

in 2007. Also due to generous gifts from Progress Energy, the nuclear physics lab was renovated in 2012.

Observatory – Built in 1982, this two-story, pre-cast concrete structure has a 12-foot rotating dome. Permanently mounted in the dome is a 14-inch reflecting telescope. A variety of other telescopes are also housed at the Observatory. The first floor houses a small classroom-orientation area with a large screen TV for viewing images from an electronic eyepiece. Located on the second-floor observatory deck are six mounts for 8-inch reflecting telescopes. Free public viewing sessions are held periodically to examine the planets, stars, and special astronomical events such as comets and eclipses.

Office Services Building – The Office Services building, located north of Hyman Fine Arts Center, was completed in 2013. Printing and mail services are located in this facility.

Pee Dee Education Center – The Pee Dee Education Center is a consortium of 16 school districts, Coker College, and Francis Marion University, established to provide support for the school districts in the region.

President's Residence (Wallace House) – Rebuilt in 1924 after the original 1836 J. Eli Gregg home was destroyed by fire, this antebellum-style house was the home of Joseph Wilds Wallace Sr. and Sallie Gregg Wallace. In 1960, in their memory, the Wallace family donated the house for the founding site of the University of South Carolina at Florence. Then named Wallace Hall, the structure housed classrooms and meeting space for the Florence campus. When Francis Marion University was established in 1970, the house served as a facility for administrative offices. It was renovated as a permanent residence for the president of FMU in 1983.

Recreational Facilities – Exterior athletic-recreational facilities on the main campus include two natural grass intramural fields, an outdoor recreational pool, soccer field, softball field, and baseball field.

Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child – Named in honor of Gail Ness Richardson, a longtime member of the Board of Trustees for Francis Marion University, and Terry E. Richardson Jr., a Barnwell attorney, this facility was occupied in 2008. The Center houses a child care program, FMU classrooms, a developmental clinic, research facilities and community programs.

James A. Rogers Library – Named for the first chair of the State College Board of Trustees, the library opened in December 1971. The building was expanded in 1988 by adding a wing named for the first director of the library, J. Mitchell Reames. The library houses a collection of over 398,000 volumes and over 550 print journal subscriptions and provides access to 35,000 e-journals, over 343,000 e-books, and 142 electronic databases providing access to information from almost anywhere. Membership in PASCAL, the statewide academic library consortium provides access to millions of articles and to a statewide virtual library at over 12.5 million volumes. The library seats 475, contains 77,000 square feet, and is open 85.5 hours a week.

Walter Douglas Smith University Center – Named for the first president of FMU, this facility was occupied in 1974. The complex provides comprehensive facilities for student activities and services including the offices of Student Affairs, Athletics, Dean of Students, Student Life, Student Newspaper, Campus Recreation Services, Career Development, Multicultural Student Affairs, and Army ROTC. It also provides space for meetings, social activities, recreation and athletic programs (including a 2,547-seat gymnasium, racquetball courts, weight/fitness rooms, game room, and swimming pool), and the Patriot Bookstore.

Thomas C. Stanton Academic Computer Center – Named for the second president of Francis Marion University, this facility was occupied in 1988. The building provides computer classrooms and a 30-station general-use computer laboratory. It also houses a number of offices for the Campus

Technology group.

J. Howard Stokes Administration Building – Named for one of the founders in establishing higher education for the Pee Dee area, this was the first building to be built on the Florence Regional Campus of the University of South Carolina. It was built with funds contributed by citizens from across the Pee Dee area and transferred to the University in 1970; an addition was completed in 1990. It was last renovated in 1992-1995. The building houses administrative offices including the offices of Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management, Accounting/Cashier, Administration, Auxiliary Services, Administrative Manager, Admissions, Business Affairs, Faculty Governance, Financial Assistance, Financial Services, Graduate Programs, Human Resources, Institutional Research, Orientation, Payroll, President, Provost, Public Affairs, Purchasing, and Registrar.

BB&T/Amelia Wallace Faculty/Alumni Cottage – The Cottage, completed in 2003, is a faculty/alumni facility and guest house. The facility is named for BB&T, a major benefactor, and Amelia Wallace, whose family donated Wallace House and the first 100 acres of the land on which the University is located. Lunch is served daily, Monday through Friday (unless otherwise announced), for faculty, staff, alumni, and guests.

HOUSING

Allard A. Allston Housing Office Complex – Named for a longtime member of the Board of Trustees for Francis Marion University, this facility was built in 1992 along with one of the two sets of residence halls. The complex provides space for the Office of Housing and Residence Life as well as a study hall.

Forest Villas Apartment Complex – The Forest Villas Apartments were constructed in two phases; Phase I was completed and occupied in the fall of 2004 with completion and occupancy of Phase II following in the fall of 2007. The apartment buildings are named Allen Hall, Beaty Hall, Cusack Hall, King Hall, and Thigpen Hall. The five three-story buildings consist of 103 four-bedroom apartment units, five two-bedroom units and five one-bedroom units, capable of housing approximately 427 residents. Each apartment includes single bedrooms. Four-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments feature shared living, dining and kitchen facilities. Four-bedroom units include two full bathrooms. Apartment units are available with provisions for persons with disabilities. Additional information regarding the apartments can be found under the Housing and Residence Life heading of the “Resources and Services” section of this catalog.

Heyward Community Center – Named for Dr. Joseph E. Heyward who served the University as Vice President of Student Affairs and as interim Provost, this facility was built in 2004 and is available to all students. This building consists of a large common lounge for social functions and meetings, a smaller meeting/study area, a fitness room, a laundry facility, and an enclosed mail pickup area.

Residence Halls – The University has two sets of residence halls. Each set consists of three residence halls linked to each other by exterior breezeways: one set (built in 1986) Marion State, Palmetto, and Swamp Fox forms a courtyard with the Edward S. Ervin III Dining Hall. The other set Belle Isle, Snow Island, and Ellen C. Watson (built in 1992) forms a courtyard with the Allard A. Allston Housing Office Complex, which was built at the same time. Residence halls provide housing for approximately 700 residents. Each residence hall suite consists of two bedrooms (two students share a bedroom) with an adjoining bath shared by all four residents living in the suite. First-floor residence hall units are available with provisions for persons with disabilities. A Resident Assistant is assigned to each residence hall floor to provide support for students. Additional information regarding the residence halls can be found under the Housing and Residence Life heading of the “Resources and Services” section of this catalog.

The Village – The Village Apartments, the first student housing on campus,