Georgia College’s Hillel opens house for Jewish students

Members of the GC community recently had the opportunity to get their hands dirty and plant a tree on campus.

Funded by the Development of Greenways and Landscaping and the Office of Sustainability, seven trees were added to扣扣 北部分散校园，包括校园内的 Davis Hall, Porter Hall, Russell Library and the Santerre Dugan "The Leaf". Hillel is proud of its longstanding and inclusive community.

"From England to Oak City, the GC campus just got a little greener."

Thank you to all who participated—Eleanor Williams, Janet Wyndham-Quin, Ruth Eilers, Maria Esmond, Jackson Tracy, Jackson Wright, Ashley Smith, Mitchell Ennis Hall, Porter Hall, Russell Library and the Sandra Dunagan Theatre and Dance Hall.

In February, more opportunities to plant a tree on campus will be offered.

"This shows the dedication of both Georgia College and Hillel of Georgia," Berman said. "This tells parents of prospective students there’s a supportive environment here for their children. It makes a big difference." "Now, we’ll have the house and a sign out front," he said. "It’s real."

Senior communications major Ali multicultural student events, as well. The kitchen, bathroom, wood floors, screened-in porch and roof have been renovated. The front sidewalk was also repaired and landscaped.

Due to COVID-19, dedication of the house has been postponed until large crowds can gather. All former Hillel board members will be invited. A rabbi will come to bless the house withdatapoints containing the Ten Commandments.

Until then, the group will meet at the house in small numbers—social distancing with masks.

It’s more than they could’ve hoped for.

"This validates our plan on campus. I’m eternally grateful for the opportunities being presented to us as an organization right now. Our physical property might seem like a small thing, but it’s truly so huge for us," said Frankel.

Congratulations to the class of December 2020

Stephanie Persico Tobar is a theatre major with a double major in French and psychology.

“My theatre major has taught me so many other skills. I have learned that I am capable of performing on stage. I have grown much as an artist thanks to the wonderful theatre department. Other important skills that I feel I’ve honed during my time as a theatre major are my organization and delegation skills," she said.

Some of her best experiences during her time at GC were the sets that involved getting out of her comfort zone. "The best advice that I can offer to the underclassmen is don’t be afraid to try new things, even if you’re not outside your comfort zone because stepping into new experiences that makes you uncomfortable this is how you can evolve and grow.”

Hillel Houses also act as an important recruiting tool for prospective students. Berman fields hundreds of calls from parents, including if the university has a Hillel House. It’s not always enough to have a group. Without an actual house, she said, many parents simply hang up and look elsewhere.

Hillels of Georgia provides capital for multiple Hillel Houses throughout the state. So, Berman believes funding will continue for many years to come.

The new house was quite of rooms, studies and a lounge for relaxation and movie nights. The group will hold game activities and multi-cultural events there, as well. The kitchen, bathroom, wood floors, screened-in porch and roof have been renovated. The front sidewalk was also repaired and landscaped.

"Break-Fast" meal at sunset with traditional apples, honey and challah.

Recently, the group held a "Tefillah" meal at sunset with bagels on their front lawn for the first Kipper holiday. They also held a groged-on-holiday Shabbat dinner and a Rosh Hashanah event with traditional apples, honey and challah.

"It’s truly difficult for me to put into words what this means to me as a student," Frankel said. "This house opens up for many doors for our current and future students."

"Getting this space makes me feel it’s on a path. That may sound silly," she said. "But, previously, we were an organization that couldn’t hold events. We wouldn’t find a place to host them."

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