

DBusiness Daily Update: EMU to Open \$40M Renovated Home of GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology,

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The GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology at Eastern Michigan University will open its renovated Sill Hall home on April 21. // Courtesy of EMU

The GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti will open its \$40-million renovated Sill Hall home at 3 p.m. on April 21 and name two labs in honor of top business leaders.

John Bodary, president of Woods Construction, and Jack Roush, founder and chairman of Roush Enterprises in Livonia will be on hand for the festivities.

The naming of the Woods Construction Management Lab recognizes the longstanding commitment of Woods Construction and its president, EMU alumnus John Bodary. Over the past 30 years, Woods Construction, John and his wife, Michelle Bodary, also an EMU alumna, have provided significant support for EMU's Construction Management program, establishing the John and Michelle Bodary/Woods Construction Endowed Scholarship to benefit students pursuing Construction Management, as well as for equipment and renovations to the Construction Management Lab.

The Woods Construction Management Lab also honors the late Woods Construction founder, Oswald Pfaffmann, a dedicated supporter of EMU's Construction Management program.

The Jack E. Roush Automotive Lab is named in honor of American motorsports icon and EMU alumnus Jack E. Roush. As board chairman of Roush Enterprises and co-owner of Roush Fenway Racing, Roush has long been recognized as a leader in automotive innovation and was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 2017 and the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2019.

EMU awarded him an honorary doctorate of commercial science in 2019. Roush has provided significant support to EMU, creating endowed funds for math preparation and tutoring programming across the University, and to support the GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology.

"The extensive renovations and expansion of Sill Hall make it a premier destination for students entering the engineering and technology fields," says James Smith, president of EMU. "Thanks to the support of John Bodary, Jack Roush, and other members of our business community, students from around the world receive a world-class education in a modernized facility where they experience dynamic and functional hands-on learning opportunities guided by our outstanding faculty."

The \$40 million renovation and expansion of the 92,625-square-foot Sill Hall give it modernized classrooms and labs, lecture halls, and student commons. Other new features include themed labs dedicated to autonomous vehicles research, cybersecurity, virtual reality, robotics, and maker spaces.

"These are exciting times at the GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology for our students and faculty," says Mohamad Qatu, dean of GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology. "With support from our local and international business community, we will continue to raise the profile of the GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology and graduate students who are well prepared to pursue their careers in engineering and technology fields."

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