Since the dedication of University of the Pacific’s new San Francisco campus on March 7, 2014, it’s been a year of **Transitions & New Connections**

The sleek glass-paneled building at 155 Fifth Street that’s home to Pacific’s new San Francisco campus and the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry is becoming a local fixture and gathering space in the South of Market (SoMa) district.

The first year of business has been filled with excitement, learning and caring for patients for the approximately 1,000 students, faculty and staff at the campus and the nearly 10,000 patients they serve.

It’s also been a year of expansion for the University in the Bay Area, beyond just its physical space. With the addition of four new academic programs at its San Francisco campus, Pacific will further strengthen its bold future as a three-city university.

### Clinics

The dental clinics also opened to patients in mid-July, with Dugoni ambassadors stationed throughout the building to familiarize patients with the new check-in process and guide them to the correct clinic.

Since moving to 155 Fifth Street, the dental clinics have received increased interest from the public. The number of patients, screenings and emergency visits has increased, allowing students to complete more procedures as part of their education.

In October, Pacific’s San Francisco audiology clinic also opened, serving an estimated 3,500 audiology patients of all ages annually.

### Connections

The building’s close proximity to the Moscone Center and public transportation make it a convenient and modern space to host conferences and receptions, especially for dental organizations in town for major events.

Building relationships in the community is taking new forms with the new campus, and Dugoni is invested in its SoMa neighborhood (also known as Yerba Buena). In September, the school hosted its second annual civic leaders reception to make connections with civic and business leaders.
Outreach During the first year, numerous community health outreach events have been held for local seniors and children from throughout the area. Dugoni is welcoming the community to the campus in other ways, too. Middle and high school students had a chance to tour the campus and work in the high-tech simulation laboratory during a “dental camp” hosted by the admissions department in February.

Learning Dental school is an ambitious undertaking, and students have been spending plenty of time in the new learning environments and study spaces throughout the building. A state-of-the-art simulation laboratory offers real-life dental manikins that were custom-designed for the school, giving first-year students the opportunity to practice their hand skills and learn about materials and techniques used in dentistry. The building also offers seminar rooms that can be reset for small groups or larger gatherings, research labs, and the large Dorfman Hall on the first floor that can be converted into two smaller learning spaces.

Sustainability A milestone in the sustainability of the new campus was reached in November, when the building received LEED Gold Certification after an extensive review process. Sustainable and energy-efficient design choices will help conserve energy, reduce water consumption and deliver high indoor air quality, among other benefits.
Exciting New Academic Programs on the Horizon

Beginning in fall 2015, new programs that capitalize on the unique character of the San Francisco Bay Area will launch at 155 Fifth Street, focusing on fields in high demand.

Audiology
University of the Pacific will offer Northern California’s first Doctor of Audiology program and the only three-year accelerated program in California.

Food Studies
The Master of Arts in Food Studies is an interdisciplinary program for working professionals who want to expand their knowledge about food and develop exceptional proficiency in evaluating the social, economic and political impact of food choices made by individuals and groups.

Music Therapy
The University will extend its reach to the Bay Area with a new Music Therapy equivalency program, which prepares students in as few as four semesters with the knowledge and skills to sit for the Certification Board for Music Therapists exam.

Analytics
Responding to the need for qualified professionals in this rapidly growing field, Pacific will offer a Master of Science in Analytics geared toward working professionals.

Artwork
In December, new artwork installed throughout the building brightened the walls. The art, created by notable American artists Jake Berthot, Jasper Johns, Frank Lobdell and Stephen De Staebler, was donated to the University from the estate of the late Regents Robert and Jeannette Powell, who were generous supporters of Pacific.

Support
The walls have also been enhanced with naming plaques and signs throughout the building that recognize the generous donors who have supported the school’s fund-raising campaign, “Building Our Future, Embracing Our Legacy.”

Throughout the first year of transition and excitement, the Dugoni family spirit of humanism and respect for one another—along with its programs—has remained strong. And now it has a world-class new campus to carry on its rich legacy of dental education.

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