“I owe much to the education I received at SMUS. I learned how to deal with people from different races, the importance of team work, the ability to respond to changes, as well as caring for others. These things were often learned through opportunities for social interactions outside the classroom and academic study. This is why I wanted to support the new Student Centre and Dining Hall.”

– Cliff Sun ’72
The SMUS student experience has long been characterized by a strong culture of community and connection; it is the foundation upon which our students grow, learn and thrive. The Sun Centre will add not only much-needed student gathering spaces, but will be at the heart of our school community.

Through the generous support of a number of key donors to date, we have already begun work on this transformational project to create an elegant new Dining Hall, a Student Centre and Wellness Centre. These new facilities will add more than 26,000 sq. ft. of space in constant use and which will impact the lives of all students, staff, faculty and visitors at the Richmond campus.

During special events, the Sun Centre – with its lofty cathedral ceilings, natural light and views of the fields and quadrangle – will play host to visitors, parents, students, alumni and friends. It will be a truly spectacular setting in which to celebrate the milestones of SMUS community life.

The new Sun Centre is named for Cliff Sun ’72, whose generous philanthropic support and vision was the genesis of these new facilities. Designed by award-winning Canadian architect, Paul Merrick, the building will be located in the heart of the campus, giving students a safe place to socialize and learn, and a much-needed, expanded dining hall for all students and staff.

A Culture of Connection
The Student Commons

The ground level of the Sun Centre will feature the new Student Commons. With comfortable, flexible seating and study areas for 100 students, this vibrant, accessible space will change the way students, teachers and staff interact and connect on campus.

We envision this space as a catalyst to build community: casual conversations will lead to friendships, which in turn will spark ideas and dialogues – the meaningful moments we all cherish.

Connected to the Student Commons will be a Wellness Centre, housing University and Personal Counselling services, as well as meeting rooms and study spaces. These services are intentionally positioned to emphasize the importance of each individual’s personal journey. Our dedicated team of counsellors and advisors facilitate conversations with all students, helping them set goals and overcome barriers, championing their efforts to discover the promise in themselves and in the world.

The Dining Hall

The Sun Centre will be home to a beautiful, spacious and airy new Dining Hall, almost tripling our seating capacity. The lofty cathedral ceilings, solid wood beams and welcoming fireplace will host large group gatherings of students, alumni, parents and guests. New kitchen and servery will allow for delivery of healthy menu options for our students and staff.

The inspiring space will provide a strong connection to the outdoors while celebrating the life and history of the School inside.
“I think it really will be a place of connection. With a designated Student Commons, it allows students who socialize in different spots around the school to all be together under one roof. As a boarder, I currently spend quite a bit of time in Brown Hall, and am very excited for the increase in size. Our current dining space is a place where we can sit down and really feel like a family, and being able to bring more people together at once is truly going to add to that. SMUS is focused on being a community and adding a place that allows for the development of mental and physical connections really just shows how committed we are to that.”

- Morgan Warner  Student, Class of 2019
Through the extraordinary support of a number of key donors, we are pleased to have been able to begin construction on the new Centre. **But we still need your help** to complete the funding to allow us to open a fully equipped building in 2018. These facilities are much-needed to continue our delivery of a student-centered educational vision.

As a non-profit independent school we rely on the support of our families and alumni to help renew our facilities for the generations to come, just as the facilities we enjoy today were made possible by other generous donors in the past.

**Please help us complete the Sun Centre by 2018! Your gift now will allow us to finish the building to the highest standard and equip it with technology, finishings and furniture for student occupancy as early as Spring 2018.**

Please also review the list of naming spaces that could celebrate your family name as our thanks for your support. Donations to this capital project can be pledged over 1-3 years, and tax receipts will be provided for all eligible donations.

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Our Vision
To learn, to lead, to serve; discovering the promise in our selves and the world.

Our Mission
Our school seeks the excellence in all of us, with passion and compassion. We are a community shaped by the pursuit of truth and goodness, providing outstanding preparation for higher learning and for life.

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