



Stanford in Washington

In 1988, Stanford purchased a property at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Woodley Road in Northwest Washington. With funds generously provided by Anne and Robert Bass, the site would become Stanford in Washington's home. The Bass Center houses students and has several program spaces, as well as apartments for Stanford faculty in residence. Stanford in Washington gives Stanford undergraduates an opportunity to learn about national policymaking through academic courses and internships. As Zone D Manager Steve Clarkson sees it "it is like a Stanford embassy".

Since Stanford in Washington opened its doors, it has served as both home and classroom to Stanford faculty and undergraduates spending a term in the Bing Stanford in Washington Program. Over the years, Stanford programs, departments, and schools have become an active part of life at the Bass Center, sponsoring faculty talks and panel discussions, alumni gatherings, and student recruitment events.

<http://web.stanford.edu/dept/siw/>

In 2005 Stanford University broke ground on the renovation and expansion of the building adjacent to the main building. Victoria and Roger Sant made this expansion possible. The Sant Building houses several more classrooms and gathering spaces for students as well as an Art Gallery, which is open to the public.

<http://web.stanford.edu/group/siwgallery/cgi-bin/wordpress/>

With the opening of the Sant Building in 2007, the opportunities for Stanford affiliates have expanded to include exhibits in the art gallery, bicoastal classes and conferences in the Boone Distance Learning Center, and additional guest space for faculty and students. Stanford in Washington and the Bing Stanford in Washington Program are at the heart of the University's activities in the nation's capital.

With that much activity, the Bass building, built in 1920, needed architectural and building system renewal. The department of Humanities and Sciences (H&S), along with LBRE, planned a 2014 summer closure, to renew this important building. H&S funded new carpets, lighting renewal, bathroom renovation in the dorm rooms and purchased new furniture. LBRE Zone Management funded new plumbing in all dorm living areas, and added a new boiler with associated piping for hot and cold domestic water. Zone Management also rebuilt all dorm HVAC fan coil units, added new electrical switchgear and completed electrical code upgrades. The last item of the Zone Management scope was to replace old doors with new, and replace the hardware in all dorm rooms.

This work is invasive, so planning to close the Bass building over the summer began years ago. It took detailed planning from H&S and Zone Management, but also, at the core of the planning was SIW's Director, Dr. Adrienne Jamieson.

Professor Jamieson, the MaryLou and George Boone Centennial Director of Stanford in Washington, is a political scientist who specializes in American national politics, public policy and the media. She is an affiliated professor in the Public Policy Program and frequently teaches one of the core seminars in Washington where she designs the curriculum, recruits local faculty and arranges students' internships. She is a recipient of Stanford's Dinkelspiel Award for her contributions to undergraduate education.

The staff of Stanford in Washington invites you to explore the Bass Center, the Sant Building, and SIW programs if you are in the DC area.

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