

## Academic and Research Center fact sheet

### *Timeline of the development of the Academic and Research Center (ARC)*

- Capping off Ohio University's successful 2004 Bicentennial Campaign, Charles R. Stuckey Jr., BSME '66, and his wife, Marilyn, committed \$5 million to support the building of the new education facility. The Stuckeys' gift brought the campaign total to \$216 million, surpassing the university's \$200 million goal.
- Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine advisory board discusses plans for a new research facility in 2005.
- Ohio University President Roderick J. McDavis, OU-COM Dean Jack Brose, and Russ College of Engineering and Technology Dean Dennis Irwin developed the idea for a new, joint facility that would meet the needs of both colleges for modern, expanded learning and research spaces.
- The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation pledges \$10 million toward the integrated facility in August 2005. The foundation has awarded more than \$15 million to the university since 1999.
- In late December 2006, former Gov. Bob Taft signed H.B. 699, which earmarked \$1.4 million for the integrated learning and research facility. An additional \$1 million for the project was added with the support of state Sen. John Carey (R-Wellston), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, state Sen. Joy Padgett (R-Coshocton) and state Rep. Jimmy Stewart (R-Albany).
- On Sept. 29, 2007, Ohio University broke ground for the new facility on Oxbow Trail the campus' West Green. Construction is slated to start Jan. 2, 2008; the target opening is fall quarter 2009.

### *The facility*

- Located on Oxbow Trail on the West Green, the \$30 million, approximately 100,000-square-foot facility was designed by Columbus-based engineering and architectural firm Burgess & Niple.
- Construction began in January 2008. The building is expected to be completed fall quarter 2009 for occupancy winter quarter 2010.
- The ARC will welcome students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors to learning and discovery in the 21st century.
- A variety of disciplines, which will allow for the exploration and advancement of medicine and clinical treatments, science, engineering and technology, will come together under one roof.
- Partnerships between engineering and medicine will allow researchers to meet and talk about their individual projects, which, in turn, may inspire new projects. This partnership also helps advance the field of bioengineering, a growing area of research that has advanced rapidly in the past few years.

- As the professional world requires independent, creative thinkers who can also work in teams and display competence in a variety of disciplines, the ARC will encourage medical and engineering students to work in more collaborative, social settings.
- The ARC will have studio-style classrooms, hangars for everything from building prototypes to robot competitions and pathways with breakout nooks along the way.
- The new facility will combine research and learning through its 12 medical and six integrated research labs.
- The research labs' large windows will allow students, or anyone who walks by, to see what researches are working on, allowing for the possibility of additional collaborations. The same windows can also be controlled to be opaque when necessary.
- The ARC helps meet Ohio University's Vision Ohio goals. It directly addresses and facilitates the current and future goals of academic excellence and expanded research, while advancing the goals of national prominence for the university.

### ***Benefactors***

- Richard A. Vincent, Osteopathic Heritage Foundation president and CEO, oversaw the organization's \$10 million pledge.
- Charles R. Stuckey, BSME '66, discussed contributing toward the collaborative education of engineering and medical researchers with Dennis Irwin, the Dean of the Russ College of Engineering and Technology. Stuckey and his wife, Marilyn, committed \$5 million to the project.
- Additional donors are listed at <http://www.ohio.edu/development/ilrf/groundbreaking.cfm>
- Naming opportunities exist for individuals making gifts ranging from \$25,000 to \$2.5 million.

### ***Groundbreaking ceremony moments***

- Ohio University Board of Trustees Chair C. Daniel DeLawder announced the official name.
- An outlined footprint of the building allowed visitors to "step inside" the facility.
- Approximately 75 concrete foundation blocks were on site with permanent markers so that guests could "sign" a part of the building's foundation.
- Guests were presented with a commemorative handmade "brick." The 400 bricks given at the ceremony have "Academic & Research Center," engraved

on them and are the work of Ann Judy of Starbrick Clay in Nelsonville, and an OHIO alumna.

- Russ College Student Ambassadors prepared 40 commemorative shovels that were spray-painted gold and stenciled OHIO, and were used at the ceremony.
- Student ambassadors from both colleges served as attendants and ushers for the groundbreaking ceremony.
- Section 8 of the Singing Men of Ohio performed a song set during the program.

[Visit the project Web site](#) for more on the facility, including a virtual tour, floor plans and information on how you can help.