College Park District Ready to Open

Get ready to celebrate the end of one era and beginning of another this fall, as the final phase of the College Park District officially opens. The last piece to be completed, the mixed-use College Park facility, will have its grand opening on Monday, November 19, bringing to a close one of the largest and most significant construction projects in the University's history.

The College Park District spans more than 20 acres on the east side of campus. Earlier this year, the area's centerpiece, College Park Center, opened to wide acclaim and has since hosted commencement ceremonies, basketball and volleyball games, concerts, and numerous other events. Prior to that, the University opened The Green at College Park, an inviting oasis located next to the arena where students and neighbors can gather, relax, and play. The last piece to the puzzle, College Park, is nearly complete.

This ambitious new multi-purpose development includes two student residential complexes, The Lofts at College Park and Vandergriff Hall. These state-of-the-art facilities will provide on-campus accommodations for hundreds of students, allowing them to become part of the University's thriving residential population (see “More students making UT Arlington their home,” below).

Joining them in the impressive new budding are a number of restaurants, providing students, downtown visitors and residents, and College Park Center guests with a variety of tasty dining choices.

“We have been striving for a strong and diverse mix of tenants, and we believe we have achieved that,” says John Hall, UT Arlington’s vice president for administration and campus operations. “This development will certainly serve our students, faculty, and staff, but it will also be a draw for the entire community.”

The most notable of the new restaurants is MAVS Sports Grill, a new, sports-themed eatery that will occupy about 4,000 square feet of prime space on the north side of Montz Plaza, directly across from the College Park Center entrance. Its menu will offer grill items, sliders, chicken tenders, and sandwiches.

College Park’s other dining options include GRiP Mediterranean Grill, Pie Five Pizza Co., which specializes in personal-size pizzas assembled and baked in front of the customer, Coolberry Frozen Yogurt, which offers frozen yogurt and smoothies; Pho Xpress, which has healthy Vietnamese options; Terra Mediterranean Grill, Digg’s Taco Shop, and Smiling Moose Deli. While all are sure to be big draws for local residents and visitors to College Park Center, these businesses will also provide a boost to the city’s downtown revitalization efforts.

Other features of College Park are the Dipert University Welcome Center, which will serve as the new front door for UT Arlington, showcasing the University as a destination for prospective students, their families, and visitors. The complex also houses an 1,800-car parking facility for both the University and the city, as well as a University police substation.

Come November 19, the vision to create a true college town environment in downtown Arlington will finally be complete. Students, neighbors, and visitors will be able to enjoy this vibrant space on their own terms, whether it be picking up takeout at the College Park District Ready to Open College Park, nearly 5,300 students now call campus home. As a percentage of the whole student population, that's more than at any other UT System institution, including UT Austin.

The advantages of a residential campus environment are clear. Research shows that students who live on campus are more likely to earn higher GPAs, complete their degrees on time, and even pursue advanced degrees. Additionally, the emergence of UT Arlington as a major research university with a bustling on-campus student population has attracted the attention of private developers. The results of this private development are evident in the revitalization of the downtown Arlington business district and in the opening of several new near-campus apartments and student communities like Campus Edge and Midtown Apartments.

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To get started, visit the Office of Records and Registration in room 129 of Dunn Hall, where you can register for the class you want to take and pay the administrative fee that is charged. If the audit is approved, you will receive a form to pass on to the Business Services office for final processing.

To find out more, call 817-272-5855. The process is quick and easy. You can also find the list of available classes on www.uta.edu/maverickspeakers or call 817-272-5855.
Here at UT Arlington, mavericks are defined as people dedicated to making a difference. The University is proud to host the Maverick Speakers Series, an in-depth look at the people, ideas, actions, and solutions that leave a mark on the world. Please plan to join us for these upcoming lectures:

- **Frank Deford**
  - Sports journalist and author
  - Sept. 25, 2012
  - 7:30 p.m., Texas Hall

- **Cokie Roberts**
  - ABC political commentator, NPR news analyst
  - Oct. 4, 2012
  - 7:30 p.m., Texas Hall

- **Seth Meyers**
  - Saturday Night Live actor and head writer
  - Nov. 19, 2012
  - 7:30 p.m., College Park Center

- **Mark Kelly**
  - Space shuttle astronaut, U.S. Navy captain and aviator
  - Feb. 19, 2013
  - 7:30 p.m., Texas Hall

- **Jeff Corwin**
  - TV host, animal expert
  - March 27, 2013
  - 7:30 p.m., College Park Center

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**SEPTEMBER**

- **Sept. 14:** PASSION PIT
  - COLLEGE PARK CENTER

- **Sept. 21:** UTA NIGHT ON THE TOWN FEATURING STARS GO DIM AND AMERICAN CREATURES
  - LEVITTI PAVILION, VARIOUS DOWNTOWN LOCATIONS

- **Sept. 23:** BYRON STRIPLING & THE UT ARLINGTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA
  - LEVITTI PAVILION, DOWNTOWN ARLINGTON

- **Sept. 25:** MAVERICK SPEAKERS SERIES: FRANK DEFORD
  - TEXAS HALL

- **Sept. 28:** MEET THE MAVERICKS
  - THE PARKS AT ARLINGTON MALL

- **Sept. 28:** FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: JAMES BEVIL
  - CENTRAL LIBRARY

**OCTOBER**

- **Oct. 4:** MAVERICK SPEAKERS SERIES: COKIE ROBERTS
  - TEXAS HALL

- **Oct. 6:** TOBYMAC
  - COLLEGE PARK CENTER

- **Oct. 7:** JAZZ ALUMNI CONCERT
  - IRONS RECITAL HALL

- **Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26, 27:** AH, WILDERNESS MAINSTAGE THEATRE, FINE ARTS BUILDING

- **Oct. 20:** FLO RIDA
  - COLLEGE PARK CENTER

- **Oct. 20:** DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI GALA
  - E.H. HEREFORD UNIVERSITY CENTER

- **Oct. 26:** FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: BILL NEAL
  - CENTRAL LIBRARY

- **Oct. 27:** FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
  - E.H. HEREFORD UNIVERSITY CENTER

- **Oct. 29-Nov. 2:** GENERAL ELECTIONS EARLY VOTING MAVERICK ACTIVITIES CENTER

- **Oct. 31:** TRICK OR TREAT WITH THE GREEKS
  - GREEK ROW

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**NOVEMBER**

- **Nov. 9, 10, 16, 17:** MARISOL BY JOSE RIVERA
  - STUDIO THEATRE, FINE ARTS BUILDING

- **Nov. 10:** WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT
  - IRONS RECITAL HALL

- **Nov. 10:** FALL JAZZ CONCERT
  - IRONS RECITAL HALL

- **Nov. 16-19:** UTA HOMEcoming COLLEGE PARK CENTER

- **Nov. 17:** SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
  - IRONS RECITAL HALL

- **Nov. 19:** COLLEGE PARK DISTRICT DEDICATION

- **Nov. 19:** MAVERICK SPEAKER SERIES: SETH MEYERS
  - COLLEGE PARK CENTER

- **Nov. 20:** COLLEGE TOWN UTA PRESENTS HOLIDAY CHORAL CONCERT
  - IRONS RECITAL HALL

**DECEMBER**

- **Dec. 2:** UTA DAY AT CHRISTKINDL MARKET
  - RANGERS BALLPARK IN ARLINGTON

- **Dec. 7:** FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: TRADITION CHORUS
  - CENTRAL LIBRARY

- **Dec. 14-16:** COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES
  - COLLEGE PARK CENTER

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**ONGOING**

- **COLLEGE PARK CENTER**
  - www.utacollegepark.com

- **CONTINUING EDUCATION**
  - www.ut.edu/ced

- **THE PLANETARIUM AT UTA ARLINGTON**
  - www.uta.edu/planetary

- **ATHLETICS**
  - www.utamuavs.com

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