

Schurz and Bingham Hall Renovations:

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Residential Life Design Stars

Despite what you see on shows like “Design Star” or “Trading Spaces,” Residential Life designers Kenna Weber and Jessica Brownfield don’t just make things look pretty. In addition to maintaining interior and exterior furniture, signs, flooring, and many other products and finishes throughout the existing residence halls, they also work closely with the contractor and the architects to design plans for new construction and renovation projects. Weber and Brownfield guide the architects in determining floor plan design and interior wall placement and help them shape the overall structure of building interiors based on how the spaces will be used. Once the designers and the architects have determined what the initial drawings will look like, the designers review the drawings to make sure there are no inconsistencies in layout, material usage, etc.

Researching new products and finishes for optimal usability by both the students and the hall maintenance and custodial staff is also a large part of the designer’s job. For instance, the wood-like flooring that gives Hatch and McDavid Halls their homey feel was sought out, researched, and ultimately selected for use by Brownfield. The flooring received such glowing approval by students and staff that the product will also be used in both Schurz Hall and the Mid Campus projects.

Throughout all these processes, the designers seek the constant input and direction from Residential Life staff and also from students. After all, part of the job is designing spaces that make staff proud to work there and Mizzou students proud to call our residence halls “home.”

Only after all this does the designer actually start the process of selecting the final finishes. However, Brownfield and Weber don’t make selections of paint color, fabrics, and other finishes simply for a room or a floor—they do it for an entire building! They must ensure that the hundreds of different materials and products chosen come together to form a cohesive and visually pleasing whole. In reality, though, it’s just one facet of the big job that is being a Residential Life designer.

And the designers are:

<p>New Halls designed by Weber:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Avenue Halls • North Hall • Center Hall • South Hall • Mid Campus Housing 		<p>Existing Hall Responsibilities:</p> <p>In addition to the new halls, Weber is also responsible for Johnson, Wolpers, and Pershing areas halls and the University owned apartments, Heights, Village, Manor House, and Tara.</p>
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<p>New/Renovated Halls designed by Brownfield:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Avenue Hall • Hatch Hall • McDavid Hall • Schurz and Bingham Halls 		<p>Existing Hall Responsibilities:</p> <p>Brownfield works with Mark Twain, Dobbs area halls, Virginia Avenue and Rollins area halls. In addition, Brownfield accommodates special needs students and takes care of all hall signage.</p>
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What’s going on out there??

Here’s the latest on what’s happening on the SZ/BM site:

RIGHT NOW?

- Currently, 61% of the project has been completed.
- Electricians are working on exterior lighting for Bingham as well as lounge and bathroom lighting in Schurz.
- Plumbers are setting bathroom fixtures and repairing exterior storm drains.
- Crews are taping drywall on 5th and 6th floor student rooms and framing soffits on 7th and 8th floors.

- Crews are installing sprinkler pipes in the SZ basement and installing and testing sprinkler heads in 7th and 8th floor student rooms.
- Roofers are working on both BM and SZ halls.
- Preparations are being made to install vanity tops and shower partitions.
- Ceramic tile is being installed on shower walls on the 5th and 6th floors.

IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS?

- All fan coil units (FCUs) for the project will be delivered

- by the end of November.
- Crews will lay out new walls in lower level Bingham Hall this month.
- BM courtyard sidewalks will be poured.
- Student room sheet vinyl flooring is being installed on the 1st floor and should be complete by mid November.
- Shower floors will be completely poured by the end of November.
- A crane will be on site this month to hoist equipment into the elevator room in SZ.

Look for the next installment of the Schurz and Bingham Hall Construction Updates, **Issue 4**, at the end of the month! To let us know what you think, ask a question, or voice a concern about any of the RLMP projects, please send us an email at rlmp@missouri.edu.

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http://reslife.missouri.edu/RLMPnew/sch_bing.php