

Chickasaw Council, Scouting America

Bluff City Merit Badge College

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LEADER & PARENT GUIDE



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University of Tennessee
Health Science Center

University of Memphis
Herff College of Engineering

Two campuses • One day of advancement
Memphis, Tennessee

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EVENT INFORMATION

The **Bluff City Merit Badge College & STEM Day** is back — two campus locations, one epic day of advancement. Chickasaw Council is proud to co-host this event with **UT Health Science Center (UTHSC)** and the **University of Memphis, Herff College of Engineering**. Our theme says it all: **Learn • Explore • Lead • Serve**.

The event is open to Scouts BSA youth in grades 6–12. Scouts choose from a wide slate of merit badges taught by subject-matter experts, while adults have their own track of hands-on classes running alongside. Together we hope to give every Scout a great day of advancement while exploring real careers and college campuses.

A Two-Campus Day — Please Read

This is not a single-building event. Classes are held at **both** the UTHSC campus and the University of Memphis campus, and the day is built around travel time between them. All participants begin at UTHSC for check-in and the welcome, then move to their assigned campus for the morning block. Because a Scout's morning and afternoon classes may be at different campuses, **build the posted transition times into your day. A shuttle carries participants between campuses at each transition (about a 20-minute drive each way).**

A shuttle service is provided between campuses, running in both directions at each transition and carrying up to 100 participants per run. Because seating is limited, units with several Scouts traveling at the same transition are appreciated to provide their own transportation for their group where possible; this overflow self-transportation keeps shuttle seats open for participants who need them. Pickup and drop-off points at each campus will be marked with signage, and volunteers will be on hand to direct participants. Plan to arrive at the pickup point promptly when each block ends.

Event Schedule

Time	Activity	Location
6:30 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast	UTHSC - Health Sciences Library
7:30 – 8:00 AM	Check-In	UTHSC - Wassell Randolph Student-Alumni Center
8:00 – 8:40 AM	Welcome & Speakers	UTHSC
8:40 – 9:00 AM	Transition 1 (shuttling to U of Memphis)	—
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Block A (Morning classes)	UTHSC & U of Memphis
12:00 – 12:20 PM	Transition 2 (shuttling from Memphis to UT)	—
12:15 – 12:45 PM	Lunch	UTHSC & U of Memphis
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Transition 3 (shuttling from UT to Memphis)	—
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Block B (Afternoon classes)	UTHSC & U of Memphis
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Transition 4 (shuttling from Memphis to UT)	—
4:00 – 6:30 PM	Dinner	UTHSC

Volunteers Needed

An event of this scale takes many hands, and each participating unit is required to have two registered adults on site. Beyond our registered Merit Badge Counselors, we need adults to serve as the second adult in classrooms, help at check-in, distribute rosters and packets, guide Scouts between campuses, organize lunch, and staff first aid. If your attending leaders can help in a specific area, let us know. We appreciate the time you give to Scouting!

ADULT PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Adults attending with their units can take part in a dedicated track of hands-on classes at UTHSC. Block A runs in the morning and Block B in the afternoon (see the schedule).

Adult Class	Block	Description
Mental Health First Aid	A-B	Learn to recognize mental health or substance use challenges and provide initial support until appropriate help is available. Prerequisites: Complete the required online pre-course module. Additional \$6 course fee.
Parent Panel – College Prep	A	Hear from higher education and workforce experts on how to support your Scout through college planning, career exploration, and postsecondary pathways.
GivePulse for Scouts	A	Learn how to use GivePulse to find service opportunities, register for projects, and track service and service-learning hours for Scout advancement.
CPR / AED [Skills Session Only]	A&B	Learn essential CPR and AED skills to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies at home, school, or in your community. Prerequisites: Complete the required online pre-course module. Additional \$6 course fee
Stop the Bleed	B	Learn to recognize life-threatening bleeding and control it using three lifesaving techniques until emergency responders arrive.

MERIT BADGE OFFERINGS

Below are the merit badges offered at each campus, with the block(s) each is taught, class capacity, and the prerequisites Scouts must bring or complete beforehand. Merit badge completion is never guaranteed — Scouts must participate fully and complete all requirements, including any listed prerequisites.

How to Read the Blocks

- A = Morning block (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM); B = Afternoon block (1:00 – 4:00 PM)
- A & B = offered in both blocks — a Scout takes it once, in the block they registered for
- A–B (Full Day) = a single class that runs across both the morning and afternoon blocks
- Max = seats available per class
- **“Won't finish” column:** the requirement numbers listed will not be completed during the event. The Scout will receive a **partial** and must finish those requirements with a counselor afterward. An asterisk (*) marks a requirement that is only partially addressed at the event.

Track	Merit Badge	Block(s)	Max	Prerequisites	Won't finish*
Safety	Safety	A & B	15	—	—
	Fire Safety	A & B	15	—	—
	First Aid	A–B (Full Day)	15	Req. 2a: bring completed medical form A, B & C. Req. 2b(1): bring an assembled personal first-aid kit.	14
	Emergency Preparedness	A–B (Full Day)	15	Req. 1: must have already EARNED the First Aid merit badge.	2a*, 2b*
	Crime Prevention	A & B	15	—	—
	Traffic Safety	A & B	15	—	—
	Test Lab: Military Service & Veterans	A & B	15	—	—
	Signs, Signals, and Codes	A & B	15	—	7
Health	Public Health	A & B	15	—	—
	Dentistry	A & B	15	—	—
	Health Care Professions	A & B	15	—	—
	Disabilities Awareness	A & B	15	—	—
	Personal Fitness	A	15	—	6* & 7
	Athletics	B	15	—	3, 5* & 6*
Life to Eagle	Communication	A–B (Full Day)	15	—	5, 8*
	Citizenship in the Community	A & B	15	—	5, 7a–c, 8*
	Citizenship in the Nation	A & B	15	—	5, 6*, 7, & 8
	Personal Management	A–B (Full Day)	15	—	8c, 8d
STEM – Tech / Engineering	Automotive Maintenance	A & B	10	Age 15+; closed-toe shoes required.	—
	Engineering	A & B	15	—	—
	Drafting	A	10	—	3, 4, & 5

	Electricity	A & B	15	—	—
	Electronics	A & B	15	Age 13+; closed-toe shoes required.	—
	Energy	A & B	15	—	1b & 4
	Robotics	A & B	15	—	—
	Programming	A–B (Full Day)	15	Age 13+; signed parental permission slip to view the digital-safety video (Programming MB permission slip).	5c*
	Digital Technology	A	15	—	6
	Artificial Intelligence	A & B	15	—	—
	Cybersecurity	A & B	15	—	—
	Animation	A & B	15	—	—
	Radio	A–B (Full Day)	15	—	—
	Composite Materials	A	15	—	—
	Aviation	A–B (Full Day)	15	—	4
STEM – Physical / Earth Science	Weather	A	15	—	—
	Geology	B	15	—	4*
	Nuclear Science	B	15	Age 13+.	4*
	Space Exploration	B	11	Age 13+.	—
	Chemistry	B	15	—	—
STEM – Life / Nature Science	Veterinary Medicine	B	15	—	—
	Environmental Science	A–B (Full Day)	15	—	2, 6, & 7
	Sustainability	A & B	15	—	8*
	Insect Study	B	15	Bring a magnifying glass.	3b
	Reptile and Amphibian Study	A	15	—	8* & 9*

	Forestry	B	15	—	5 & 8
	Soil and Water Conservation	B	15	—	7*
	Plant Science	A	15	—	8*

REGISTRATION & UNIT PREPARATION

Registration is handled online through **scoutingevent.com** (Chickasaw Council). If your unit follows the steps below, preparing everyone for a successful day should go smoothly.

- Inform all Scouts and parents of the event date and the two-campus format.
- Register each Scout and attending adult on scoutingevent.com and select classes during class registration.
- Recruit at least two registered adult leaders to attend with your unit — all units must follow the Guide to Safe Scouting.
- A shuttle carries participants between the UTHSC and University of Memphis campuses at each transition (up to 100 per run). Units with several Scouts traveling at the same transition are appreciated to provide their own transportation as overflow so shuttle seats remain open for those who need them.
- Review each class's prerequisites and complete required work or forms before the event (see the class tables).
- Print each Scout's class schedule and bring it on event day.

Registration closes Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 11:59 PM. We cannot accept late registrations or walk-ins for this event.

COST OF THE EVENT

- \$10.00 per Scout (grades 6–12)
- \$10.00 per adult participant

This event is supported through UT Health Science Center. Fee covers class supplies, lunch, event patch, and unique giveaways specific to this event.

Meals

Meals are included for all registered participants during the event. Please review the meal schedule below.

<i>Meal</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Menu</i>
<i>Friday Dinner</i>	<i>6:00–8:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pizza</i>

Saturday Breakfast	6:30–8:00 a.m.	<i>Buffet-style breakfast featuring pancakes, eggs, bacon, and fresh fruit</i>
Saturday Lunch	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Choose one: <i>Pulled Pork Sandwich or Chicken Tenders with French Fries</i>
Saturday Dinner	4:00–6:30 p.m.	<i>Grab-and-go Subway® sandwich</i>

Meal Information

- **Friday Dinner:** *Pizza will be served from 6:00–8:30 p.m. for participants arriving Friday evening and those staying overnight.*
- **Saturday Breakfast:** *A buffet-style breakfast will be served from 6:30–8:00 a.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to allow plenty of time to eat before morning activities begin.*
- **Saturday Lunch:** *Lunch will be served from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at both the **University of Memphis** and **UT Health Science Center** campuses. Lunch is provided by the event host. Participants may choose either a **Pulled Pork Sandwich** or **Chicken Tenders with French Fries** when they arrive at the dining area, while supplies last.*
- **Saturday Dinner:** *Grab-and-go Subway® sandwiches will be available from 4:00–6:30 p.m. for participants departing after the afternoon session or staying for the evening program and overnight campout.*

Please Note: *Breakfast and lunch service conclude promptly at the scheduled end times. Participants should arrive during the designated meal periods to ensure they have adequate time to eat. Dinner service will remain available throughout the posted serving window.*

LODGING OPPORTUNITIES

To make travel easier for visiting units and provide a unique overnight experience, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) has reserved exclusive access to its **Health Sciences Library** for Merit Badge College participants on both **Friday and Saturday nights**.

This indoor "lock-in" campout is available to **all registered Scouts and adult leaders**, whether your unit is traveling from out of town or you simply want to avoid early morning traffic and parking before classes begin.

Lodging Details

- Capacity is limited to **300 participants** on a first-registered, first-served basis.
- The library is a secure, **five-story facility** reserved exclusively for Merit Badge College participants during the event.
- Each floor is equipped with **separate male and female restroom facilities**.
- **Campus Security will be on-site throughout the night** to help ensure a safe environment for all participants.

- Participants arriving after the scheduled check-in period must **contact Campus Security** to be admitted into the building, as exterior doors will remain secured overnight.
- Participants should bring their own sleeping gear, including a sleeping bag, sleeping pad or cot, pillow, toiletries, and other personal items.

All units must comply with **Scouting America's Youth Protection policies**, including two-deep leadership and appropriate sleeping arrangements.

If your unit would like to take advantage of this lodging opportunity, please indicate your interest during the registration process. Additional information regarding check-in times, building access, quiet hours, and checkout procedures will be distributed to registered participants prior to the event.

WHAT TO BRING

Each Scout MUST have

- Field Uniform, tucked in and worn with a belt
- Printed class schedule for the day
- Any prerequisite materials and completed forms for their classes (see class tables)
- Closed-toe shoes if enrolled in Automotive Maintenance, Electronics, or any lab/shop class
- A filled water bottle and a personal first aid kit
- A bag or day pack, and a phone number for an adult leader on site

What NOT to bring

- Headphones (unless medically required)
- Electronics such as radios or video games
- Cell phones should be silenced or off during classes

Recommended Unit Items

- Roster of attending Scouts with their classes and campuses
- Medical forms (Parts A, B & C) — First Aid MB requires these
- Emergency contact numbers for each Scout
- A plan to self-transport your group between campuses if several Scouts are crossing at a transition, plus awareness of the shuttle pickup points and transition times

EVENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Everyone participating is expected to follow Scouting America national guidelines as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting, and to abide by the Scout Oath and Law.

Uniforms

The Scouts Field Uniform ("Class A") should be properly worn unless a class requires special clothing (for example, closed-toe shoes for lab or shop classes). Order of the Arrow members are encouraged to wear their sash.

Buddy System & Staying on Campus

Scouts use the buddy system for restrooms and when moving around campus. During lunch and transitions, Scouts should check in with their unit leaders and remain in the designated areas unless checked out with their unit.

Tobacco

Use of tobacco products of any kind — including vaping and e-cigarettes — by youth is prohibited and will result in dismissal. Both campuses are tobacco-free.

Vehicles & Parking

Drive cautiously with many youth on foot, and follow all posted signs and staff directing traffic. See section Directions, Parking & Campus Travel for designated locations.

Food & Drinks

- Each Scout should carry a personal water bottle.
- No food, snacks, gum, or drinks are allowed in classrooms or labs.
- Lunch is eaten only in the designated areas.

First Aid

Each Scout should have a personal first aid kit. Report more serious injuries to the nearest adult volunteer, who will direct the Scout to the first aid station.

DIRECTIONS, PARKING & CAMPUS TRAVEL

The day begins at **UT Health Science Center** for check-in and the welcome, with classes at both UTHSC and the **University of Memphis, Herff College of Engineering**. **Plan for about a 20-minute drive between the two campuses**, and follow all posted signs and staff directing traffic on arrival.

UT Health Science Center (UTHSC)

Wassell Randolph Student-Alumni Center (SAC)

Address: 800 Madison Ave, Memphis, TN 38163

in Use on Map:

- Wassell Randolph Student-Alumni Center (SAC)

University of Memphis — Herff College of Engineering

Address: 3817 Central Ave, Memphis, TN 38111

Buildings in Use on Map:

- Engineering Administration - EA
- Engineering Science - ES
- Engineering Technology - ET
- Edwards Research and Innovation Center - ERIC

Participant Parking: Lot 44 located at the corner of Central Ave. and Zach H. Curlin St.

Participant Entrance: Participants should enter through the main entrance of the ERIC Building, located at the corner of Zach H. Curlin St. and Central Ave., directly across the street from the designated parking lot. Follow the event signage to the entrance. A handicap-accessible ramp is available at the main entrance.

Getting Between Campuses

Movement between the UTHSC and University of Memphis campuses happens during the posted transition periods. A shuttle service is provided and runs in both directions at each transition, carrying up to 100 participants per run. Because seating is limited, units with several Scouts traveling at the same transition are appreciated to provide their own transportation for their group as overflow. Riders should be at the designated pickup point as soon as their block ends, since the shuttle keeps to the transition schedule. Pickup and drop-off locations at each campus are marked with signage, and volunteers will be on hand to direct participants.

EMPLOYEE/STUDENT/COMMERCIAL PARKING LOTS AND BUILDINGS

1. 910, 920, 930 Madison Plaza Buildings
2. Pharmacy Building
3. Alexander Building
4. General Education Building (GEB)
5. Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Simulation (CHIPS)
6. Johnson Building
7. Link Building
8. Wittenborg Building
9. Mooney Building
10. Hyman Administration Building
11. Crowe Building
12. Nash Addition
13. Nash Research
14. Dunn Dentistry Building
15. Physical Plant Building
16. Shops Building
17. Docs Field Pavillion
18. Docs Field
19. Molecular Sciences Building
20. Van Vleet Center
21. Student-Alumni Center (SAC)
22. Speech and Hearing Building
23. Variety Building
- 24. Campus Police**
25. Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities
26. Harwood Center
27. Phi Chi
28. Hyde
29. Cancer Research Building (CRB)
30. Translational Science Research Building (TSRB)
31. Coleman Building
32. Pauline Annex
33. Doctor's Office Building
34. Day Care Building
35. Plough Center
36. Regional One Health
37. Adams Pavillion
38. Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center
39. Le Bonheur Children's Hospital
40. VA Hospital

- UTHSC Facility
- Employee Parking
- Student Parking
- Commercial Parking

EMPLOYEE LOT FEE

Includes 9.25% state sales tax

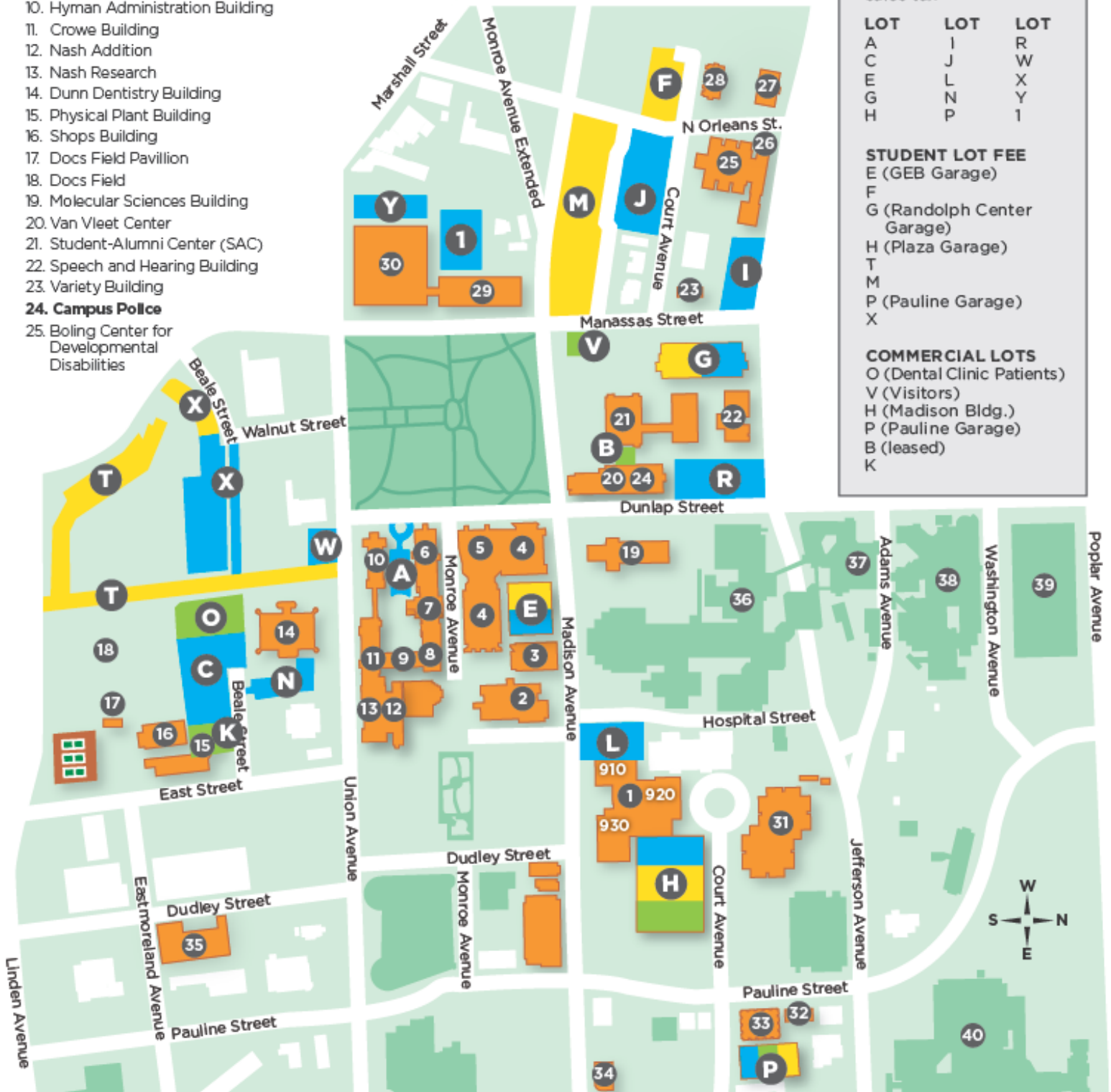
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STUDENT LOT FEE

- E (GEB Garage)
- F
- G (Randolph Center Garage)
- H (Plaza Garage)
- T
- M
- P (Pauline Garage)
- X

COMMERCIAL LOTS

- O (Dental Clinic Patients)
- V (Visitors)
- H (Madison Bldg.)
- P (Pauline Garage)
- B (leased)
- K





MAIN CAMPUS

EXISTING PLAN