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NEW FRONTIERS UPDATE January 2023

Happy New Year! This week marks the third anniversary of the Ferguson Family Foundation's historic gift that renamed our college and launched the public campaign to build the New Frontiers Agricultural Hall. That day and the many milestones we've celebrated through this project stay etched in my mind. We continue to be grateful for Larry and Kayleen Ferguson and everyone who has supported our mission to help feed the world.

Earlier this month, OSU President Kayse Shrum and Provost Jeanette Mendez joined me and OSU Foundation President Blaire Atkinson for a hard-hat tour of the New Frontiers construction site. Even through the holidays, tremendous progress has been made on the site, and the tour allowed us to showcase the rapid work of our construction partners. Please visit our photo.gallery to see the pictures taken during the tour.

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It's exciting to see the technology used in building the facility. The Hilti JAIBOT is being utilized to drill overhead holes for anchor points to hold piping and duct systems and is the first of its kind to be used in Oklahoma. I encourage you to read more about this robot in the featured news section below. In addition, construction crews continue to install siding on the south end and set forms and pour concrete to construct the building's three floors on the north end. We anticipate the framing to be completed and the final structural beam to be placed by March. We look forward to celebrating 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. A variety of naming opportunities still exist, including features of the building that will only be possible through additional donor support. Please contact me or Megan Smith, OSU Foundation associate director of development, 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

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TIME-LAPSE VIDEO

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



2022 REVIEW

Great strides were made on the New Frontiers construction site in 2022. The video below highlights monthly pictures and showcases the changes made from January to December 2022.

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FACILITY FAST FACT

The building is designed in the shape of the Classic Georgian C with the outside of the C respectful of the overall OSU historic campus context. The inside of the western-facing C contains a large amount of glass allowing visitors to view the technology contained within the building. The interior of the C opens onto a courtyard that will host gatherings for students and alumni.



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Advanced technology used on the New Frontiers construction site creates unique hands-on learning experiences for students. OSU Institute of Technology students recently had the opportunity to tour the site and see the Hilti JAIBOT in action, which is the first robot of its kind to be used in Oklahoma.

READ MORE ABOUT JAIBOT

FEATURED DONORS

The family of Robert Price, former head of OSU's Department of Agricultural Education in the late 1950s through mid-1970s, named a space in the New Frontiers Agricultural Hall in memory of Price because of his vision and leadership during a time of change.



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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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