“The Mac Lab” Undergoes Renovations

Room 108 in Leo Hall, otherwise known as “The Mac Lab” is getting some major renovations in the upcoming months. This summer, sixteen new iMacs will be installed, each with a 27 inch retina display, 8 gigabytes of RAM, and 1 terabyte of solid state hard drive.

The lab is typically used for digital design classes like Digital Storytelling, Digital Print Design, and Web Design. This summer, it will also be used for special topics classes like Game Design and Development, 3D Modeling for Gaming and VR, and Motion Graphics for Film and TV. In fall, it is scheduled to be used for a brand new addition to the Communication class offerings, Special Effects for Film and TV.

The renovation of the Mac Lab was originally set to take place during spring break from March 16 through March 20, but had to be postponed. Manhattan College Facilities Department will also be redoing the carpeting in the room and putting down new flooring.

Bob Coleman, Coordinator of Media Technology, will be installing all of the software updates in the lab. He is happy about all the renovations, as he also teaches Digital Print Design in the lab. “I look forward to seeing the fresh new flooring and installing state of the art iMacs this summer,” he said. “The old carpeting is nearly twelve years old and really needs flooring that can easily be cleaned. It will really be an improvement with a more modern, hi-tech feel. I am excited about the work!”

Other changes to look forward to in the coming years are an updated projector and other advanced hardware, dependent on budget approval.