WHAT ARE CONTENT CLASSES? WHY DO YOU NEED THEM?

To fully understand how to use RedDot CMS, you need to have a general understanding of content classes. Unlike a regular HTML page, every RedDot CMS is based on content classes. Content classes contain templates and placeholders, which are used to produce completed CMS pages. Templates provide all of the code for the Page, and Placeholders contain the content. Templates are like blueprints and CMS pages are like houses. A blueprint describes the structure of the house, and the house is built according to the structure defined in the blueprint. Similarly, a content class describes the structure of the page, and the page is built according to the structure defined in the content class. RedDot System Administrators create content classes for you. For example, the College of Arts and Sciences Home Page in Figure 3 and Figure 4 illustrates the relationship between content class and the CMS page. Each page uses a content class to describe what types of content can be entered and where the content should go.

Figure 3: A CMS page
Figure 4: Page Structure defined in Content Classes