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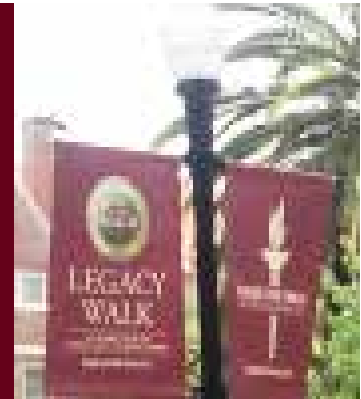
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FSU Academic *Campus* Tour



This is a tour of the #1 most beautiful campus, according to “House Beautiful”. It begins at Westcott and then goes around the North end to the round-about for Ruby Diamond Concert, Past Dodd Hall and on to the “Alpha Delta Pi Meditation Pavilion”, through Landis Green, the Heritage Walkway through the center of camps, science heritage walkway and ending at the King Biology Building.





Two hawks on the fire escape stairs of Dodd Hall (old library). They have a nest high in a heritage pine tree. The photo to the right is the 100 year anniversary Pavilion of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.





The above angle walk is made from broken pieces of concrete to create a walkway where there had been a dirt path.



The University is tearing down the oldest part of the Student Union to make a new Community.



To the right is the heritage statue of the first black male student, baseball player, and Homecoming Princess,







The first handicapped accessible labrynth in the U.S. Also it is lit at night.







King Biology Building and the floor scenes in the Lobby. The ants are in the terrazzo and lead to the office.





Typical student housing options do not offer college students the opportunity to embrace their green thumb. To remedy that issue, the Florida State University Sustainable Campus organization has opened a new Seminole organic garden, giving students the chance to experience hands-on gardening.

FSU Sustainable Campus has started many ecological initiatives on campus, including the game day recycling program “Garnet and Gold Goes Green” and the waste-eliminating Food Recovery Network. The Seminole Organic Garden is a refurbished concept.

The ground was broken for the original Seminole Organic Garden in 2014. After a prosperous three years, an expansion on Legacy Walk in early 2017 meant demolition for the garden.

Louis Castillo, a senior majoring in environmental science, has been the garden manager since August 2016. He oversaw the process of disassembling and rebuilding the garden.

“When the extension was built, we had to remove the garden so that the construction vehicles could get in and out of the area,” Castillo said. “Once they finished construction, we were able to rebuild everything and add our new Sustainability Hub.”

The Sustainability Hub is an outdoor learning center committed to informing students about renewable energy sources and advocating for sustainable lifestyles. Solar panels sheath the top of the structure, generating renewable energy to the surrounding area.



The project was funded by FSU Sustainable Campus with help from FSU facilities and FSU alumni. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new pavilion was held on Friday, October 20 at the garden site, which can be found off Varsity Drive near Doak S. Campbell Stadium, in between the Flying High Circus and Wildwood Hall.

Just after the Legacy Walk development was completed towards the end of the 2017 spring semester, Castillo wasted no time getting back to work.

“It was complicated at first because we had a new garden layout that was different from the previous one. We had to map everything out and make sure that everything was at the right angles,” Castillo said.

After a summer of planning, Castillo constructed all 22 beds, which doubled the previous amount of beds, for the renovated garden within two weeks during August. The Seminole Organic Garden held its first workday since reconstruction on September 21. The weather permitting workdays are every Monday and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Castillo explained that you don’t need to have a bed rented to attend the workdays.



We’ve finally finished the rain garden!

The purpose of the rain garden is to help filter water runoff, improve water quality before it reaches the stormwater drain, and reduce potential flooding!



Residence Hall Staff “Block Party” in June at the Seminole Organic Garden.