

## Building on Success

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**THE UNIVERSITY HAS OPENED A NEW NURSING BUILDING, BROKEN GROUND ON AN AQUATICS CENTER, AND CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS ON A NUMBER OF OTHER BUILDING PROJECTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.**

The Norco Building is the new home for the Department of Nursing and University Health Services. Officially opened in January, the 81,290-square-foot, four-story building maximizes opportunities to integrate classroom learning, laboratory, clinical and internship experiences with research and health care policy development for students, faculty and staff.

Just across from the Norco Building, Boise State broke ground this fall on a 17,000-square-foot aquatics complex on the south side of the Student Recreation Center. The \$8 million project — opening fall 2010 — includes a six-lane lap pool, an 1,800-square-foot recreational pool, a 12-person spa, locker rooms, a classroom and a fitness room.

The original master plan for the Student Recreation Center included an aquatics addition, and provisions were made in the design to accommodate this expansion. The cost of the pool project is covered by accumulated student fees, which were initiated in 1996 by student body leadership to support construction of the Recreation Center. The pool, as well as the Rec Center, can be used by Boise State alumni who are members of the Alumni Association.

After successfully meeting a fund-raising challenge, the university also will break ground this spring on a 110,000-square-foot College of Business and Economics building at the corner of University Drive and Capitol Boulevard. It is expected to open fall 2012.



The new CESED Building rises along University Drive.

It will be closely followed by a residence hall project at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive that will add 846 new beds, a transit center at the west entry of the Student Union Building and a parking garage at University Drive and Michigan Street that will add 700 spaces.

The university also is progressing on construction of the five-story, 93,000-square-foot Center for Environmental Science and Economic Development (CESED) along University Drive next to the engineering complex. CESED will be home to Boise State's departments of Geosciences, Civil Engineering, Public Policy and Administration and Political Science. It's on schedule for a fall 2011 opening.

Nearly a half-million square feet of classroom, laboratory, office, event and common area space has been opened in the last two years or is currently under construction on the Boise State campus. All of the projects are outlined in the university's campus master plan, available at [www.boisestate.edu/masterplan](http://www.boisestate.edu/masterplan).

Boise State University retained its status as Idaho's largest university, with 18,520 students enrolled for spring semester. This marks a 4.1 percent increase in academic enrollment over last spring, or 724 additional students working toward one of almost 200 degrees and certificates.