

Building Report | Life Sciences Building Interior Renovations

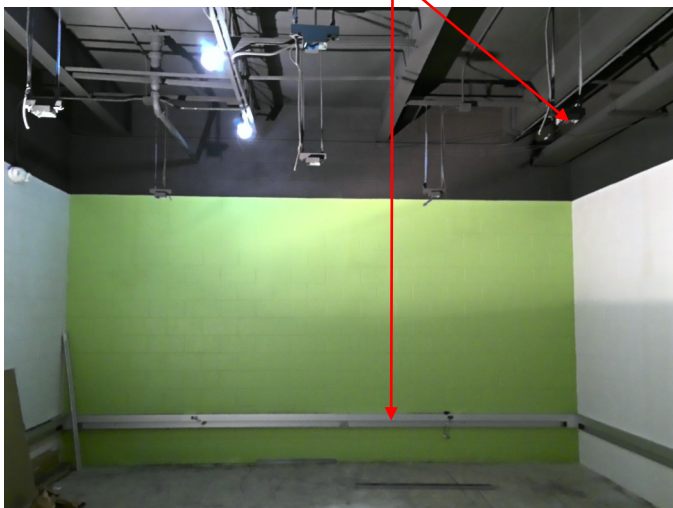
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The following are pictures from the weeks ending in 10.16.20 through 10.30.20 in regards to the Life Sciences Building Interior Renovations Project. Even though we were informed that some of our lighting and electronics will be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic this project will still be finished prior to the start of the Winter Semester 2021 (which was our original goal). However, construction continues to progress nicely, and with our punch list walk-through with the contractors last week one major portion of this project is nearly complete. The last big portion of the work in the existing labs is the coordination needed for the existing marker boards to be relocated as necessary to work with the projection systems (screens mostly). The classrooms are coming nicely as well as they are all receiving their new finishes and will be ready for new A/V systems and furniture soon.



The top-left photo shows some of the work being completed to the ceilings in the north wing of the building. Here you can see that the new LED lighting has already been installed, and now the suspended ceiling can be finished with all the individual tiles being placed. This new ceiling system is much easier to maintain than its predecessor, and will allow easier access to the mechanical, electrical, and structural systems.

The bottom-left photo shows the progress in the Math Den where a lot of the necessary new electrical infrastructure has been installed. In the photo you can see all the supports and electrical wiring necessary for the new LED lighting that will be placed in the room. Additionally, you can see the perimeter wire and data track which will support the new powered furniture that will be placed in the room. This way students can bring in their electronic devices (laptops, tablets, and phones) and rest assured that they will have electricity to keep them running while using them to aid in their education.



The top-right photo highlights one of our new safety devices being incorporated throughout the building. Featured is one of the many new locksets with indicators (that are part of an overall campus-wide initiative) that was recently installed. These new locksets will help to create a safer environment for staff and students by creating a secure classroom, and keeping everyone more aware through easily understood visualization.

The bottom-right photo features the first of the new carpet tile installations being laid by the contractors. These new tiles will create a warmer and aesthetically pleasing environment, and also increase the acoustic properties of each classroom. They replace the old asbestos tile which means the classroom environment is now healthier, and they are made of a high amount of post-consumer recycled material which falls in line with the College's overall sustainability and environmentally conscious operations initiative.

