NEW DESIGN STUDIO TO DEBUT IN 2020

CEGE students will soon begin a new era of experiential learning with the impending design and construction of the Kokosing Design Studio, a flexible space that will become the hub for capstone courses - the culminating, senior year, project experiences that prepare students for real-world feats of engineering.

The project continues a long-standing partnership between Ohio State and Columbus-based Kokosing, one of the nation's largest family-owned construction companies. “The company's financial contribution for the new design studio is a natural extension of our long-term partnership with the University,” said Brian Burgett (BS ‘73, CE), president and CEO. “Ohio State is continuing on an exciting trajectory and I can’t wait to see where it leads.”

The 14,000 square foot space in Bolz Hall will feature an Autocad lab, collaborative space for students to work in teams or to engage visiting professional engineers, and flexible space for guest lectures, career events and presentations. More than 150 computer stations with state-of-the-art software will be integrated, and undergrads and grad students will be able to access the space to study and collaborate at all hours.

“The vision for the new student centered space is to create an environment where students can collaborate with each other, faculty, and industry professionals as they prepare for their future careers,” Michael Hagenberger, Professor of Practice and Associate Dean for Facilities and Capital Planning, said. “It will also foster a sense of community by creating a space where students can work and socialize with other members of our department.”