The California State Normal School Bell: Currently located in the Spartan Rose Garden, the bell was commissioned for the California State Normal School in 1862. Weighing in at 3,000 pounds, the bell rang every morning at 8 am until the 1906 earthquake. In 1910 the bell was reinstalled in the main building of the newly constructed Tower Hall where it was rung on special occasions. In the early 1960's, seismic concerns led to its retirement and relocation to ground level.

Spartan Rose Garden: The Spartan Rose Garden was reestablished on the campus of San Jose State University in 2007 to mark the school's 150th birthday. Prior to this, the Spartan Rose had been chosen as the official flower in 1957, and grown in beds along the Central Classroom Building.

Olympic Statues: During the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, United States track athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos were awarded medals for their athletic efforts. However, the great athletic feat would soon be shadowed by one of the most memorable moments in the American Civil Rights Movement. Tommie Smith and John Carlos would protest the poor treatment of African-American people in the United States and stood to empower the African American community. This is a great symbol for the community of San José State University. Tommie Smith and John Carlos were both students at this prestigious university and showed San José State University students of the present and the future that students can make a difference on the global stage. Carlos described why he did it: “…for those individuals that were lynched, or killed and that no-one said a prayer for, that were hung and tarred. It was for those thrown off the side of the boats in the middle passage.”

César E. Chávez Arch: The César E. Chávez Monument: Arch of Dignity, Equality and Justice was designed by Judith F. Baca in 2008. The monument is a 22-foot tall arch topped with a glass eagle, the U.F.W.’s emblem. Decorative tile murals depict people, concepts, symbols and historical events central to Chávez’s life and the movement he led. A circular mosaic path surrounding the arch represents the many pilgrimages taken by thousands of people during U.F.W. marches. In the evening, lights illuminate the arch.

Yoshihiro Uchida Hall: In 1942, the old gym (now named Yoshihiro Uchida Hall, after SJSU judo coach Yosh Uchida) was used to register and collect Japanese Americans before sending them to internment camps. Coincidentally, Uchida’s parents and siblings were among those processed in the building. Yoshihiro “Yosh” Uchida is a local businessman, entrepreneur, and educator and best known for his contributions to judo. Uchida has been the head judo coach at San Jose State University for over 60 years, and has played a leading part in the development of the university’s judo program. Uchida represented the United States as the team coach of the first Olympic Judo Tournament at the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Tower Hall: At 105 years old, Tower Hall is the centerpiece of San Jose State University. Built in 1910 to replace a previous building damaged in the earthquake of 1906, Tower Hall is the oldest structure on the SJSU campus. State architects Sellon & Hemmings designed the building in the Spanish Revival style with influences from Gothic, Renaissance Revival, and Modern, reflecting the rich diversity found in San Jose. The building is still used as a lecture hall and serves as the office of the presidential administration.

King Library: Opening on August 15, 2003, the King Library is the first joint use library in the United States shared by a major university as its only library and a large city as its main library. It houses over 1.5 million volumes, seats more than 3500 people and receives over 2 million visitors each year. It is the largest library building in the western United States built in a single construction project. The Sourisseau Academy has an extensive collection of photography on the history of the Santa Clara Valley and County, located in the Special Collections Reading Room on the 5th floor. The library also rotates collections of art for public viewings. For information on what is currently being displayed, visit this link: https://www.sjlibrary.org/recolecciones-king-library-public-art-collections

Botanical Garden: The SJSU Botany Garden is one of a handful of green spaces in the city of San José dedicated to California’s native plants. The Garden had its origins in the mid-1980s when a 4000-square-foot lawn outside Duncan Hall was cleared and converted to a home for native plants and a habitat for wildlife. A recent grant from the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust has funded the creation of an internship program in which students learn about the propagation and cultivation of California native plants. Additionally, the Botany Garden is now a registered site with the National Phenology Network (NPN), in which long term patterns of phenological shifts associated with climate change are being observed and recorded in the NPN database.

Associated Students House: In 1897, Associated Students was founded to provide representation and services to students at San José Teachers College. Since then, the organization has evolved from a student club to a fully operational student government entity. This Victorian-style house once known as the Scheller House, was renovated starting in the Fall of 1999. In 2001 it was reopened and Associated Students, SJSU moved in. The large front door of the downtown San Jose bar, the Continental, is the front door of the original Scheller house. (The bar is located at 349 S 1st Street.)

Associated Students Community Garden: Located near the intersection of 8th and East San Salvador, the quarter acre organic garden was created to provide students with access to healthy food, and a space for service learning. The garden was established in 2014 as a result of student led initiative. The garden is an extension of the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center whose mission is to represent the students of San Jose State University and continually improve the quality of their educational opportunities and experiences.

Event Center: The Event Center at San Jose State University is a multi-million dollar complex comprising a multi-functional arena and Sport Club fitness center. The center was constructed in 1989 for the purpose of supporting and providing entertainment as well recreational opportunities for the student body and university community. The center has played host to national entertainment acts such as Eric Clapton, George Lopez, Conan O’Brien and Pearl Jam and to global leaders such as the 14th Dalai Lama. The Event Center is also proud to be the home of Spartan Men’s and Women’s basketball.