COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND FOR
THE CENTER FOR THE
SCIENCES AND AGRICULTURE

KETTLEING HALL

Wilmington College
Dear Alumni and Friends of Wilmington College:

On a blustery day in January, the College made a significant step forward in the construction of the new Center for the Sciences and Agriculture. On that day, several hundred of hearty souls gathered outside of the current Kettering facility and participated in a groundbreaking ceremony marking the beginning of the project that will have a lasting impact on the College for many years to come.

It was an exciting day for all of us. Many members of the faculty and staff were there to honor their commitment to the students and provide the very best educational experience that we can offer to them. Several students took turns breaking ground, showing their desire to be partners in bringing the new Center for the Sciences and Agriculture to fruition. Members of our board of trustees and local community members were present as well, showing their belief in our recent progress as an institution.

For me, it was also an inspiring and humbling day. It marked a time in our recent history where we came together as a campus, solving a problem that was made several years ago. And I was moved by the number of people who were willing to stand in the cold to witness it.

What we do here as a College isn’t just about bricks and mortar. But there are pivotal moments in our institution’s history where improvements are needed that will springboard us into a brighter future. Already, there is excitement among prospective students and their parents/guardians for the new facilities that will house our science departments as well as our agriculture program. Our admissions counselors are using the schematic diagrams of the new Center as one additional way to recruit new students into agriculture and the other sciences. Having updated and upgraded facilities for these programs will make a significant difference in their delivery and in the overall experience for all students on campus. I can envision growth in all of the programs housed in the new Center and believe these new facilities will help to spawn new programs that we have only dreamed of before.

For those of you who have already made a commitment to partner with us in this project, I offer my sincere thanks and hope that the progress you see over the next 18 months is both satisfying and inspiring. For those of you who have wondered how you might make a difference in the life of the College, I would gently urge you to consider a gift to help us with the cost of construction of this new facility. A gift to the Center for the Sciences and Agriculture is a way to leave your mark on our campus and to provide for a bright future for our current and prospective students. I hope that you will seriously consider becoming a donor to this project.

As always, I encourage each of you to come back to campus to see the good things that are here because of your generosity and fondness for your alma mater. This place is special to all of us who are a part of it and we love to have you come back to your home to visit. I also hope that you will save a date in August/September 2015 for what promises to be the beginning of something incredibly special as we cut the ribbon and begin to teach in our new Center for the Sciences and Agriculture.

With great respect for you all,

Jim Reynolds,
Wilmington College President

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Breaking new ground
Although the wind chill was minus digits, hearts were warm and spirits high on that milestone day in the life of Wilmington College when ground was broken for The Center for the Sciences and Agriculture. After the formal groundbreaking photo op, the president invited students, faculty, staff, trustees and other guests to grab shovels and throw some dirt. Pictured, freshman biology/health sciences major Erik Spraul raises his shovel triumphantly.

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WC’s newest jewel in the crown
The expanded and renovated structure will house 10 laboratories, three research labs, 10 classrooms, two conference rooms and 30 offices. It has been designed to achieve a silver or gold LEED certification as an environmentally friendly “green” building in its design, construction, operation and maintenance.

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‘Leave Your Mark’
Gifts toward The Center for the Sciences and Agriculture have ranged from $1 million to a $20 spot — to loads of corn. Each one counts and is important in making this project a reality. We invite you to “Leave Your Mark” during this dynamic time at Wilmington College.

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Bailey and Kettering own secure places in WC history
With the new facility on the horizon, the venerable Bailey and Kettering halls no doubt occupy a spot in the hearts of numerous alumni through the ages. This photo from 1912 features a freshman chemistry class in what then was the new Bailey Hall of Sciences. The College moved the sciences into Kettering Science Hall in 1960, with the agriculture department also becoming an integral part of the now half-century-old building.

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List of Donors
More than 260 alumni and friends already have given to The Center for the Sciences and Agriculture. Please consider having your name among these generous contributors and partners in this transformative endeavor.

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Students, faculty eagerly await new facility
The professor demonstrates the College’s new ultraviolet visible spectrophotometer for freshman Arizona Craycraft and Alex Saunders. They will be among the first inhabitants of The Center for the Sciences and Agriculture in their junior year.
Theatre culminated with Reynolds part of it.”

asking you to believe. This place is doing remarkable things. Today, I am coming,” he said about the building.

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College.

144-year history of Wilmington represents a milestone in the nearly.

for the Sciences and Agriculture.

ceremony Jan. 24 for the Center.

of Wilmington College.

A 40-minute program in Heiland.

“We’re going forward as an institution and I want you all to be part of it.”

A 40-minute program in Heiland Theatre culminated with Reynolds offering the 300-plus members of the audience a choice: join him in traversing the campus through a sub-zero wind chill to watch the actual shoveling of dirt at the soon-to-be building site or view a live video feed of the proceedings in the comfort and warmth of the auditorium.

Surprisingly (or not) 90 percent of the crowd lined the sidewalks and stood in the snow to watch 11 selected stakeholders throw dirt. Then, scores of the crowd grabbed the shovels and hard hats for their own photo op and piece of this historic day.

With the day’s harsh weather forecast in mind, the dirt used in the ceremony was stored indoors all week.

Robert Touchton, a 1965 alumnus, adjunct faculty member and chair of the Board of Trustees, said, “We’re ready to write a new chapter” in the history of Wilmington College.

“My own life was transformed by my experience here. We want to make sure the Wilmington experience will be available for generations into the future.”

The new facility is designed to transform the teaching of math, science and agriculture at Wilmington College.

Fellow trustee Robert Chason, Class of ’65, has co-chaired the Center’s fundraising steering committee that helped secure some $16 million raised from 260 donors toward the project in the past several years.

“This is an opportunity for me to give something back to the College that has done so much for me,” he said, noting that trustees have contributed $1.5 million. “Because of the generosity of so many through the years, Wilmington College is a wonderful place and will continue to be.”

The new addition and renovated structure will house 10 laboratories, three research labs, 10 classrooms, two conference rooms and 30 offices. It has been designed to achieve a silver or gold LEED certification as an environmentally friendly “green” building in its design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The existing part of the facility will be reconfigured and upgraded for optimal use of space with a special consideration placed upon the building infrastructure.

Bill Kincaid, professor of mathematics, has been teaching at WC since 1969, "when Kettering was practically new,” he recalled. Kincaid mentioned some of the amenities it offered then, such as private offices for faculty, a telephone shared by the math department and state-of-the-art science labs.

However, time has taken its toll and the old building is in need of an upgrade, expansion and modernization. “There’s only one women’s restroom in Kettering and it’s on the third floor,” he lamented. “In 1969, women didn’t go into science and math (and agriculture).”

While that fact has certainly changed, one thing hasn’t in his 45 years at WC — and that’s how each year starts with the promise of a transforming experience for students.

“Every fall, you don’t know what’s coming — you don’t know who’s going to shine in your classroom,” he said about one of the great joys of teaching.

One of those students that has shone like a diamond is senior biology major Sarah Sinclair, who praised the mentoring and opportunities for student/faculty research she has received during the past four years.

While she will graduate this spring and no longer be a student when the new building opens, Sinclair expressed her excitement for her College and its future students.

“Wilmington is a place for find yourself as a student, a person and a professional.”

The College will proceed immediately with the building project as a result of a $20 million, low interest loan awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which was represented by Tony Logan, the USDA’s Ohio state director of Rural Development.

“A vibrant agriculture sector is a stimulant to the economy,” Logan said, noting there’s “never been a more exciting time” in which to be involved in agriculture. “This new agriculture (facility) is the consummate rural development project.”

Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony are, from the left, Robert Touchton, chair of the Board of Trustees; Robert Chason, campaign co-chair; Bill Kincaid, professor of mathematics; Sarah Sinclair, senior biology major; Tony Logan, USDA; President Jim Reynolds; Sandy Neville, Board vice chair; Mike DiNardo, architect/principal with The Collaborative; Erika Goodwin, vice president for academic affairs; Ashley Kelly, USDA; and Wilmington Mayor Randy Riley.
The project for the new science and agriculture facility will transform the teaching of math, science and agriculture at Wilmington College. WC broke ground January 24, 2014, for a 13,500-square foot addition to its 34,000 square-foot present facility, which will undergo a complete renovation. Expected completion is Summer 2015.

Combined, these will become the new Center for the Sciences and Agriculture, where teaching and learning will be taken to new levels with special emphasis placed upon opportunities for hands-on learning, including student research and other student/faculty interaction.

The new addition and renovated structure will house 10 laboratories, three research labs, 10 classrooms, two conference rooms and 30 offices. It has been designed to achieve a silver or gold LEED certification as an environmentally friendly “green” building in its design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The new wing will feature additional student-focused amenities and will offer a stunning view from the campus mall. The facility will accommodate the record numbers of agriculture and science students enrolling at the College. Wilmington is known for having excellent students and faculty in these areas, as well as up-to-date instrumentation. Now, WC will have a facility to match these outstanding individuals in the sciences and agriculture.

This direct benefit to Wilmington’s students will, in turn, result in graduates that are better able to attain good jobs and excel in their fields, enroll in graduate and professional schools, and embark upon successful and self-actualizing careers.

Erika Goodwin, vice president for academic affairs, expressed the excitement felt by students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends at the groundbreaking ceremony held in January.

“The Center for the Sciences and Agriculture will be a core building for us on campus as every student that comes to WC will have courses in that building,” she said, noting that, while it will serve to highlight the College’s agriculture, natural science and math programs, in actuality it will serve all of WC’s academic programs.

“The new building will better represent the strength of our academic programs and is just one of many new and exciting things happening on campus.”
Help us to complete the funding of the new Center!

You may align your gift with one of the mini-campaigns noted below. All gifts will be included in Wilmington College's Leave Your Mark comprehensive campaign.

Phil Bayless Chemistry Laboratory
The College invited Phil Bayless to join the chemistry faculty in anticipation of the legendary Oscar Boyd's pending retirement. During 34 years of service, Phil ultimately became a WC legend himself in the eyes of many of his students that went on to outstanding careers in science. The youngest member of the chemistry faculty when Kettering Hall opened, Phil was known for his quiet teaching style and his passion for chemistry. He retired in 1988 as an emeritus professor of chemistry and maintains a close relationship to the College. Join Phil's students and make a gift that honors his contributions to chemistry education. Celebrate the man that cared so much about students and education that his faculty office door was always open and if you couldn't find him there, he welcomed you into his home! Goal: $50,000.

Roy Joe Stuckey Agriculture Laboratory
In his sophomore year at Wilmington College, Roy Joe decided that the College should establish a “first-rate” agriculture program. His passion for this idea convinced then College President Arthur Watson and others to join him in making his dream a reality. Thus began the Wilmington College agriculture program. The year was 1948. Over the last 65-plus years, Roy Joe has been involved in almost every aspect of the College, from serving as faculty member, director of agriculture, and vice-president of advancement to serving on the Board of Trustees. During his tenure, more than a thousand individuals have graduated from Wilmington with a degree in agriculture. Goal: $500,000.

Frank Pyle – Proctor Dean– Bill Kincad Math Classroom
Every Wyclongent, every graduate learns how to answer this question: “Find X!” Dedicated faculty members that have shared their simple math question into a foundation for analytical thinking will be honored for their efforts in a classroom. Knowledge gained from Frank Pyle, Proctor Dean and Bill Kincad is serving alumni in ways they never could have imagined sitting in their WC math classes all those years ago. This classroom honoring them will enhance the teaching and learning of mathematics for future generations as math faculty continue to creatively approach learners’ abilities and shapes future understanding. It will honor the great teachers who helped you “figure it out.” Goal: $100,000.

DTS – DTS Lil Sis Agriculture Faculty Office
Are you a member or friend of DTS’ DTS Lil Sis? Join them in their support of the Ag faculty offices. This is Delta Theta Sigma’s way of saying “Thanks for a job well done!” to their great Ag mentors and teachers, among them Monte Anderson, Don Chafin, Harold Threy, Tom Stilwell, Al Cornklin and Corey Cockrell. They already have named two faculty offices and would like to reach three. Goal: $25,000.

Out of this World: renovation of the historic Observatory
This is a historic instrument requiring repair and renovation for operation. You have the opportunity to bring a fully functional observatory back to the classroom. This renovation will provide accessible classroom technology for large groups to view the stars and planets. Since the 1880s, scientists and local amateur stargazing enthusiasts have employed our telescopes for viewing the heavens. It will be a great gift to have the observatory continue to provide a sense of wonder about our universe to even more generations. For a total renovation – Goal: $50,000. NOTE: the above are campaigns, not definite naming commitments; should funds fall short of goal or for any reason, the observatory would be designated for the Kettering project.

Menzo Stark Industrial Education Classroom
Menzo Stark was the spark of a truly unique industrial education/administration program that thrived through the 1950s, 60s and 70s. His students were encouraged to begin careers in manufacturing. Menzo was revered for his singular attention to students, an ability in coordinating the experiential learning environment and work–study program that made it possible for future students to attend WC. Graduates of this program are encouraged to honor him and his protégé, Ralph McKee, who continued the program after Menzo’s death. The classroom will be equipped for high-level teaching and education. Goal: $100,000.

Clinton County Agri-Business Classroom
Local agribusinesses have joined together. They believe in WC and appreciate WC students, graduate employees and customers who frequent their businesses. This program allows Wilmington College and are positive about the growth in agriculture. They want a classroom filled with all the right staff to prepare and equip the next generation of farmers, teachers, artists, doctors and social workers. Goal: $100,000.

Dug Burks-Doug Woodmansee-Frank Hazard Biology Laboratory
Frank Hazard set the standard for outstanding biology education during his many years at WC in the mid–20th century. That mantle for excellence was picked up by his modern day successors, the “Doug’s of biology,” who have devoted well over a half century to student learning. Graduates of this outstanding program have gone on to become successful physicians, veterinarians and scientists. Students of these outstanding faculty members will be able to honor their teachers in a laboratory used primarily for senior research. Goal: $500,000.

Don Troike Anatomy Lab
Don Troike retired from Wilmington College in 2013 after 36 years on the faculty teaching biology. He received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University and joined the Wilmington College faculty in 1977. Throughout the years, many hundreds of students developed a love for the biological sciences under his care. Don was an innovative science teacher whose forte was designing and teaching courses based more on student inquiry than faculty lectures. Goal: $500,000.

Creating our future GIfTS TO THE ‘LEAVE YOUR MARK’ CAMPAIGN HELP ENSURE WC’S ENDURING EXCELLENCE

The new center for the Sciences and Agriculture represents a pact and a partnership. That pact is with those current and future students who are engaged hands–on learning in this outstanding facility, while the partnership is with all those who have shared their time, talent and treasure in making this state-of-the-art Center a soon-to-be–reality. Thus far, some 260 alumni, friends and other stakeholders have generously given toward the project. Three of those cases at the $1 million level, including Andrew ‘58 and Catherine Withrow, the estate of Mary Ellen “Brady” Galvin ’32, and Evan and Elizabeth Davis.

The Center has been some time in coming to the College, like much of the rest of the nation, weathered the recession until the time was right for construction to begin – and 2014 is that time! Galvin was a longtime supporter of WC during her lifetime, and, upon her death in 1993, her estate plans included one of the College’s largest single gifts, with $1 million designated for the Kettering project. The Davises saw their daughter, Sarah, a 1999 graduate, grow and mature during her years at the College.

“Sarah’s educational experience at Wilmington was so positive for her because of the small class size and the easy–to–navigate campus,” Evan said, noting their daughter had especially positive encounters with the faculty and staff.

He said his family possesses strong feelings about the key role of science education in modern society. “Given the importance of chemistry and science in the medical, pharmaceutical and technological fields in our world today, we felt that Kettering Hall would be a very good project to get involved with,” he said. “We felt that the areas of coursework being taught there have very great potential for creating positive change in the world.”

In 2007, the Withrows gave $1 million for the renovation and expansion of Kettering Hall, which constitutes the largest, single, non–estate gift in the College’s history by an individual.

At the time, Andrew expressed their pleasure at being able to give to his alma mater at such a magnitude. “It’s a very special feeling,” he said about the gift, noting how Wilmington College helped shape his life both personally and professionally, as well as how he remained close friends throughout his life with his former WC classmates.

“The College was like a family when I was there,” he said. “I had fun and enjoyed many laughing, spirited times. From those days came many great, lasting friendships that I treasure to this day.”

Sadly, Andy passed away in September 2009. Cathy resides in Florida and remains close to the College and their Wilmington friends.

Alumni and friends can take to heart the confidence Brady Galvin had in Wilmington College, also Evan Davis’ words about the impact of his daughter’s WC experience, and Andy Withrow’s great memories of the College. They also can reflect upon how their treasured times and experiences at WC continue to resonate in their own personal and professional lives.

Andy and Cathy Withrow, Brady Galvin, Evan and Elizabeth Davis, and some 260 others have left their marks by giving to this campaign — won’t you?

Andrew ’58 and Catherine Withrow
Kettering and Bailey halls served the College well for century-plus

In 1955, several guest advisers recommended the College build a new science facility and, upon taking occupancy of the building, enlarge the science faculty. Also, they made the case that industry could be successfully approached for support.

Among those offering counsel was WC alumnus William M. Holaday ‘25, who was soon to become a special assistant to the Secretary of Defense. In the early years of the Cold War and emerging Space Race, he no doubt appreciated the importance of science education. Architects designed the new science building for “functional simplicity” that included the physics and mathematics department on the ground floor, biology on the second floor and chemistry on the top floor. A greenhouse also was planned for the south end of the facility. The emerging agriculture program eventually grew to become housed in Kettering. Charles F. Kettering and the Kettering Foundation generously provided a third of the construction costs for the $1 million center with 90 percent of the balance contributed by more than 200 industries and foundations.

Kettering Hall opened for teaching and learning in 1960 with a science and mathematics faculty that included: W.R. Pyle, professor of physics and mathematics; Oscar F. Boyd, professor emeritus of chemistry; and Frank O. Hazard, professor of biology. By 1960, that trio of faculty members had given some 127 years of service to the College.

Other faculty members were Philip L. Bayless, assistant professor of chemistry, who in 1988 completed a 34-year career at WC; David A. Biber, assistant professor of physics and mathematics; Harry H. Johnson, assistant professor of biology; and H. Richard Bath, assistant professor of biology. Dedication activities for the C.F. Kettering Science Hall commenced over three days, March 31, April 1 and 2, 1960, with acting president, W. Brooke Morgan, presiding. Featured speakers at the various events featured Holaday, who spoke on “Education, Our Paramount Problem”; Ohio Governor Michael V. DiSalle; alumnus Rufus D. Reed ’19, chair, Department of Science, Montclair (N.J.) State College; and E.E. Holt ’26, Ohio’s state superintendent for public instruction.

Holaday said Kettering Hall and the memory of its visionary namesake present WC students with “a guide for incentive” to gain more interest in scientific studies. DiSalle decried Ohio’s penal system and spoke out against capital punishment, stating that the state often pays $40,000 to incarcerate a convicted felon for 15 years, yet “we cannot afford to spend $4,000 on a boy that needs help.”

In tracing the history of American education since Wilmington College’s post–Civil War founding, Reed urged educators to “keep abreast of the latest developments” in their fields lest the United States fall behind advances made in the Soviet Union.

As the College looked back upon a dozen years of incredible growth at the 1960 dedication of the C.F. Kettering Science Hall, a famous quotation by the visionary Kettering comes to mind. It is as appropriate to consider now as it was in the 1950s: “Nothing ever built arose to touch the skies unless some man dreamed that it should, some men believed that it could and some men willingly that it must.”

Kettering Hall’s namesake was 20th century giant


The institution gained his attention when its self-help endeavor to build a men’s dormitory with student labor gained widespread acclaim in 1948. Indeed, Kettering gave his support to the Marble Hall project, which was complemented by the likes of Henry Ford II, Frank Lloyd Wright, Herbert Hoover and Adm. Richard E. Byrd in publicly praising the College’s initiative.

Kettering joined the inventions department at The National Cash Register Co. in 1904, where his first job was to electrify the cash register.

The one-time director and vice president of General Motors established in 1909 the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Co. (DELCO), which is credited with developing landmark ignition and lighting systems that proved a major factor in the phenomenal growth of the American automobile industry. Through another venture, Dayton Research Laboratories, Kettering developed the ignition system for the Liberty aircraft engine and discovered anti-knock gasoline. He ultimately held patents to 140 inventions.

Kettering supported and participated in the College’s dedication ceremonies for Marble Hall (1950), Boyd Auditorium/Fine Arts Building (1953), Friends Hall (1955) and in 1957 the three-day dedication for Austin Hall, Armco Maintenance Building and Pyle Center for Students.

Indeed, at the 1953 dedication of Boyd Auditorium, Kettering issued what become known as the “Kettering Challenge,” in which he pledged $100,000 if the College could raise an additional $300,000 for two much-needed dormitories, as, through the 1953–54 academic year, many students still resided in trailers and Army surplus barracks. This successful invitation for support resulted in Friends and Austin halls.

His support for WC continued as he contributed a third of the cost of the $1 million science center that would bear his name. Ironically, Kettering, who served as Homecoming parade grand marshal weeks before his death at age 82 in 1958, didn’t live to see the completion of C.F. Kettering Science Hall.

Upon Kettering’s death, then-President Samuel D. Marble said the great man “believed passionately” that knowledge should be used, not merely placed on display. “Because ‘Boss Ket’ saw in Wilmington a straight forward attempt to teach people not only to think, but also to live, he gave his support to the school in an unstinting manner — and once he began, he never quit.”

The College conferred upon him an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1955 at the dedication of Friends Hall.

Charis Kettering
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Help us ‘change the world’
FROSH, SOPHs AND PROFs LOOKING FORWARD TO ‘FRESH START’ IN FALL ’15

The excitement is almost palpable as one walks through Kettering Hall these days. The recent groundbreaking ceremony and building plans displayed on easels provide a constant reminder that The Center for the Sciences and Agriculture will become a reality in mid-2015.

Soon agriculture and the sciences will have the modern, spacious and technologically sufficient facility that outstanding students and faculty in those areas deserve. Indeed, the new Center will help the College attract and retain even more excellent students in these important disciplines.

Monte Anderson believes what is being done at Wilmington College is nothing short of “changing the world.”

Andersson, professor of agriculture, said the expansion/renovation project comes at a pivotal moment for the role of science and agriculture.

“As a society, we are seeing the challenges of feeding a global population with fewer resources,” he said. “We will need to rely on the next generation of scientists to meet the challenge.”

And education is paramount in meeting that daunting challenge. Andersson noted as he quoted Nelson Mandela: “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

“This facility will prepare our students to meet the challenges which we as a society are facing... to change the world.”

Douglas Burks, professor of biology, said. The new Center will serve to enhance the College’s promise for hands-on learning opportunities. He looks forward to the “cutting edge facility” where students will be able to conduct research and receive additional outside-the-classroom experiences.

“A research experience is the cornerstone of our program and the Kettering project will enable us to keep the foundation of a biology education at Wilmington strong,” Burks said.

Take a look at what several sciences and agriculture students have to say. They will be among the first to use The Center for the Sciences and Agriculture.

AUBREY MALOTT
Sophomore, Biology/Chemistry
Blanchester, OH

“I am super excited. My professors do all they can with the resources they have, but this new facility will give us a fresh start with nice, new shiny things. The professors will use the new building as a tool to teach us in a better work atmosphere with more space and room to grow.”

DESIREE LEMONS
Freshman, Agriculture/Animal Science
Noblesville, IN

“It will be easier to learn in certain classes, both technology-wise and in a clean, modern facility.”

HANA VRTRAR
Freshman, Biology
Dayton, OH

“It’s going to really help make the ag program even better than it is now. It will provide a better learning environment and our pros will be better equipped to prepare us for what we’ll be doing out at the (WC) farm.”

ALEX SAUNDERS
Freshman, Biology/Chemistry
(Pre-Med)
Lewis Center, OH

“It will make for more functional and smoother running labs, which enhance my experience academically.”

PABLO MARTINEZ
Freshman, Biology/Health Sciences
Clarksville, TN

“It’s going to make our school more advanced and allow us to use the latest technologies and strategies. I’ll be privileged to be part of the pilot class in the facility.”

SAM BICKEL
Freshman, Agriculture/Animal Science
Business
Bremen, IN

“It’s going to make our school more advanced and allow us to use the latest technologies and strategies. I’ll be privileged to be part of the pilot class in the facility.”

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