

Bolder. Brighter. Better.

Harrison Campus, 2020

“We develop knowledge and ability to empower learners and transform communities.”

It's a **mission statement** that was updated a few years ago to reflect the core premise of Mid. The statement is simple. The work that goes into achieving that mission is not.

The newly-renovated Harrison Campus features bright areas for students to study and collaborate with improved access to technology.

HARRISON CAMPUS HISTORY



1968
Original Harrison Campus Constructed



1970 -1980
Additional Construction and Additions for Food Service, Automotive, and Allied Health



2001
Technical Education Center



2004
SOAR Center Addition



2012
Center for Medical Imaging Studies



2019
Poet Family Outdoor Education Center



2018-2020
Harrison Campus - Main Building Renovations

Though the words of the mission statement have recently changed, they remain true to the College's very foundation. In 1964, a feasibility study was conducted to conclude whether a community college could thrive in Clare and Gladwin Counties. It found that "there was widespread approval of the idea" for a two-year 'junior college' program or pre-professional training where credits earned could be transferred to major colleges or universities... [and] provide the valuable service of graduating job-ready men and women." **That idea became a reality, and it continues to define Mid.**

In 1965, Mid became the 25th community college in Michigan. Construction began on the site of the current Harrison Campus in 1968. New buildings and additions during the '70s and '80s allowed new opportunities to train students in a growing number of skilled trades and allied health professions, matching the College's offerings with local demand.

Like everything, Mid's mission statement and campuses change to ensure they remain relevant and significant for the current moment.

Planning for the future takes considerable care. Over the past two years, **\$13 million has been invested in the Harrison Campus** to ensure that the College's Harrison facility can continue to serve its communities for the coming decades. It marks the completion of planning that began more than five years ago.

"We have been saving for this project for a long time. The College's reserve funds, a municipal bond, and a special allocation from the State have made the dream a reality," explained **Christine Hammond**, Mid Michigan College President. "Increased efficiencies will allow Mid to save on operational costs for many years to come, and these savings will then be reinvested into academic programs, student support services, and community-focused offerings."

Between 80-90% of the project's cost went into new mechanical, lighting, and control systems, along with modernized technology. Without these replacements, critical systems would have begun failing. Without the technology upgrades, Mid's students would begin falling behind.

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The newly-renovated *Charles A. Amble* Library.

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HARRISON CAMPUS RENOVATION HIGHLIGHTS

- All lighting upgraded to LED will cut future lighting costs by two-thirds.
- New HVAC systems and controls provide greater energy efficiency.
- Reduced campus footprint conserves energy and maintenance costs, while new building layouts provide space for 25% enrollment growth.
- Technology upgrades include internet-connected classrooms, collaboration spaces, and improved wifi access.
- Pedestrian and vehicle traffic flow conflicts have been reduced resulting in improved campus safety.

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- 01 | Charles A. Amble Library
- 02 | Esther C. Conference Room
- 03 | Fitness Center
- 04 | New HVAC Systems
- 05 | Active Learning Classroom
- 06 | New Lighting and Brighter Spaces
- 07 | Campus Store
- 08 | Student Gathering Spaces

Instead, due to the investment, Mid's Harrison Campus looks to have a bright future. While system replacements took place, the College also renovated its spaces to significantly improve the general atmosphere and layout of its main building. **The newly-renovated building allows for a 25% increase in student enrollment and positions it as one of the most energy-efficient community college buildings in the State.**

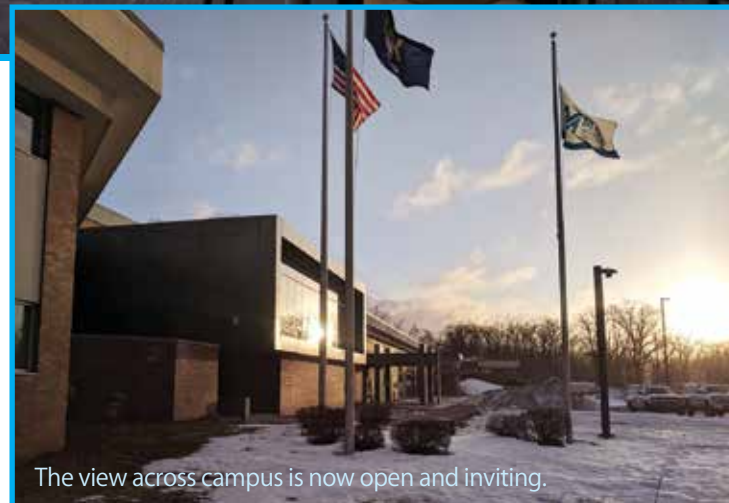
"Unquestionably, this campus is much more student-friendly," stated **Scott Mertes**, Vice President of Community Outreach and Advancement. "There are gathering and study areas for students, and the building is full of natural light. I expect students will want to spend more time on campus connecting with one another. And, we know

that when students make meaningful connections outside of the classroom, they are much more likely to succeed."

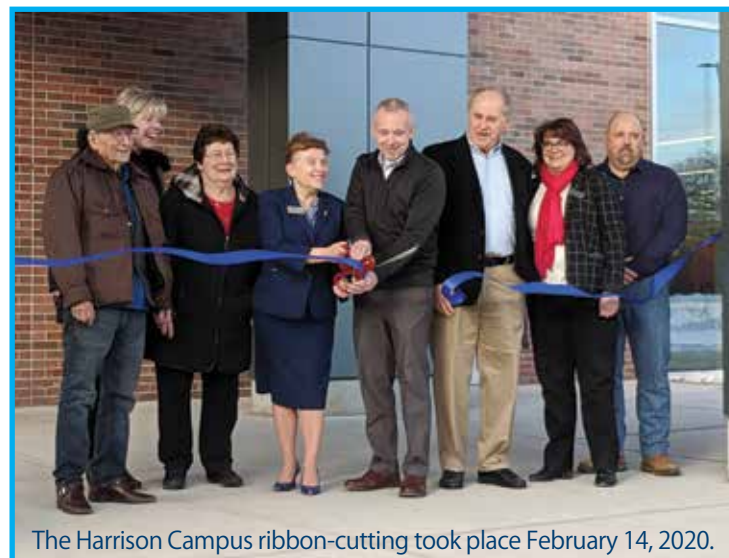
Overall, the changes allow Mid to better serve students and community members.

"The bones of our main campus building are 40-50+ years old," said **Jessie Gordon**, Associate Vice President of Strategic Communications, "but its spaces have been modernized for today's learners and for today's skills. When I walk around the building, I like that you still see its history, but you can also see it moving into the future."

Ed Haynack, Mid Foundation donor, Terry Petrongelli, Trustee, Betty Mussell, Trustee, Christine Hammond, President, Jason Wentworth, State Representative, Richard Allen, Trustee, Lillian Frick, Vice President of Finance & Facilities, and Joe Myers, Director of Facilities.



The view across campus is now open and inviting.



The Harrison Campus ribbon-cutting took place February 14, 2020.



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