

Welcome to Angelo State University, where native live oak and pecan trees shade the way and where your potential for success is as limitless as the West Texas sky.

Use this walking tour as your guide and enjoy your visit!

- 1** Begin your tour at the courtyard of Centennial Village, a 526-bed residence hall that opened in the fall of 2008 and anchors the west end of campus. The \$28 million facility was recognized for design excellence in the 2009 fall issue of *American School and University Magazine*. The Time Capsule in front of Centennial will be opened in 2053 on the 125th anniversary of ASU's founding.

Next, continue east and you will pass another campus living facility, Carr Hall.

- 2** The Hardeman Student Services Center will be the first place you visit if you are interested in attending Angelo State. Here you will find the Office of Admissions, Financial Aid and the Registrar. Additionally, the building houses the offices of the Center for Security Studies. Originally, this building housed science and agriculture classes.



**MAYER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.** Built when the college moved from downtown to its current site, this building was dedicated in 1948 and was known as the Main Building. Sixty years later it was renamed the Mayer Administration Building in honor of San Angelo College patron Solomon "Sol" Mayer. The Mayer name has been a fixture on campus since 1950, when Mayer Hall was authorized as a new dormitory.



**MEMORIAL OAK GROVE.** This monument on the northeast corner of the Mayer Administration Building is dedicated to the 30 San Angelo College students who died during World War II. The monument is shaded by live oak trees planted in their honor. Each name represents a life cut short, some in training accidents as close as San Marcos and Seguin, and others on battlefields whose names resonate through American history – Guadalcanal, Normandy and Iwo Jima. You can take a slight detour to visit the site up close or view it from a distance.



**HOME OF CHAMPIONS MONUMENT.** As you walk near the Hardeman Center and the Administration Building, this brick monument marks the spot of the Cow Palace, the nickname of the original gymnasium on the ASU campus. The gym was built from a surplus hangar from a local Army airfield after

World War II. Even though the basketball court was 8 feet shorter than a regulation floor, it didn't stop the Rams basketball team from winning the 1957 National Junior College Athletic Association Championship, the first of the institution's four national championships.



**UNIVERSITY CLINIC.** As you continue east, you will see the University Clinic, where ASU students receive health and counseling services.



**"THE QUEST."** This sculpture near Johnson Street was created by San Angelo College graduate and renowned artist Lincoln Fox and is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Lloyd D. Vincent, Angelo State University's longest-serving president. He died attending a board of regents meeting in 1994 after 27 years on the job. The 20-foot-tall monument features an eagle with a 9-foot wingspan. The artwork symbolizes the ability of education to free all from the shackles of ignorance and to liberate imagination.

- 3** Across Johnson Street, the Vincent Nursing-Physical Science Building – also named for President Vincent and his wife, Johnell – houses nursing, physics, agriculture and physical therapy. The building is also home to the Nursing Simulation Lab as well as ASU's Global Immersion Center, which boasts the multiple capabilities of a planetarium and an IMAX theater.



**UNIVERSITY MALL.** This is the pedestrian spine that runs through the Angelo State University campus, linking Centennial Village on the west and the Massie Residence Halls on the east edge of the campus proper.

- 4** Just east of the Food Service Center, the University Mall opens up onto the Campus Green, a popular spot for students and campus visitors to relax and enjoy the outdoors. To the south of the Food Service Center once stood the 10-story University Hall, known for many years as the Women's High Rise. In October of 2009, the one-time residence hall was imploded. Gravity and 140 pounds of strategically placed dynamite brought down the building in 18 seconds. It was the most spectacular event in the history of Angelo State and a YouTube sensation for weeks afterward.



**JUNELL CENTER/STEPHENS ARENA.** To the south you will see the Junell Center/Stephens Arena, home to Rams and Rambelles athletics and the ASU Athletic Hall of Honor, where ASU's national championship trophies are on display. In the fountain in front of the Junell Center you will find the life-size statues of a Rambouillet ram and ewe. The entrance is dominated by a 110-foot, 8,000-pound flagpole flying the Stars and Stripes. Stephens Arena also hosts numerous community performances and campus activities.



**RASSMAN BUILDING.** Turning south, you are passing the Rassman Building, home to several academic areas, including the College of Business, aerospace studies/ROTC, and political science and criminal justice as well as the offices for Information Technology.



**MATHEMATICS-COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING.** In addition to the academic departments in its name, the Mathematics-Computer Science Building houses the Entertainment Computing Lab and the State of Texas Data Center, home to one of the most powerful computers in Texas.

**5** In addition to being the office for kinesiology, the Center for Human Performance/Student Recreation Center, or CHP (pronounced "chip"), is the center of student intramural activities and physical recreation. The new student rec center offers a climbing wall, jogging track and exercise facilities to supplement the gymnasium and swimming pool in the building.

**6** After you cross Johnson Street, take the diagonal sidewalk toward the Cavness Science Building. Round the corner and follow the path into the courtyard of the Science III Building. Both of these buildings are devoted to the sciences. The Cavness Building was named for Dr. Raymond M. Cavness, who was president from 1954-67 when the institution transitioned from a local community college to a four-year, state-supported university. The Cavness Building is also home to the Angelo State Natural History Collections, which contain tens of thousands of specimens of flora and fauna. Continue following the path straight ahead.



**ACADEMIC BUILDING.** ASU students spend a lot of time in the Academic Building as it is home to several departments whose offerings contribute to the university's academic core. These departments include English, history, modern languages, and psychology, sociology and social work.



**ASU'S WORLD FAMOUS GUM TREE.** This mesquite tree represents one of the oddest campus traditions anywhere in the world. Legend has it that for good luck an ASU student pressed the first wad of gum onto the tree back in the 1960s. After his wish was granted, other students followed suit. Whatever you think of the tradition, you have to admit that the Gum Tree's bark is worse than its bite.

**7** Appropriately, the Porter Henderson Library was the first building dedicated on campus after Angelo State College became Angelo State University. Today, the Porter Henderson Library is the academic heart of the university. The library features an Information Commons designed for the contemporary student with a variety of traditional and electronic resources available on three floors, including a basement. The top floor is home to ASU's communication and mass media programs as well as the Honors Program and Center for Academic Excellence.



**CARR EDUCATION-FINE ARTS BUILDING.** Named for major ASU benefactors Robert and Nona Carr, this facility houses the College of Education as well as the offices for music, art and theatre. The Eldon Black Recital Hall and the Modular Theatre are popular venues for the performing arts. The building namesakes made the bequests that created the Carr Scholarship Program at Angelo State University. Today the Carr Foundation has an endowment of more than \$86 million to provide scholarships for ASU students.

**8** No place is better for concluding your tour than the Houston Harte University Center. Stop in and grab a soft drink or visit the ASU Bookstore for some Rams and Rambelles souvenirs to commemorate your campus visit. The second floor houses the West Texas Collection, a regional historical archive preserving materials related to the economic, social and cultural development of the region. The collection is appropriately housed in a building named for Houston Harte, the long-time publisher of the *San Angelo Standard-Times* and confidant of President Lyndon Baines Johnson.



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