

Abstract

Over many years, professors in the Department of Earth Sciences and Geologic Resources have been collecting large rock specimens from places of geologic interest associated with field trips and field camps. These rocks have been deposited at the west entrance of the Miller Science Building on the SFA Campus to create a Rock Garden. These rocks serve as teaching tools for our students, but also an archival record of the places we have traveled and the interesting geologic phenomena we have experienced. Up until this point, no signage has been put in place to identify any of these rocks to SFA students or the general public.

Creating small plaques with QR codes leading to a webpage would allow students, faculty, parents and visitors to quickly and easily access facts about individual rocks and key geological concepts. The Rock Garden could be used to inspire future SFA students to learn more about geologic materials and the Department of Earth Sciences and Geologic Resources.