

Campus Buildings and Facilities

Athletic and Recreation Center, opened in 2001, houses a gymnasium, locker rooms, athletic training rooms and offices, the bookstore, and an aerobics fitness center. The facility sponsors classes in conditioning, yoga, spinning, and nutrition, as well as a personal training program.

Dwight Hall, named for industrialist Edmund Dwight of Boston, who provided funds for Horace Mann to start the Normal Schools of Massachusetts, houses classrooms, major administrative offices, and Dwight Auditorium/Performing Arts Center (newly renovated as of January 2008).

Ecumenical and Cultural Center, built in 1871, was purchased by the College in 1970 and used as a chapel for all faiths and as a classroom. Renovated in 2000, the facility also now serves as the site for special campus events.

Henry Whittemore Library, named for the President of the College who served from 1898 to 1917, is a seven-level structure completed in 1969. Its collections presently include approximately 200,000 book volumes, 600,000 units of microforms and 409 periodical subscriptions and a variety of electronic databases. An on-line public catalog combines the holdings of the Library and the Minuteman Library Network. These resources are supplemented by on-line computer systems for information retrieval, including Internet access to data-bases world-wide. Curriculum Library, Archives, and Special Collections rooms contain many materials unique to the College. Classrooms, the Emeritus Room, the Copy Center, and the Modern Language Department occupy upper levels, while extensive facilities of the Department of Communication Arts are also located in the building.

May Hall, is named for Abby May, the Official Visitor to the Framingham School for the Massachusetts Board of Education. In her reports to the legislature, she advocated for this classroom-administrative building which opened in 1889, the year after her death. It was completely renovated in 1982 and houses the departments of Art, English, History, and Government.

Hemenway Hall, named for Mary Hemenway, who was largely responsible for the development of the consumer sciences division of the College, houses classrooms and laboratories for nutrition, fashion design and retailing, mathematics, nursing, biology, chemistry, computer science, food science, geography, geology, physics, and psychology, and is also the location of the Computer Center, the College Planetarium, and the Food Pilot Plant Laboratory.

Peirce Hall, named for Cyrus Peirce, who was the first President of the College, is a residence for 102 women students. South Peirce houses academic administrators' offices and the Center for Academic Support and Advising.

Horace Mann Hall is a coed residence housing juniors and seniors in single rooms. It is named for the famous educator who was the founder of the Commonwealth's first teacher training institution.

Crocker Hall is named for Lucretia Crocker, an outstanding teacher and the first woman to be appointed supervisor in the Boston schools. It is currently used for faculty offices.

O'Connor Hall, named for Martin F. O'Connor, who served as President from 1936 to 1961, is a residence for 269 women. O'Connor Hall also serves as the home of the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center for Education and Teaching Excellence and the Challenger Learning Center.

Larned Hall is named for Dorothy Larned, who served as the Dean of Women from 1942 to 1961. The six-story residence hall provides living and study facilities for men and women. The ground floor contains a large recreation room with lounge, kitchenette, and meeting rooms for educational and social functions. Other floors contain living quarters, together with study and utility areas. Situated atop College Hill, the residence hall is surrounded by an exterior plaza providing an overall view of the campus.

Foster Hall is named for Dr. Stuart Foster, former Chair of the Chemistry Department and Professor Emeritus. The building serves as the Health & Wellness Center and houses Health Services.

Linsley Hall, named for the late Professor James D. Linsley of the History Department, is a residence for 185 students.

The Corinne Hall Towers, a four-house residence complex, accommodates students in 32 suites of 13 students per suite. It is named in honor of Corinne Hall, a former home economics teacher at Framingham State College. The residence opened in September 1973.

D. Justin McCarthy College Center, named in honor of Dr. McCarthy, President of the College from 1961 to 1985, houses all segments of student activities. Since the building's opening in 1976, The D. Justin McCarthy College Center has been the hub of all of the College student activities. In May 2005, the College Center main entrance was redesigned and all interior spaces have undergone extensive renovations. The McCarthy Center contains the Office of the Dean of Students along with various Student Affairs offices, the Office of Campus Police, The Mazmanian Art Gallery, The Dining Commons, a Cyber Cafe, a student game room, technology classrooms, and other meeting rooms. The Offices of the Graduate and Continuing Education Division are now located on the fifth floor.

Arthur M. Doyle Information Technology Center, named for the late Vice President for Academic Affairs, is located adjacent to Whittemore Library and houses the offices of Information Technology Services.

The Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center for Education and Excellence

As teacher, Mission Specialist, and Framingham State College alumna, Christa Corrigan McAuliffe has inspired both students and educators for nearly two decades. The McAuliffe Center was established to honor her commitment to education by providing exciting, standards-based programs in the pursuit of excellence. The Challenger Learning Center is the McAuliffe Center's best-known program. In full-size mockups of both Houston's Mission Control and a space station interior, middle-school students apply the principles of physical science to the real-time challenges of a simulated space flight.

Just up the hill in the middle of the campus is the Framingham State College Planetarium. The thirty-foot dome brings the majesty of the universe down to Earth, with original programming from the McAuliffe Center that combines state-of-the-art technology with current educational philosophy.

In partnership with the Science Education Department of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, the McAuliffe Center brings the ARIES hands-on astronomy curriculum to teachers across the United States.

The McAuliffe Center's relationship with NASA gives teachers throughout New England access to the agencies numerous space-related programs, including Mission Mathematics and Liftoff to Learning. Building a Presence for Science, a National Science Teachers Association program in which more than 150 Massachusetts science teachers facilitate the integration of science education standards into classrooms statewide, is yet another example of the Center's collaborative efforts. The McAuliffe Center is located on the FSC campus in O'Connor Hall. Call 508-626-4050, or visit our website at www.christa.org, for more information.

Framingham State College has established the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Scholarship Program to attract, recognize, and encourage exceptionally talented students who wish to study at Framingham State College. Successful applicants are awarded \$1,000 toward full-time study. The scholarship may be renewed for up to four years of study at the College. All prospective first-year students, new transfer students, or continuing full-time undergraduate students enrolled at the College may apply for the scholarship.