This spring saw the completion of the new Heritage Halls Central Building, built on the site of the last remaining buildings from the old Heritage Halls. Located at the southwest edge of the Heritage complex, this facility was designed to serve as the front door to the reconstructed Heritage Halls complex. In fact, the completed building looks out over the heart of campus. The Central Building includes new permanent offices for the Heritage Halls management, a new mailroom to receive packages and mail for Heritage residents and space for maintenance, storage and custodial teams. Visitors are welcomed to Heritage Halls through an open lobby space and reception desk. The main floor has several group study rooms and a large classroom. A large industrial kitchen and dishwashing area was constructed for BYU Dining Services to prepare and distribute food to other areas of campus, and to provide meals for BYU camp attendees. The second floor is primarily one large multipurpose room, which will be used for a variety of activities, including socials, dances, church gatherings, and as a dining space. A large servery area, separated from the multipurpose room by operable partitions, includes a new pizza oven, buffet lines, and the necessary equipment for serving meals on a large scale. BYU summer camp attendees can receive all of their meals at the Central Building.

The exterior is designed to blend in with the existing Heritage Housing units, and the site includes space for outside gatherings and socials. The restored landscaping and sidewalks now seamlessly tie the whole of the Heritage Housing complex to the main campus. The pleasing result serves not only as a vital facility of the Heritage complex, but also as a welcome addition to the overall campus community.
Making Campus Better
Leadership Message

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Access Services

Access Services is continually striving to keep current with the security needs of the campus community. Since 1998, electronic access at BYU has been based in magnetic swipe technology. At the time, it was the standard for card access and was an inexpensive option for everyone that needed after-hours access into the buildings. As time moved on, that method has become too secure and the access control industry has moved away from magnetic swipe. Companies have also been phasing out the production of readers that would accept magnetic swipe thus making them hard to get and expensive to buy.

It became clear that our approach needed to evolve. We discovered that if we were to change to a more secure, contactless card, the readers would be only one-third the cost of the magnetic readers while gaining more reliability and availability. The real question was how to implement the change on a university-wide scale.

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All of us have experienced the light, fluffy nature of snow and felt the cool summer breeze blow on a hot afternoon. They are simple, everyday things that we don’t pay much attention to because they are so normal, so commonplace. And yet, these two simple acts of nature can also combine forces to become an incredibly powerful dynamic. As the snow was melting this spring, I took a walk down to the creek that runs through part of our cabin property and was astonished to find four evergreen trees completely snapped off and yet I couldn’t find the tree roots. After some searching I finally discovered something amazing. They weren’t snapped at the roots at all…. these were actually the tops of some of our huge 80-120 foot spruce trees. The extraordinary snowfall of this winter had combined with high winds and working together they had literally snapped off the treetops…. some of them as much as 6” in diameter and 35 feet long. I asked myself “Can snow and wind really snap a 6” tree trunk?” Obviously they could. It is much the same with our efforts at home, at work and at church. When we work together and combine our efforts, even in the most simple of things, our strength increases, our energies multiply, and our combined power can do amazing things. See what surprising things you can do by teaming up with others.