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With strong student demand for University-owned and maintained housing, construction of an $11.2 million four-story apartment building in the heart of the University of Dayton's south student neighborhood is slated to start in May.

"Student demand for University-owned housing continues to increase due to the high-quality amenities, safety features and service responsiveness we provide," said Beth Keyes, vice president for facilities and campus operations. "Our goal is
Designed to complement the surrounding neighborhood, the townhouse-style building will add 96 living spaces equipped with the amenities today's students expect. Each of the two-bedroom, four-person apartments will feature brand-new appliances, including washers and dryers, solid surface countertops and wood-look ceramic tile.

The structure will be similar in design to the Caldwell Street apartments, with apartments for students on three floors. But 301 Lowes Street will feature ground-floor areas for the student services, meetings and worship space currently offered on the current site of the McGinnis Center. The project was approved last year but construction was deferred as a fiscal control measure.

Ferguson Construction has been awarded the project contract.

The new building will be LEED certified and be ready in August 2018 for students for the fall semester, Keyes said. Construction will start in May when the center, a former Dayton public school purchased in 1984, is torn down.

The school was transformed into a multi-purpose center in the heart of the growing student neighborhood through a gift from Marie-Louise McGinnis, an honorary trustee of the University, in memory of her husband Edward.

While construction is underway, offices will be temporarily housed at Lawnview Apartments. Sunday night Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception until the new building is ready.

The Lowes project is just the latest example of the University's continuous investments in student living. During the last decade, more than $150 million has been invested in new construction and renovations for more than 439 residential houses, duplexes, apartment buildings and residence halls.

Three new five-person houses are currently under construction, with three more set to be constructed this summer.

First- and second-year students are required to live in University housing and demand from upperclassmen is high for housing in the University's distinctive student neighborhoods. Roughly 90 percent of undergraduates live on campus in housing ranging from traditional residence halls and apartments to lofts and single-family homes with porches.

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