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UCF is a fast growing metropolitan university with 43,000 students. To meet the growth and provide student transition, support through services and personal development, Student Development and Enrollment Services (SDES) is currently expanding its facilities and planning for more in the future. The Registrar’s Office has completed their 12-foot long four month phase one project. Nearly all the spaces have been refurbished in the Millcan Hall (MH) 161 suite and MH 149 Scheduling and Resource 25 area. MJC’s new location will offer students a better location with more space, including offices for professional staff. The current MJC, located on the second floor, will be used as a student activity lounge. The LEAD Scholars Program will occupy the second floor addition.

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