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The highly anticipated Ogden College Hall opened its doors to students January 22, 2018! The 80,000 square-foot facility is a collaborative effort of RossTarrant Architects, CTMA Consulting Engineers, Whittenberg Construction, and WKU Planning Design & Construction. Ogden College Hall was dedicated before a standing-room-only crowd on Monday, February 19, 2018. See more on pg. 2.

OCH BUILDING DEDICATION

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Thanks to WKU project manager Dan Chaney and the teams from RossTarrant Architects, CTMA Consulting Engineers, and Whittenberg Construction for their efforts to make this dream a reality.

Those in attendance:

- Bruce Wilkerson, Mayor of Bowling Green
- Representatives Jim DeCesare, Michael Meredith, Jodi Richards, and Wilson Stone
- WKU Board of Regents
- Ron Bunch, BG Chamber of Commerce
- RossTarrant Architects
- CTMA Consulting Engineers
- Whittenberg Construction
- WKU faculty, staff, students, and community



On February 19, 2018 Ogden College Hall was dedicated and the ribbon was cut by WKU President Timothy C. Caboni, OCSE Dean Cheryl Stevens, Lead Architect Sarah Lamere, Lead Engineer Tracy Steward, and OCSE graduate student Davis Ranburger.

SEAS

Created to support the workforce development needs of our region, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) has 10 undergraduate programs and 2 graduate programs. Our students engage in various applied research/project experiences both within the classroom and with our industrial partners. We are excited about the synergy created by bringing these technology-focused programs into one unit.

I am honored to be the first Director of SEAS. I came to WKU in 1996 as an electrical engineering faculty member. Since then, I created a new electrical engineering program, participated in designing a building for the new engineering programs, developed/launched the Engineering - Manufacturing - Commercialization Center, and now created a new school. My technical area of expertise is control systems and system identification.
- Dr. Stacy Wilson, SEAS Director



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I began my career at WKU in January 2005 and am currently a Professor & Associate Dean in the OCSE. Previously I served as Coordinator of the Applied Technology program (currently Technology Management), developed the Engineering Technology Management master's level program that currently has the largest graduate program enrollment in Ogden College. I also initiated/directed a faculty group within the AMS department in cooperation with DELO to develop WKU's first Competency Based Education (CBE) program in Manufacturing Engineering Technology.
- Dr. Greg Arbuckle, Associate Dean

INAUGURAL PREVIEW DAY

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

Dr. Cheryl Stevens, Dean of Ogden College of Science & Engineering, raffles off one \$1,000 scholarship and three \$500 scholarships to students in attendance on Preview Day.



By all accounts, Preview Day 2018 was a resounding hit! The approx. 110 prospective students (aka: future Hilltoppers), family, and friends attending Preview Day learned more about what makes Ogden College of Science & Engineering special. Future Hilltoppers began their day in career-focused groups led by current student and professors. Hilltopper Parents started the morning with a personal greeting from Dean Cheryl Stevens. In different sessions, both groups heard from campus services like Dining, Housing & Residence Life, Financial Aid, and Career Services. Future Hilltoppers walked down The Hill for lunch at Fresh Foods in DSU to get a taste of what a meal plan includes. The groups met back up in the afternoon for tours and presentations from departments they have interest in. We're so thankful to all who attended, and we hope to see you on the Hill in the fall!



TOP Registration

Future Hilltoppers can register for TOP (Topper Orientation Program), a one-day on-campus orientation, by clicking [here](#).

STUDENT'S FIRST WEEK BACK

IN THE NEW OGDEN COLLEGE HALL



Hilltoppers are really enjoying all of the study nooks as well as common areas in the new Ogden College Hall. The building was specifically designed with students in mind. Classes started January 22, 2018, and there has not been a dull moment since.

Labs are busy, study spaces inhabited, and the “Big Red Comfy Couch” is continuously occupied.

We look forward to OCH being fully utilized by students for years to come!



LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES

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WISE

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Living Learning Community had its first successful year! By integrating living and learning with a group of young, like-minded, driven women, a culture of success has been created for first year freshmen. WISE will continue with a new set of Freshmen women in the Fall of 2018.

COMING FALL 2018

Several new Living Learning Communities are joining the WISE Living Learning Community within OCSE in the Fall of 2018! If you are interested in any of these, please contact the Dean's Office at **270-745-4449**.

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SAY CHEESE!

WKU Creamery

<https://hilltopper-creamery.myshopify.com/>

Hilltopper Creamery began cheese production in April utilizing milk produced at the University Farm. The premise behind the facility is to teach agriculture students entrepreneurship skills needed to capture the 'farm to fork' movement in order to make small family farms profitable. Hilltopper Creamery is an integral part of the Agriculture Department's efforts in expanding academic programs to include food science.

FUN FACT: Milk production significantly increased once the herd was fed spent grains from the recently established College Heights Brewery!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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The focus of Millicent "Millie" Ronkainen's research is the molecular characterization of a mutant phage that overcomes a growth restriction imposed by certain E. coli host strains. She has presented her research at several conferences, including a national symposium at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Washington, DC, and the national meeting of the American Society of Microbiology in New Orleans. Millie is the recipient of several awards, including the Ogden Outstanding Biotechnology Student.



Senior Kaitlyn Weyman graduates in May with degrees in both Psychological Sciences and Spanish, which she pursued alongside a full pre-med course load. During her time at WKU, she studied abroad in Spain and is completing an Honors Thesis examining effects of bilingualism on cognitive aging. Kaitlyn plans to attend medical school, with hopes for a career in oncology.

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