

A NEW HOME FOR
STUDENT LIFE AND
THE COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS

FINDLAY
THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY



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WELCOME TO 21st CENTURY LEARNING!

Is it possible to have respect for history and tradition, while offering our students a 21st century learning experience? I think it's more than possible. It's the best of both worlds!

The new Center for Student Life and the College of Business will reflect a paradigm shift in the way students learn and professors teach. We know that 21st century learners are collaborators who need a fluid environment where classroom designs can be modified easily. This type of dynamic learning is what our global business environment is requiring and what our students are requesting.

This building will be a focal point of our campus... a "front porch" that is inviting to students, faculty and

members of our business community. The Center for Student Life and College of Business is a needed tool in our quest to provide every student with a "real-world" experience. What better place to conduct interviews, give presentations and interact with regional, national and global business leaders!

I visualize a campus where students can experience the rich history of Old Main, while learning and socializing in a space they can call their own. I see them developing an appreciation for a solid educational foundation, while still being able to push the boundaries.

At The University of Findlay we are working to develop the whole student. When students walk through the

Griffith Arch, they walk through a gateway to limitless opportunities and experiences that will shape the way they live their lives. With your support, I know we can continue to provide the best in learning environments as we prepare our students to face the unpredictable, technology-driven environment we live in today.



Dr. Katherine Fell
President, The University of Findlay

Imagine a home where students from any of the Colleges of The University of Findlay can come together to learn and interact on a personal level. Within the mission of The University of Findlay to equip students for meaningful lives and productive careers, our vision for the new Center for Student Life and the College of Business will enhance our community, stimulate innovation inside and outside the classroom and transform our students into graduates ready to be ethical, productive members of a global society.

COMMUNITY

Development of our students as whole people - knowledgeable, creative, ethical and compassionate leaders in a global environment.

INNOVATION

Embracing professional, cultural, and intellectual diversity in teaching and learning.

TRANSFORMATION

Utilizing experiential learning opportunities for developing students for the 21st century.





COMMUNITY, INNOVATION
TRANSFORMATION

Clinton Eyoung, *Master of Business Administration student*

“The new space will create a place where we, as students, faculty and members of the community have the opportunity to come together as a community, as a family that supports each other as we pursue a future in today’s changing economy. Students will have more rooms and green spaces to interact socially as well as more formally for networking, interviews, meetings with professors, and special events.”

A young Black man, Clinton Eyoung, is sitting in a dark blue armchair. He is wearing a light grey sweater with a dark blue horizontal stripe across the chest and a blue collared shirt underneath. He has his hands clasped in his lap and is smiling warmly at the camera. Behind him is a large window showing a snowy outdoor scene with a brick building and evergreen trees covered in snow.

COMMUNITY

A NEW HEART OF CAMPUS

Central to this vision is creating a new heart of campus - a place where students can gather and learn in spaces conducive to collaboration and idea sharing. The Center for Student Life will be housed on the first floor, while the second floor will provide a dedicated space for the College of Business.

The new Center for Student Life and College of Business:

- Acts as a multi-use facility
- Makes efficient use of resources
- Brings living and learning closer together
- Provides dedicated educational spaces to enable delivery of a 21st century curriculum marked by student engagement in real-world problem solving
- Offers flexible areas for the leadership development opportunities created through an active and vibrant campus life.

This facility will mark a turning point in the way that students experience The University of Findlay.

A "Front Porch" for Alumni and the Community

The Center will also serve as the new "front porch" for alumni and the Findlay community. As one of the top "micropolitans" in the country, according to *Site Selection* magazine, UF and the community have enjoyed an increasingly close partnership. "The University is a critical economic driver in Findlay's vibrant community," says Lydia Mihalik, mayor of the city of Findlay. "This new facility will elevate the prestige of the community as the business corridor expands, and as we continue to host events at the University."

The building will naturally gather students, faculty, community members and alumni for social gatherings, engaging lectures and cultural events. With the University's goal of providing at least one experiential learning opportunity for each and every student prior to graduation, the new Center for Student Life and College of Business will serve as an inviting yet professional space for interviewing and mentoring.



CENTER FOR STUDENT LIFE



At The University of Findlay, it is a long-held belief that active engagement in campus life leads to more successful student outcomes.

The Center for Student Life will serve as the “family room” for students to come together, creating a new hub for idea generation and cross-cultural sharing cultivated by flexible, inviting spaces.

Leadership development and civic responsibility

Students participate in over 100 student-run organizations on campus, building a lifelong commitment to education, service and the evolution of self. With a diverse student population representing over 40 countries, the University educates students prepared to work in an increasingly global economy. Through Oilers Serving Abroad, students from diverse academic disciplines serve others while gaining cross-cultural experience. By having at least one experiential learning opportunity by the time they graduate, students develop the real-

world problem-solving skills that employers say are critically important.

Collaboration and interaction

Students have asked for more space on campus to meet for class projects and student organizations, and “The Hangar,” an open, inviting space at the heart of the student center, will provide just that. The Hangar mixes comfort and openness for the various activities taking place inside of the building and on the open outdoor commons. Outdoor patio space will provide an extension of social spaces, including new opportunities for al fresco dining and informal student gatherings. Additionally, this dedicated green space offers a new, unique platform for campus and community arts and entertainment, with integrated areas for seating and gathering.



Nick Thompson, *Public Relations Major,
College of Liberal Arts*

"As a member of the Student Government Association, I have seen myself develop real-life skills including the confidence to present myself as a leader. We need a modern facility that will allow student organizations to continue to thrive and grow. The Center for Student Life will provide a new venue of possibilities, a place where students can take pride in their involvement in the extracurricular programs that further shape their education."

INNOVATION

Sierra Hutton, *Sport and Event Management Major, College of Business*

"As much time as we spend on campus as students, we want to be in a space where we feel comfortable, a space that's bright and open as well as relevant to the time we're living in. When we host panels of business leaders, a new gathering area that allows for up-close interaction will allow students to see and hear about their experiences as professionals in the real world and participate in discussions about current issues in their field."



TRANSFORMATION

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

With a dedicated grand entryway on the first floor proceeding to an innovative space of higher learning on the second floor, the new College of Business facility will reflect the emergence of new approaches to student learning and engagement.

“Bright, flexible, technology-enhanced classrooms that encourage interaction and engagement make learning relevant and interesting to students,” says S. Chris Ward, associate professor of business and chair of the Business Administration Program. “A new building will provide common areas and social hubs, which are functional and provide opportunities to collaborate or be creative.”

The College of Business at The University of Findlay is graduating students who are “Real World Ready.” From its integration of SAP across the curriculum to its dedication to experiential learning, the ACBSP accredited College of Business is graduating students who are armed to make an immediate impact upon entering the workforce.

Innovative approaches to learning and engagement

- Flexible spaces with easy-to-move furniture and adaptable technology
- Student-centered teaching modalities and learning activities
- Collaboration in the classroom between student and professor

- Lab-like environments for experiential learning and small, intimate meeting spaces
- Large lecture-type settings allowing business leaders to share their expertise
- Interviewing and meeting spaces allowing members of the regional business community to mentor UF students to fill the leadership roles of the future

Reflecting the newest innovations in 21st century learning, this new facility will elevate the status of the College and its programs, allowing the University to attract and retain top students and faculty.



A NEW HOME FOR **STUDENT LIFE** AND THE COLLEGE OF **BUSINESS**

As a new home for the Center for Student Life and the College of Business, this building acts as a space that welcomes community among our students, alumni, local organizations and businesses. The facility will act as a catalyst to bring living and learning closer together by creating spaces ideal for networking, leadership development, diversity in teaching, team building, experiential learning and more. Your gift to support the new Center for Student Life and College of Business lays a foundation for crucial student interactions that lead to meaningful lives and productive careers.

