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NEW FRONTIERS UPDATE February 2023

I'm sure most of you have heard the news I will retire as vice president and dean of the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in July. After spending time with my family during the holidays and reflecting on my future, I decided I'm ready for my role to change. I've been blessed to be a part of the OSU Agriculture family for the past nine years, and my experiences have been second to none. The New Frontiers project has been a highlight of my OSU career. I will continue in my role until June, and we have much to do between now and then.

Each month, we hold a hard hat tour for those interested in touring the New Frontiers construction site. This month we hosted members of the Dean's Advisory Council. It's amazing to see the progress from month to month. Please visit our [photo gallery](#) to see the pictures taken during the tour.

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Construction crews continue to install sheathing on the south end and set forms and pour concrete on the north end of the building. On Feb. 3, workers poured concrete for the roof on the north side, which was the last big pour of the project. They are now constructing the middle section of the building and will proceed with smaller concrete pours for each of the three floors throughout February and March. We still anticipate the framing to be completed and the final structural beam to be placed by mid-March. Be on the lookout for additional information as we celebrate this milestone in the construction process. In the meantime, please let us know if you're interested in a hard hat tour to see the progress firsthand.

Although we reached the \$50 million fundraising goal in record time, fundraising efforts continue. Various naming opportunities still exist, including building features that will only be possible through additional donor support. Please contact me or [Heidi Williams](#) with the OSU Foundation if you know of anyone who would like to participate in a naming opportunity.

Together, we are embarking on New Frontiers!

Thomas G. Coon
Vice President and Dean
OSU Agriculture

BUILDING PROGRESS



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TIME-LAPSE VIDEO

View the progress made during the previous month in the time-lapse video below.



DRONE VIDEO

View the most recent footage of the building in the drone video below.

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FACILITY FAST FACT

The building will include **three full floors** aboveground and is designed for occupancy by **1,960 people** with Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant facilities.



FEATURED NEWS

Thomas G. Coon, vice president and dean of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, is retiring on July 10 after nine years of dedicated service and visionary leadership to the university.

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Many of OSU Agriculture's award-winning faculty and staff have donated to the New Frontiers campaign because of the need for a new state-of-the-art facility. Soon, their expertise will be heightened with the opening of the New Frontiers Agricultural Hall.

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NEW FRONTIERS

The New Frontiers campaign has raised more than \$50 million, reaching the fundraising goal in record time! Click the button below to learn more about New Frontiers, including building features, donor stories, how you can support the project and more.

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