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## New Residence Halls on Stony Brook West Campus to Be Opened

### Expanding student residences and bringing new dining hall

STONY BROOK, NY, NOV 22. 2016 – The two brand new residence halls located at the northern side of Stony Brook West Campus, named Cesar Chavez Hall and Harriet Tubman Hall, are expected to open and operate completely by the end of 2016. Along with the new residence halls, a brand new dining hall has finished its construction and will open after the Thanksgiving break. This provides current campus residents new living and dining experiences, and increases residence number to support incoming student residents.

As the demand for on-campus housing and competition to attract top-notch students grew, Stony Brook University decided to construct new residence halls, and started the Toll Drive Project on August 4th, 2014. The project costed about \$124 millions, it consisted of two phases, and each phase is the construction of a residence hall. Phase 1 is completed, and the new hall named Chavez Hall has started housing students on September 10th, 2016. Phase 2 of the project, the construction of Harriet Tubman Hall, is closed to finish, and is expected to open to all students by the start of Spring semester in 2017.

The two new residence halls located between Mendelsohn Quad and Toll Drive on West Campus. Cesar Chavez Hall provides 303 beds and Tubman Harriet Hall provides 456 beds. In total both buildings can house up to 759 students, which expand the number of student residents

living on campus. Both halls are suite-style, and each suit provides one living room, several single bedrooms and two bathrooms. Each room also provides air-conditioning and heating to satisfy the needs of residents. The two new residence halls incorporate eco-friendly materials and energy-efficient features, and are in the process of obtaining LEED Certification.

Located on ground level of Cesar Chavez Hall, the new dining hall named East Side Dining will replace Students Union and offer full dinning service to all students after the Thanksgiving break. East Side Dining will provide both Dine-in and Retail services. It will have similar food styles as Student Union, but will contain more variances so students have more choices.

According to Associate Director of Campus Residences Alan deVries, “adding the new residence halls to the campus will help manage the growing demand for campus on-campus housing for new and continuing students.” University President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. also stated that the project is “an important step to address the growing housing and dining needs of our students.”

The two new residence halls will significantly improve the long term housing situation in Stony Brook. As the reputation grows, more students choose Stony Brook University, but the university doesn’t have sufficient housing for all incoming students. As the project finishes, this problem will be solved, and the modern buildings will also become a landmark on Stony Brook West Campus.

Stony Brook Campus Residences states that it is “a complex organization the purpose of which is to meet the wide range of needs represented within a diverse student population in the context of

residential life. In order to accomplish this mission, it is essential that the Division provide facilities which are clean, safe, comfortable and affordable, and which are managed effectively and efficiently.” Stony Brook University is founded in 1957, and it has since provided on-campus housing for student residents. Stony Brook now has 28 residence halls and 23 apartment-style buildings house total of 9,445 residents. All residence halls and apartments offer high speed wireless Internet access, and each quad has computing and fitness centers open to all campus residents. To meet the needs of residents, each residence hall is supervised by a full-time, live-in Residence Hall Director with the assistance from multiple staffs. For more information, visit website of Campus Residence at <https://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/res/>.

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