Russ College Celebrates Grand Opening of the Academic & Research Center

In May, more than 300 donors and Ohio University community members celebrated the grand opening of the $34 million Academic & Research Center. The building was made possible by private donations, including $5 million from Russ College alumnus Charles Stuckey, HON ’05, and his wife, Marilyn, and $10 million from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations. The Russ College Board of Visitors also contributed $50,000 to name a project team room in the state-of-the-art facility that features open, flexible learning spaces and cutting-edge research labs.

“It’s so much more than just bricks and mortar. It was designed from the beginning to be a catalyst for advanced learning techniques and collaboration in research—to create an environment for faculty-to-faculty, student-to-student, and most importantly, faculty-student interaction.”

“Ohio University has a more-than 200-year history of delivering excellence in education, affordability, and availability. We all need to help ensure that history continues for years to come. Our children and future generations deserve no less.”

—Charles Stuckey, B.S.M.E. ’66

Left: As part of his senior design course demonstration, Team Bio Filtration Technology member Seth Beachy, B.S.M.E. ’10, shows Mechanical Engineering advisory board member Tom Moehring, B.S.M.E. ’06, the pre-filters in his team’s water purification system—built for and shipped to the village of Konalai in Southern India, where there is a contaminated water supply.

Top: Donors of a gift totaling $50,000, Russ College Board of Visitors members gather with Dean Dennis Irwin outside of the project team room they named.

Above: Assistant Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular engineering Monica Burdick works in her new, state-of-the-art lab, where she will pursue breast cancer research.