The new Student Center at The Claremont Colleges is being developed under the guidance of The Claremont Colleges Services. The center will serve as a new hub for student activity on campus and provide a centrally located home for select student services. The future Student Center is intended to be a new type of building on campus that is forward-thinking, supports diverse student needs in innovative ways, and creates a welcoming home for all. The project will undergo phases of visioning and design and will ultimately be constructed at the southeast corner of Dartmouth Avenue and Tenth Street, just north of the Library.

Project Timeline.
Planning is underway for a TCC Student Center to serve the evolving needs of consortial students seeking to gather and connect in a post-pandemic world where engagement, space, and communal relationships may be reimagined and redefined. The project timeline begins with student center visioning, then the design process, preconstruction planning, and construction, and ends with the grand opening scheduled in winter 2025/2026.

Campus Engagement.
In the fall of 2021, The Student Center team conducted several engagement opportunities, including focus groups, open houses at each of the institutions, recurring meetings with select committees, and ongoing open comments online. Over 1,000 individuals participated, of which 875 participants were students across TCC. Campus community engagement like this will be conducted repeatedly throughout all phases so that the Student Center continues to reflect the needs and interests of the students using it.

Visioning Process.
In early 2022, the visioning process for the Student Center was completed. The visioning process created a vision for the new central facility that allows for better placement and delivery of TCCS services and provides a welcoming, accessible, and inclusive space for the entire TCC community while simultaneously re-imagining existing space. The project outcomes establish a vision that includes goals, priorities, and guiding principles for the Student Center.

Design Competition.
In fall 2022, TCCS hosted a design competition to select an architectural firm to fully design the facility. A design competition encourages visionary design professionals to form well-organized, talented, and experienced teams to undertake this unique project. An evaluation jury consisting of the TCCS Student Center Planning Team, staff representatives from Pomona, CGU, Scripps, CMC, and Pitzer, and key staff and faculty of The Hive comprised the jury. The teams presented their designs during project presentations. Following the jury evaluation, HMC Architects prevailed as the preferred team to design the TCC Student Center. The concept designs presented by HMC Architects are preliminary but reflect many of the concepts, ideas, and suggestions gathered in the visioning phase of the project.

Program Phase.
The project is currently in the Programming Services phase, which will better define the project scope and budget for the architectural design work. This phase also includes community outreach, and the project team will meet various stakeholders to obtain input. Groundbreaking and construction follow the preconstruction phase with the goal of finishing construction and opening the new student center in winter 2025/2026.

Feedback
There is still time to let us know what you want to see in the new TCC Student Center! The TCC Student Center team welcomes suggestions from the campus community. Visit studentcenter.claremont.edu today to share your feedback.

Questions
Please email Communications@claremont.edu with questions regarding the TCC Student Center.