street on your left is the new ***Science Complex***. The **School of Engineering** (38) is located on the far left.

Looking to the right of the School of Engineering, the large building to the left side is the **Jesse D. Jones Hall** (37) and houses the Chemistry Department; the right side is the **Biology Building** (36) and houses the Biology Department. The two buildings are connected by the Clock Tower.



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



Alexander Hall (34), *located across the street to your left*, houses the College of Education and Human Services; including Elementary Education. Ask your teacher if they came to Murray State University. If they did, chances are they spent a lot of time in this building.

Continuing up 16th Street on your right

E. B. Howton Agricultural Engineering Building (26) This building houses the heart of the Agriculture Systems Technology program, which includes lecture and electrical labs and a multipurpose shop. They teach a wide variety of courses including welding, electricity, irrigation and grain handling and storage. We have other agriculture locations off campus, including horse barns and a vegetable garden.



At the corner, *on your right* is **The Murray State Police Department** (19). Safety is a priority at Murray State. This is a full-functioning, 24 hour-a-day police station. It has 14 sworn officers who attended state academy, 7 telecommunicators, and 8 student employees. There are 40 emergency call boxes located across campus. Ambulance service is within one mile of campus and a fire department is adjacent to campus. MSU Emergency Notification System towers were recently installed in several locations across campus. Murray is classified as a “Storm Ready” community.

The **Collins Industry and Technology Center** (20) was named after a former Governor of Kentucky, Martha Layne Collins. This site used to be the home of the Johnny Reagan Baseball Field until it moved to the stadium area. Students used to stop and watch the baseball games on their way to and from classes.



At this point of the tour you can take either the stairs from the parking lot of the I&T building or walk up the sidewalk going up beside the walking bridge. Cross the walking bridge; 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, softball, baseball, basketball, and rifle events.

Chaperones, depending on your time limits, the weather, the attention span of the students, and the interest the residential side of campus may or may not hold for them...this might be a good place to end your tour. However, if you decide to continue on, this may also be a good place to take another bathroom break inside the Curris Center, before you go on.



The residential side of campus is where our students live. They eat, sleep, and study right here on campus. At Murray State we have 8 residential colleges. Please feel free to walk around the Residential College Circle and look at the buildings. You will see Elizabeth (16), Clark (11), Richmond (8), Hester (9), Hollis C. Franklin (17) and Hart (14) is the one in the middle. The other two, Regents (24) and R. H. White (25), are set off from these behind the tennis courts and soccer field that are beside the Curris Center. You can see these from the walking bridge.



You will also see Winslow Dining Hall (12). This is the main cafeteria on campus where students eat breakfast, lunch and dinner. We also have our own grocery store, Fast Track, which is located on the side of Winslow. We have recently renovated the plaza in front of Fast Track so that special dining events can be hosted here.

If you walk past Winslow and Hester Residential College, you will see the Susan E. Bauernfeind Student Recreation Wellness Center (5). This is the building where our students can work out, take aerobics classes and play basketball or volleyball. There is also an indoor swimming pool!





If you look past the Wellness Center, the first thing you notice will be the back of the football Stadium (we'll talk about that in a second). Between the two, is **Racer Field** (7), home of our softball team. Racer softball opened its inaugural season in 2010 using a field at the Murray-Calloway County Park. The first game played on this new field was in September of 2013.

Behind the Wellness Center is the **CFSB Center** (2). It can seat up to 8,600 people. This is home to the men's and women's basketball teams. MSU Sporting events are free for all students if they have their student ID. This is the 5th arena for Racer Basketball. This is also where we host several concerts and guest speakers. Did any of you come to the circus when it was in town?



You can also see **Roy Stewart Stadium** (4) and **Johnny Reagan Field** (3). The stadium is home to our football team and seats approximately 16,000 people. For the longest time, our baseball team was known as the 'Breds (short for Thoroughbreds). Now they go by Racers, as do all sports teams on campus. Does anyone know what Racers and Thoroughbreds have in common? (That's right, they're both horse terms)



We hope you have enjoyed your tour of campus. Should you or your teachers have any further questions, they may call our office at 800.272.4MSU or 270.809.2896.

If you are parked at the Curris Center, go back over the walking bridge to get to your vehicles. Again, this might be a good time and place to take another bathroom break before leaving campus. Have a safe trip home.

Suggestions for games to play on “The Quad”

Red Light, Green Light: With enough room, this game can also easily be played inside. One person is the traffic light at one end, and the other players are at the other end. When the traffic light faces the group, he or she says, “Red light!” and everyone must freeze. The traffic light then turns his or her back and says, “Green light!” while the group tries to get as close to the traffic light as possible. The traffic light turns around quickly, again saying, “Red light!”, and if anyone is spotted moving, they have to go back to the starting place. The first person to tag the traffic light wins and gets to be the next traffic light.

Number of Players: A small group.

Equipment: None.

Mother, May I: This game is set up in the same way as Red Light Green Light. One person, “Mother” is at one end of the field, the other players are at the other end in a straight line going across the field. “Mother” names a person at the other end (usually starting with the first in line and going down the line until all students have had a chance to play); “Johnny, take 3 baby steps.” If Johnny replies “Mother, May I”, Mother says, “Yes, you may” and Johnny can take 3 baby steps. If Johnny takes the steps without saying “Mother, May I”, Mother sends him back to the beginning. You can vary your requests by including options such as taking giant steps, spinning steps, leaps or whatever strikes your fancy. Again, the first person to tag the person in the front wins and is the next person in the front.

Number of Players: A small group.

Equipment: None.

Simon Says: This game can be played anywhere, even in a car or other small space. One person is Simon and starts by saying, “Simon says, ‘<insert action here>.’” Everyone must then do the action. However, if Simon makes an action request without saying, “Simon says” to begin the request, anyone who does that action is out. The last person still playing in the end will be Simon for the next round. Actions could include; touch your nose, cross your eyes, jump up and down on one foot, etc.

Number of Players: A small group.

Equipment: None.

Tag: It seems that everyone knows how to play tag, but just in case it wasn’t in your childhood game playing repertoire, here is how you play. A group of kids decides who will start out as being “it.” That person chases the other people around, trying to tag one of them with their hand. The newly tagged person is now “it.” There is often the rule of “no tag-backs” where you can’t tag the person who just tagged you. The game ends when everyone is tired of playing.

Number of Players: Any size group.

Equipment: None.

Shadow Tag: In this fun version of Tag, you tag each other’s shadow with your feet instead of tagging their body. Thus, it must be played on a sunny day. The closer to noon, the greater the difficulty.

Number of Players: A small group.

Equipment: None.

Freeze Tag: This is a variation of Tag where if the person who is “it” tags you; you have to freeze where you are. Another participant can tag you to unfreeze you.

Number of Players: A small group.

Equipment: None.

Red Rover: Divide everyone into two teams, each forming a long line, holding hands, facing the other team. The two teams should be around 20 or so feet apart. The teams take turn calling out, “Red Rover, Red Rover, let <insert child’s name> come over!” That child leaves their team’s line, runs as fast as they can toward the other line and tries to break through the held hands. If they break through, they get to take someone back to their team. If they don’t, they join the new team. When a team only has one person left, that person tries to break through the other team. If they do not, then their team loses. If they do, they gain a player and play continues.

Number of Players: Any decent size group.

Equipment: None.

Telephone: This game is one in which most people end up laughing quite a bit, so if you’re in the mood for silliness, give it a go. Players sit in a circle. One person thinks up a sentence or phrase and whispers it to the next person. That person repeats it to the person on their other side. This continues around the circle. When it finally reaches the last person, that person says the sentence out loud. Hilarity ensues. The ending sentence is usually quite changed from the beginning sentence, since errors tend to compound as they go around the circle.

Number of Players: A small group.

Equipment: None.



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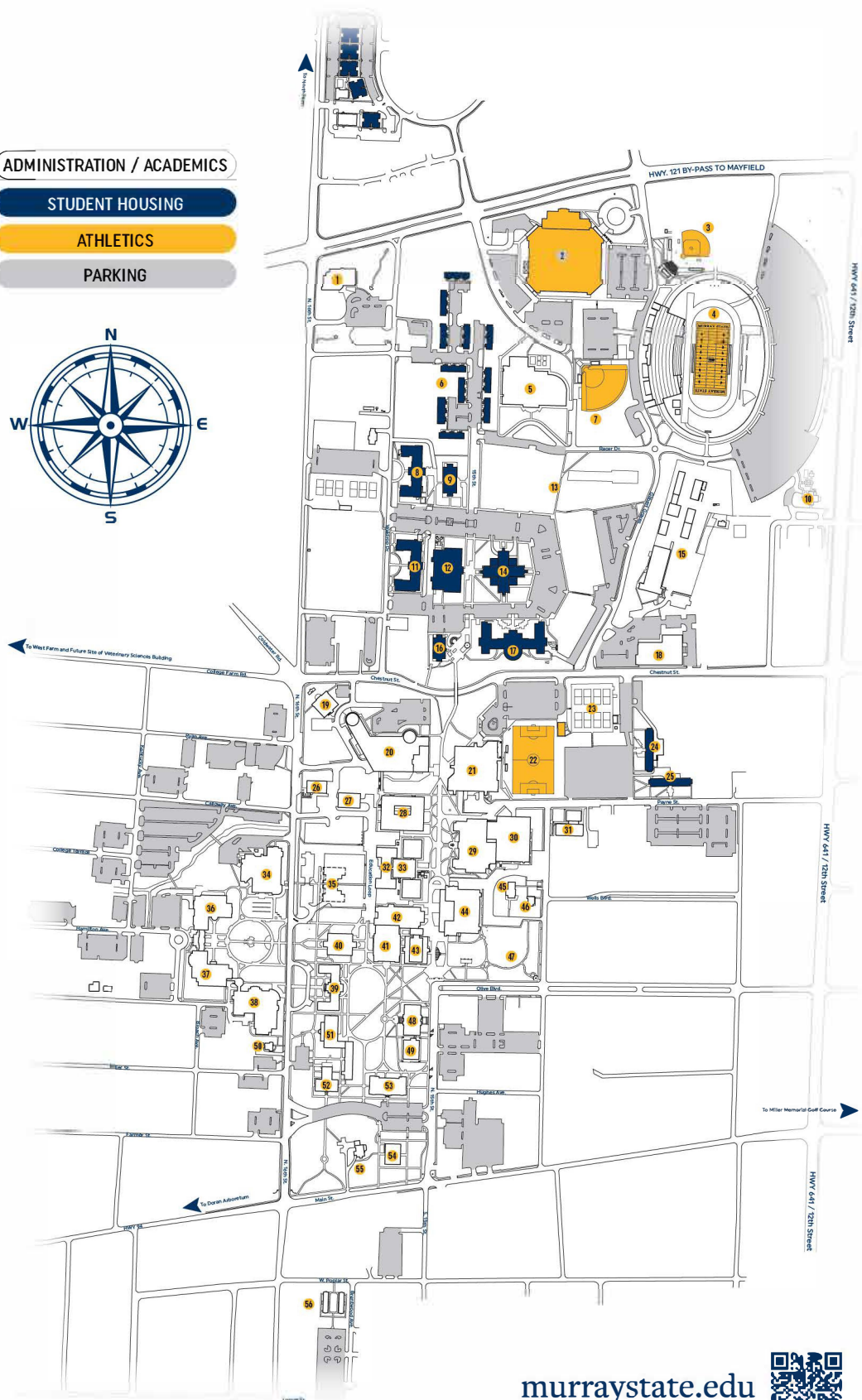
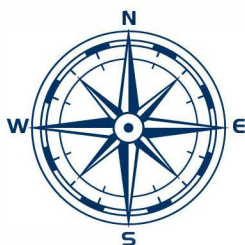
Campus Legend

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

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* Offices indicated within legend correspond to the building number located on map.