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Shop Talk: New Campuses -- 2 Up, 1 Down

In Virginia, the tide comes in: Construction is under way on a new 35-acre **Tidewater Community College** campus in Portsmouth, Va., according to *The Virginian-Pilot*. The new campus's brick buildings and quadrangle are designed to give it the look of a traditional campus because the two-year institution's students "want all the bells and whistles of the full collegiate experience," says Tidewater's president, Deborah DiCroce. Facilities will include 25 classrooms, 20 teaching labs, 11 computer labs, and a public library, according to a Tidewater news release. Among the offerings will be a new nursing program, expanded instruction in air-conditioning and welding, and new joint programs with local public schools.



(Tidewater Community College image)

But the tide runs out on "CUNY by the sea": Budget problems have prompted the **City University of New York** to drop plans to build a new "minicampus" in the Rockaways neighborhood of Queens, according to the *Daily News*. The campus, promoted as CUNY by the sea by the Queens Borough president, Helen Marshall, would have occupied an abandoned 1932 courthouse.



Horizon Center 1 is expected to open next year. (U. of South Carolina image)

Back-up plan in Columbia: Two more developers are joining a research-campus project that the **University of South Carolina** says is the key to the economic future of downtown Columbia, according to *The State*. Two state-financed buildings are already under construction on the new Innovista campus, including Horizon Center 1, but the

original private partner on the project has not yet started the first of two buildings that are to be built with private money. The university says the new campus has “reinvented the notion of how and where researchers will live and work,” by mixing high-tech facilities with “a mix of new restaurants, residences, retail, and green spaces for recreation,” as well as a baseball stadium.

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