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SPECIAL SECTION: Construction Guide

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA,
JAGUAR SUITES • VICTORIA, TEXAS****Smith & Company
Architects, Inc.****Design team**

Smith & Company Architects, Inc.
(Architectural); Roger Moore Engineers
(Structural); Walter P. Moore (Civil);
Vaughn Construction (Contractor)

Client

University of Houston-Victoria

Area

82,000 sq. ft.

Total cost

\$9,682,247

Capacity

216 (54 suites housing four students
each)

Cost/square foot

\$118

Completion

September 2013

Photographer

Zvonkovic Photography

Smith & Company Architects was the design architect for the new Jaguar Suites Students Housing & Community Learning Support Facility at the University of Houston's Victoria campus. This is the first ground-up student housing development on site. The \$9.7 million, 82,000-square-foot, three-level residence hall includes 54 suite-style units. The suites have four private nine-foot by 12-foot bedrooms, shared living space and kitchenette, and two baths.

The carefully designed structure was created to blend into the small town of Victoria while offering housing to sophomores or upperclassmen and secure surface parking.

In addition, a 5,000-square-foot community learning and support facility is located along the main north entry and includes a fitness room, a multipurpose room, two large classrooms, and student lounge areas for study and computer lab work. Other amenities include Wi-Fi, wired Internet, cable TV, laundry facilities, pool, paid utilities and trash collection. 

