Tim and Sarah Ford Fieldhouse building dedication, ribbon cutting set for March 24

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Big Red cheers for the Hilltoppers in their 42-26 win over the Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders in WKU's final home game of the regular season at Houchens-Smith Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025. GRACE MCDOWELL / BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS

Western Kentucky will hold a building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Tim and Sarah Ford Fieldhouse on March 24, at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the event.

The program will feature remarks from WKU President Timothy C. Caboni, WKU Director of Athletics Todd Stewart, Big Red Marching Band Director Matthew McCurry, Esports Faculty Advisor Patricia Todd, Director of Forensics Ganer

Newman, K. Norman Berry Associates Principal Architect Tim Doelling and Reeves Young General Manager Jennifer Kinsey.

Tours of the facility will be available, as will light refreshments. Attire for the ceremony is red WKU spirit wear and turf-appropriate footwear.

The Tim and Sarah Ford Fieldhouse is located at 1715 Avenue of Champions in Bowling Green and parking is available for those attending in Parking Structure 2.

The 122,000-square-foot Tim and Sarah Ford Fieldhouse will be home to the WKU forensics and esports programs, as well as provide practice and training space for the Big Red Marching Band and Hilltopper athletics.

At a special-called WKU Board of Regents meeting on Sept. 25, 2025, the philanthropic naming of the new state-of-the-art fieldhouse was approved as the Tim and Sarah Ford Fieldhouse.

The Tim and Sarah Ford Fieldhouse will:

• Serve as the permanent home to the WKU forensics program and provide the program with modern classroom, practice, office and competition space to allow it to continue its run of excellence as the most dominant collegiate speech and debate organization in the country.

• House the WKU esports programs and teams and equip them with state-of-the-art competition space, practice pods and offices.

• Become the new base for the Big Red Marching Band program with dedicated storage/support space for the band as well as a venue for year-round, all-weather practice.

• Include a new baseball clubhouse with locker room, weight room, team room and coaches' offices.

• House a new baseball hitting facility with four batting cages and flexible multi-purpose space.

• Incorporate an 87,000-square-foot indoor training facility for use by the WKU marching band, WKU athletics, intramurals and the greater WKU community.