

Walt Disney World Begins Construction of New Housing Complex for College Program

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., Dec. 7, 2018 - Walt Disney World Resort and American Campus Communities (ACC) recently celebrated the commencement of construction on a new housing complex for participants of the Disney College Program, now known as Disney Internships & Programs.

The 10,400-bed project expected to be completed by May 2023 will feature a variety of modern floor plans with private and shared accommodations designed efficiently for comfort and study. Two 25,000-square-foot community centers, and amenities will include resort-style swimming pools, event and recreational lawns, fitness centers and social lounges.

“The college students who have been part of our college and internship programs have helped make magic for millions of our Guests for more than three decades,” said Kristi Breen, Vice President of Disney International Campus Programs. “We are pleased to join our friends at American Campus Communities to break ground on this new residential community for our future participants.”

Within the housing complex, the Disney Education Center and clubhouse will provide unprecedented integration for program participants to participate in ‘uniquely Disney’ learning experiences and social activities. Residents will also have access to resources for academic success, including group and private study rooms, computers with free printing, and Wi-Fi.

“Collaborating with Walt Disney World on this project and serving the DIP participants is an incredible honor,” said Bill Bayless, ACC CEO. “When we first launched American Campus Communities, we travelled around the country with four poster boards, sharing our vision for the student experience. One of them was titled, ‘The Disney Way.’ It was our goal to emulate Disney’s best-in-class customer service from day one. To celebrate this partnership with Disney and the ACC team during our 25th anniversary year is a dream come true.”

The first phase is scheduled for occupancy in May 2020. American Campus Communities is the largest owner, manager and developer of high-quality student housing communities in the United States.