Winning the Steelcase Education Active Learning Center Grant: Implementing an Active Learning Campus Initiative for Teaching and Learning

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Out with the old model...

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Miss Ramm

No student may take semester final exams until all library fines are paid.

Total fines due $0.08

Sister Mary Mark, Librarian

The Library
May 19, 1947
As the shelves come down, what do you want to see in this space?

Sign here for Ox-0

Tweet Us-

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Food booth

Coffee booth

Open space areas where students can sit on couches, tables etc.

Comfortable chairs with good lighting and study chairs

Let's build a house inside library too!

More foot deck in winter and want inside area of study around it.

Study rooms

Showers

Starbucks, bathtub

Study rooms, circle table, comfy chairs, a comfy, long couch that's for lying down for a little bit.

Coffee, snack bars/sandwiches

Asking Our Community How They Want Us to Use and Envision New Space
An active library is created....
Still a long way to go...

Librarians & Faculty Partner to Teach Research Skills in the New Space
• Background of the Grant

• Our process

• Our application

In the 2016 grant period, each Active Learning Center grant covers the furniture, integrated technology, design, installation and post-occupancy measurement tool for one of four classroom types designed for 24-32 students.

Eligible academic institutions are ones that focus primarily on formal, instructor-led learning in a designated classroom in the United States, Canada or Mexico, serving grades 6 – 12 or within a college or university.

Grants are valued at $62,000, plus all of the innovation and inspiration born of active learning.
Curating an Active Learning Ecosystem: A Toolkit

Toolkit Components: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase)
- Proposal Active Learning Center Space: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/space](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/space)
- ALC Assessment Strategies: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcaseassessment](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcaseassessment)
  - ALC Two Year Assessment Cycle
  - ALC Assessment Rubric
  - ALC Assessment Reflection
  - ALC Ideas and Insights Dissemination
  - ALC Steelcase Education Annual Report Content
  - Faculty and Student Active Learning Center Samples Surveys
  - 2014-16 Library Space and Steelcase Furniture Assessment
- Active Learning Resource Center: [http://stmary.libguides.com/activelearning](http://stmary.libguides.com/activelearning)
- USM Team Credentials: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/usmteam](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/usmteam)
- Grant Narrative: [http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/narrative](http://stmary.libguides.com/steelcase/narrative)
Campus Active Learning Philosophy

USM instructors facilitate the creation of a student learner centered environment through creative active learning curriculum strategies that increase student and social learning, collaboration, critical thinking skills, knowledge creation, creativity, and experimentation. Our pedagogy is centered on continuous instructor to student engagement, peer to peer learning opportunities, metaliteracy, and multiple teaching modes designed to meet visual, auditory, and kinesthetic student learning styles. Instructors utilize innovative, flexible, and interactive spaces and instructional technology tools to facilitate active learning and wisdom formation and espouse a culture of assessment.
Active learning is a process whereby students engage in activities, such as reading, writing, discussion, or problem solving that promote analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of class content. Cooperative learning, problem-based learning, and the use of case methods and simulations are some approaches that promote active learning.
We won!

Planning with Scott Rice Office Works and Steelcase Education
Instruction and Active Learning

Over 500 formal activities

Courses taught in:

- Physics
- Global Studies
- History
- First Year Experience
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Math
- Biology
- Honors
- Accounting
- Business
- Geography
- Marketing
- Theology
- Philosophy
- Education
USM Community Usage

- Service Learning Fair
- New Student Orientation
- Many topical “lunch and learns”
- Hispanic Heritage Luncheon
- Athletic Training Concussion Testing
- CLA Administration
- Yoga
- Physical Therapy Active Learning Exercises
- International Day of Peace Luncheon
- Blood drive
- Book and poetry readings
- Poster sessions
Mobile Makerspace
An incredible on-campus learning series bringing the latest and greatest tech to Saint Mary. Whether you can attend all four expert presentations or just one, join us for discovery, innovation, and creation.

**Refreshments and dessert provided at every session.**

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<td>11 a.m.</td>
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<td><em>Frog Safety: Intro Workshop on Game Design &amp; Machine Logic</em></td>
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<td><em>Make It at the Library</em></td>
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Join Us for the Capstone Digital Exhibit!

Come enjoy a showcase of collaborative work by our FYE honors students! The group applied 21st Century curation skills to digitized artifacts in the University of Saint Mary De Paul Library Lincoln Collection. An exhibit of service learning projects will also be on display.

Wednesday, May 3
11 a.m. - Noon | De Paul Library

Lunch and dessert will be served.

All students, faculty, and staff are WELCOME!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 2
to Scott O’Leary, honors director, at scott.Oleary@stmary.edu
Challenge/Opportunity?
For more information

USM’s Steelcase Education Active Learning Center’s video
https://youtu.be/ehtjYjRd2As

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