FLC campus buildings

Aquatic Center

This building originally housed the college's first gymnasium, which hosted the 1956 Democratic state convention, at which John F. Kennedy spoke. An Olympic-sized pool and diving area were installed in 1975.

The Aquatic Center is where the campus goes to cool off, play, or practice rolling kayaks before hitting the river. It also houses sport team offices, including the national champion Fort Lewis College Cycling and Men's Soccer teams.

Amphitheatre

Dedicated in 1981, the Amphitheatre is recessed into the landscape in the heart of campus. The stage and seating areas are built in the style of other campus buildings, of stonework reminiscent of the region's Native puebloan architecture.

The Amphitheatre provides an open-air venue for musical and dramatic performances, lectures, talks, outdoor class meetings, or a place to just study or relax with inspiring views of the campus and mountains.

Animas Residence Hall

Animas Hall features suites with private rooms, great views, and great natural lighting. Amenities include a mini-fridge, microwave, and an LCD television in each suite. Animas Hall also has a computer lab, a communal kitchen, a classroom, and a live-in Faculty-in-Residence.

Animas Hall, opened in Fall 2009, incorporates numerous integrated green building strategies, including natural ventilation, extensive use of daylight, and sustainable materials -- earning Animas Hall a Gold rating in Leadership in Energy & Design from the U.S. Green Council.

Art Hall

Art Hall, home to the Art Department since 1997 (now the Art & Design Department), features clerestory windows that flood the classrooms and studios with natural light. The art building hosts 10 studio/classrooms, faculty offices each with their own studios, and two art galleries bringing local, regional, and national exhibitions to the campus, while providing students both a research tool and a venue for public exposure for their diverse creations.

The Art & Design Department offers a vibrant and engaging program designed for both students who plan careers in art and those who want to expand their knowledge of the visual world. Small classes encourage an exchange of ideas and a close working relationship with professors. Areas of study include art history, ceramics, digital media, drawing, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

Aspen Hall

Aspen Hall houses the Fort Lewis College Police & Parking Department.
The Fort Lewis College Police Department operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days each year. The officers conduct vehicle, bicycle and foot patrols on campus, and work closely with local and regional law-enforcement agencies.

**Bader-Snyder Residence Halls**

Named for E. H. Bader, Dean of Fort Lewis from 1935 - 1948, and G. F. Snyder, the first principal of the Fort Lewis School in 1911, and first dean of Fort Lewis A & M College.

The Bader-Snyder complex offers suite-style living on the east side of campus. Each Bader and Snyder building has a centrally located lounge. Bader A and Snyder A house the computer labs, laundry rooms, television lounges and pool tables.

**Berndt Hall**

Built in 1956, Berndt Hall was the first academic building on the Durango campus. Originally dubbed "The Academic Building," in 1990 it was renamed in honor of the college's third president, Rexer Berndt.

Today Berndt Hall houses the President's and administrative offices, as well as the Geosciences, Biosciences, Physics and Engineering departments. The Berndt Hall Biology Wing, opened in 2010, features state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment.

**Camp Residence Hall**

Camp Hall was one of the first dormitories on campus, opened in 1957. Local stone quarried in nearby Horse Gulch gives the building its distinctly Southwestern look. Camp Hall is named for Alfred McNeil Camp, a Durango banker who served on the State Board of Agriculture in the 1940s.

Camp Hall contains both traditional and suite-style living. The building has a large, furnished, centrally-located lounge that includes a pool table, television, and microwave. Community computer labs are located off of the lounge. Laundry rooms are in the basement.

**Campbell Child & Family Center**

The Fort Lewis College Linda and Ben Nighthorse Campbell Child and Family Center is an on-campus child development center for toddlers and preschoolers. The Center also provides observation and research opportunities for Education and Psychology students.

The building's design includes classrooms, spaces for observation, offices, a family room, a teachers’ room and a large gathering space under a skylight. Colors used throughout the building's interior include teal and copper, providing a calming affect to the environment.

**Centennial Apartments**

The new Centennial Apartments complex, opened in 1978, was named in honor of Fort Lewis's 100th anniversary of the U.S. Army's fort's establishment of a military post in Pagosa Springs. Fort Lewis was later moved to Hesperus, Colo., where in 1911 it became Fort Lewis School. Fort Lewis College relocated to Durango in 1956.
The Centennial Apartments complex shares a community center with a television lounge and laundry machines. Each bedroom in the Centennial Apartments is double occupancy; the one-bedroom apartment houses two students, and the two-bedroom apartment houses four students. Family housing is located in the Centennial B building.

**Center of Southwest Studies**

Completed in 2001, the shapes and stonework of the Center of Southwest Studies complex reflect the ancestral puebloan structures found throughout the Four Corners. The Center is named for the founding director of the Center of Southwest Studies, Robert W. Delaney.

The Center is home to the Anthropology, Archaeology, and Native American & Indigenous Studies programs, and the Delaney Southwest Research Library. The Exhibit Gallery also features a solstice window that focuses the first rays of the summer solstice sun, casting a spiral image on the gallery wall.

**Charles Dale Rea Memorial Clocktower**

Completed in 2001, the stone tower is named for the college's first president, from 1949 - 1962. Under the tower's four arches is a photographic timeline of Fort Lewis' history.

From the clock tower plaza at the center of campus, you can see all that Fort Lewis College has to offer: a diverse and friendly community of students, expertly qualified and attentive faculty, and an inspiring mountain setting.

**Chemistry Hall**

Built in 2001, Chemistry Hall's small classroom sizes and the excellent instrumentation of the labs provide students research opportunities and experiences often reserved for graduate students at larger institutions.

Students and faculty in the Chemistry Department not only use environmentally-aware green chemistry techniques and materials, they’re also active in research into green chemistry: developing green reaction methods, making natural products through renewable materials, and creating green catalysts for hydrogen fuel.

**Community Concert Hall**

One of the largest live-performance venues in the region, the 600-seat Community Concert Hall hosts local, regional, and national music, comedy, drama, lecture, and dance acts in an intimate setting.

The Concert Hall lobby also features more than a dozen Southwestern landscape paintings by Stanton Englehart, a founding faculty member of the FLC Art Department renowned for capturing the beauty and mystery of the canyon country of the Colorado Plateau.

**Cooper Residence Hall**

Cooper Hall is named for Walter Cooper, who served on the State Board of Agriculture from 1955 - 1961.
Cooper Hall has suite-style living with a large, furnished, centrally-located lounge that includes a pool table, television, and microwave. Community computer labs and laundry rooms are also located in the building.

**Crofton Residence Hall**

Named for Lt. R.E.A. Crofton, who in 1880 oversaw the construction of Fort Lewis in Hesperus.

Crofton Hall offers both traditional housing, which provides the best opportunity to meet new people, and suite-style living, which offers more privacy. The building has a large, furnished, centrally located lounge that includes a pool table, television, and microwave, community computer labs, and laundry rooms.

**Dirks Field**

The mountain-surrounded home of men's and women's Skyhawks soccer, Dirks Field is named for alumnus and long-time Skyhawks Soccer benefactor Martin Dirks, a former club soccer player at Fort Lewis in the 1970s.

Since its dedication in 2003, the natural turf of Dirks Field has hosted NCAA Division II men's soccer national championship seasons in 2005 and 2009, and held record-setting crowds of fans in 2005 and 2006.

**Education & Business Hall**

"EBH" is a modern, technologically state-of-the-art building completed in 2001. It is home to the School of Business Administration, the Teacher Education Department, and the Mathematics and Psychology programs.

For nearly 40 years, the School of Business Administration has been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, making Fort Lewis one of fewer than one-third of U.S. business schools and only 5 percent of business schools worldwide that hold this international honor.

**Escalante Hall**

Escalante Hall was named for Father Silvestre Velez de Escalante, who, along with Father Francisco Atanasio Dominguez, passed through this area in 1776 in search of an overland route from Santa Fe to the West Coast.

Escalante Hall offers both traditional housing, which provides the best opportunity to meet new people, and suite-style living, which offers more privacy. This residence hall has a large, furnished, centrally located lounge that includes a pool table, television, and microwave, community computer labs, and laundry rooms.

**Geosciences, Physics & Engineering Hall**

Ground was broken on the new GPE Hall in 2013, and it is slated to open in Fall 2016. Currently, the Geosciences program occupies the portion of Berndt Hall that was constructed in 1956, and
the Physics & Engineering Department is housed in a portion that was built in 1968.

The new academic building will host state-of-the-art research spaces designed for the particular needs of each program. Amenities will include laboratory and electronics equipment, field tools, astronomical and optical technologies, and specialized testing and research facilities. A rooftop research observatory will also support physics and astronomy classes.

**Hesperus Peace Park**

Hesperus Peace Park is built on the former site of Hesperus Hall. Both the building and park named in honor of Hesperus, Colorado, the original site of both the military Fort Lewis and Fort Lewis College.

Dedicated in 2006 in a ceremony led by retired professor Leonard "Red" Bird, author of the Common Reading Experience's inaugural book *Folding Paper Cranes*, Hesperus Peace Park offers a quiet place in the center of campus to study, meditate, and contemplate universal efforts to promote peace in the world.

**John F. Reed Library**

Opened in 1967 and renamed in 1986 to honor former FLC President John F. Reed (1962 - 1969), the library was designed to be both the center of academic life and the physical focal point of campus. The building was among the campus' first, and stone used in the building construction was quarried just three miles from campus.

With a study area facing a large wall of windows offering views to the La Plata and San Juan mountains, Reed Library is one of the most popular study spots on campus.

**Jones Hall**

First built as the Fine Arts Building, which collapsed under a large snowfall in 1993, the building was rebuilt as Sage Hall, then renamed for former FLC President Joel Jones in 2007. The reconstruction assured the building can withstand that largest snowfalls possible.

Jones Hall is home to the Music Department, and houses the Jan Carl Roshong Recital Hall, honoring the late chair of the Music Department. A painting of Dr. Roshong is on the wall in the vestibule.

**Kroeger Hall**

This small building on the southern edge of campus was formerly the residence of the college president. President Dale Rea was the first president to live in the President's Residence, beginning in 1957. Today, this building is named for Durango’s Kroeger familiy, long-time supporters of FLC.

Kroeger Hall is the home of the Office of Admission & Advising, those who work hard to bring the best students to Fort Lewis College, and help them succeed once they're here.

**McPherson Chapel**
Built in 1958 as part of the original Durango campus, this stone chapel's construction was funded entirely with donations. The large windows allow for a stunning view of sunsets behind the Animas Valley and La Plata Mountains.

The Chapel provides a non-denominational place of meditation. With its rim-edge location and dramatic views, it is also a popular wedding site -- including those of many FLC alumni.

**Mears Apartments**

Mears Apartments are named in honor of local legend Otto Mears, who in the late 1800s constructed some 450 miles of roads and railroads in the San Juan Mountains, including the first road between Durango and Silverton, which today is US 550.

Mears Apartments feature a centrally located computer lab, lounge, and laundry rooms. On-campus apartments are available to upper division, transfer, and non-traditional students.

**Miller Student Services**

Dedicated in 1957 as the Memorial Student Center, Miller was the first student union on campus, housing the bookstore, a snack bar and cafeteria, a student lounge, and the student newspaper offices. Today Miller is home to services including the Health Center, Records and Financial Aid offices, Student Housing and Conference Services, Student Affairs, and Marketing & Communications.

Faced with local stone, Miller Hall's Southwestern-style architecture set the tone for future campus buildings. Overseeing the east entrance is "The Rainmaker," a bronze sculpture of a Blackfoot shaman, by artist Fritz White.

**Noble Hall**

Noble Hall is home to the English, Political Science, Philosophy, Modern Languages, History, Humanities, Religious Studies, and Gender & Women's Studies departments, as well as Counseling Services, Disability Services, and the offices of the School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences.

Dedicated to FLC supporter and Colorado State Senator Dan Noble, Noble Hall at night is a campus cultural center for both the campus and the community, its amphitheatre-style classrooms hosting frequent talks, panels, presentations, films, and meetings.

**Pine Hall**

Pine Hall houses the Adventure Education program. Originally part of the married student housing apartments built in the 1950s, Pine Hall has been recently refurbished and now contains two classrooms, five offices, a lab and several other rooms designed specifically for the Adventure Education program.

The Adventure Education program extends the definition of "classroom" to include the mountains, rivers, forests, and deserts of southwestern Colorado and the Four Corners region, where students learn first-hand how to lead, teach, and facilitate in a variety of outdoor adventure settings.

**Ray Dennison Memorial Field**
Dedicated to an FLC student athlete who died from injuries suffered in a game in 1955, Skyhawk football's stadium was cut from a natural depression in the landscape, and hosted its first games in 1959.

The Skyhawks football team plays its home games backdropped by dramatic views of the La Plata and San Juan mountains in the 4,000-seat Ray Dennison Memorial Field.

**Skyhawk Hall**

Opened in 1999, Skyhawk Hall is a classroom and laboratory facility for the Exercise Science program, and is conveniently located for the program's students adjacent to the Aquatic Center, sports fields, and Whalen Gymnasium.

The Exercise Science program gives students a variety of opportunities to develop their scientific knowledge, get practical experience, and develop leadership skills for careers in teaching, coaching, administration, personal training, physical therapy, and other recreation, wellness, and fitness professions.

**Softball Complex**

Home of the Skyhawk women's softball team, the Softball Complex also hosts the popular City of Durango recreational softball leagues.

Situated on the rim of the mesa overlooking the Animas Valley and backdropped with beautiful views of the La Plata Mountains, the lighted complex features three ballfields and a playground.

**Student Life Center**

Designed with student input and high environmental-sustainability standards, the Student Life Center has been giving campus a place to play and stay fit since 2001. Home to Recreational Services, the SLC features an indoor climbing and bouldering area, several basketball and volleyball courts, an elevated running track, a racquetball court, a dance and aerobics studio, and an outstanding weight room.

Outdoor Pursuits truly represents the Colorado spirit at Fort Lewis College, where students, faculty, and staff can borrow outdoor equipment to outfit most any adventure. The program also offers dozens of clinics, workshops, trips, and extended adventures, where you can explore the region, learn skills, and meet others with the Colorado spirit.

**Student Union**

The $41.5 million refurbishing and expansion of the Student Union was awarded LEED Gold status by the U.S. Green Building Council for its "green building" standards. Housed in the new building is the campus bookstore, the Native American and El Centro cultural centers, the Environmental Center, KDUR radio, and the Terry R. Bacon Leadership Center, base for the campus' 70-plus student organizations.

The new Student Union is the nexus of campus life, hosting movies, concerts, and lectures, and offering places to meet, eat, socialize, and study. It also features several dining options in the San Juan Dining Room, Animas Perks, and The Rocket Grille with its roof-top seating looking out over
campus and the La Plata Mountains.

**Theatre Hall**

Home to frequent faculty-directed shows, student productions, and class projects, the building's Mainstage Theatre has been the center for campus drama and performing arts for more than 50 years. The building features classrooms, two theatres, a prop room and a set-building facility.

The Theatre Department at Fort Lewis College pursues an exciting and innovative curriculum that recognizes the power of theatre and creative thinking in an ever-changing cultural landscape. The Theatre program's curriculum stresses collaborative hands-on skill-building, experiential learning, innovative and broad production programming, professional guest artist engagements, and national and international internship opportunities.

**West Residence Hall**

Offering dramatic views of the La Plata Mountains and the Animas Valley, West Hall has suite-style living, a large, furnished, centrally located lounge, and a full kitchen. Community computer labs and laundry rooms are located on each hallway.

There are many ways to get from the Fort Lewis College campus to downtown Durango and back without driving: For walkers and mountain bikers, there's the scenic Nature Trail or the woodsy Lamppost Trail; for road bikers, there's the paved Front Hill Road; and for the riders, there are Durango Transit buses, which are free with an FLC ID.

**Whalen Gymnasium**

Originally the college's field house, the home of Skyhawks basketball and volleyball was completed in 1971. Following a renovation in 2003, it was renamed in honor of former basketball coach and Athletic Director Donald Whalen. Whalen gymnasium also hosts concerts, commencement and convocation ceremonies, and the annual Hozhoni Days Powwow, which draws Native dancers, singers, and drumming groups from around the country.

The Skyhawks Women's basketball team reached the NCAA Division II national championship game in 2010, the first team in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference to reach the title game. In 2011, the team was an academic national champion: They maintained the highest team grade point average of any women's basketball program in the country.

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