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LSU residential college update

The LSU Residential Colleges Program continues to grow and meet the housing, educational, and community needs of our residents. In 2007-08, the eighth year of the program, we celebrated the debut of the Business (BRC) and Engineering (ERC) Residential Colleges. These two new modern residence halls are the first two buildings in Residential College Complex, located near the historic Indian Mounds and Tiger Stadium. The third residential college building in the complex (North Hall) is scheduled to begin construction in 2010.



Business Res. College (West Hall)



Engineering Res. College (South Hall)



Agriculture Res. College (Blake Hall)

In fall 2008, we opened the Agriculture Residential College (ARC) in the newly renovated Blake Hall. This state-of-the-art facility returned 170 beds (hall bath) to our housing inventory, and added 100 new beds (suite bath style rooms) in the newly constructed wing. Blake Hall provides the students with on-site multi-media classrooms and faculty offices, study rooms, a large modern kitchen and laundry facility. ARC is our sixth residential college program, and will provide housing to first and second year agriculture students.

The expansion of our residential college program will continue with the opening of the Basic Science Residential College (BASRC) in the picturesque Evangeline Hall in fall 2009. This program is for students pursuing careers in any of the basic science fields, including biochemistry, biological sciences, microbiology, chemistry, computer science, geology, and physics. Students will enjoy on-site faculty offices, a multi-media classroom, study areas, and Evangeline Hall's beautiful wood-paneled library. BASRC will become LSU's seventh residential college, one of four discipline-based programs; Basic Science, Engineering, Business, and Agriculture. Residential Life also offers three cross-discipline residential colleges; Herget, Information Technology, and Global Studies, which are open to all majors.



Future Basic Science Res. College (Evangeline Hall)



Evangeline Library & Computer Lab

The LSU Residential Colleges Program continues to appear in LSU's Quality Enhancement Plan used in documents supporting renewal of LSU's accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It also directly supports the *LSU Flagship Agenda's* Objective 3; to increase the quality of undergraduate students programs. The program is healthy and improving in both quality and quantity, and has attained respect among peer institutions. It provides a component of student life that interfaces learning both inside and outside the classroom and improves the academic atmosphere of LSU. Learn more about LSU residential colleges at www.lsu.edu/housing.