With Deepest Appreciation

Thanks to generous friends like you, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences has reached today’s historical milestone. The generous contributions of the Isaac and Cassandra Funk family, Dick and Sally McFarland, and Russell and Florence Odell, combined with the gifts of hundreds of other friends, provided the $10.5 million of private support needed to secure the $10.5-million match from the state of Illinois.

The college acknowledges the pivotal leadership of State Senator Harry “Babe” Woodyard of Chrisman, Illinois, chair of the Senate Agriculture and Conservation Committee from 1993 to 1997, in securing state funding for this new facility. The public-private funding partnership was successful because of Woodyard’s commitment and dedication. Though his untimely death in 1997 prevented him from seeing the results of his labor, his significant contributions are not forgotten.

The many alumni who with vision and dedication founded the Agriculture Alumni Association (1956) and the School of Human Resources and Family Studies/Home Economics Alumni Association (1974), which merged in 1996 into the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Alumni Association, are also deserving of honor and recognition. Alumni leaders initiated pivotal programs that ignited state, federal, and private support to build excellent programs and world-class facilities. Their support and alliances advance and enhance the land-grant mission of research, teaching, and extension.

Experience the pride of joint accomplishments as you tour the new Library, Information and Alumni Center. It speaks to the many dedicated people who have made the dream and this day possible.

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The Legacy of the Library

In the spring of 1912, University of Illinois professors Harry A. Harding, head of the Department of Dairy Husbandry; Joseph C. Blair, head of the Department of Horticulture; and Herbert M. Mumford, head of the Department of Animal Husbandry, were appointed to investigate the possibility of establishing an agriculture library. The first step became the opening of a reading room that fall. The courtyard of Agriculture Hall (now Davenport Hall) was also roofed over in the summer, making space available for a library. Student assistants were in charge of the collection, which consisted initially of current agriculture periodicals, experiment station publications, and a few farm papers.

Several thousand volumes on agriculture were transferred from the university’s main library in the spring of 1914. These books, together with those gathered from the various departments of the college, formed the first Agriculture Library. A 1913–14 report of the State Library Committee credits the library with 4,600 volumes, seating capacity of 88, and a book fund of $2,000.

The real development and growth of the Agriculture Library began in late 1915 with the appointment of George A. Deveneau as its first professional librarian. Mr. Deveneau found the collection somewhat deteriorated and in need of reorganization. In fall 1916, a cataloger from the main library, Mary G. Burwash, was assigned to assist in the reorganization. In 1918, after considerable progress had been made in completing sets and building up the collection, Mr. Deveneau resigned his position to assist with the war effort. Ms. Burwash, a 1916 U of I graduate, was appointed to succeed him and served as agricultural librarian until shortly before her death in January 1948.

Dee Alexander Brown, a 1951 U of I library sciences graduate, took up the post, serving from 1948 to 1973. Mr. Brown went on to become a noted writer and professor as well as librarian. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West*, perhaps his best-known book, was recently republished in a special thirtieth-anniversary edition.
By 1924, the library's collection had outgrown its space and was relocated to 226 Murdock Hall. Although the location was intended to be temporary, the library remained in those quarters until the completion of the new Library, Information and Alumni Center in fall 2001.

During the 75 intervening years, the library absorbed the holdings of numerous office collections, most notably animal genetics, floriculture, forestry, agricultural engineering, agricultural economics, agronomy, and vocational agriculture science.

The Home Economics Library opened in 1955, although the collection did not come together officially until 1957, when the construction of Bevier Hall was completed. Before the creation of the library, the divisions of the Department of Home Economics acquired individual collections of books, pamphlets, and journals. Those collections, purchased through equipment funds, were housed in the 29 different laboratories and offices of the home economics faculty. These materials, in addition to all home economics materials in the Undergraduate Library, were transferred to the new departmental library in Bevier Hall. When the college underwent a reorganization in 1995, becoming the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, the home economics library was closed.

Today, the College of ACES library occupies the top four floors of the new ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center. It is a state-of-the-art facility, with online resources, compressed stacks, study carrels, and group study rooms.

The building and its resources are a priceless asset—the jewel of the ACES campus.

Note: Every effort has been made to accurately report the people, dates, and events involved in the establishment of the college’s library.
Libraries Are an Educational Resource

The University Library holds a special place on campus and in the world of scholarship. At Illinois our exceptional collections, including the holdings of the ACES Library, are essential to the teaching, research, and public service mission of the University.

Our leadership in regional, national, and international organizations plays an important role in improving access to scholarly resources worldwide.

As the intellectual heart of the campus, the University Library has a special responsibility to maintain strong collections, preserve and conserve materials entrusted to our care, and offer services that meet the continually changing needs of our users. Faculty and students today expect immediate access to information online as well as through our traditionally strong collections. To meet this unprecedented demand, the library will continue to acquire large quantities of books and other printed materials while working to enhance our electronic resources.

While much attention is focused on resources, great libraries such as ours are more than just collections of books and materials. They comprise talented professionals who are committed to excellence in public service. The faculty and staff of the University Library are among the finest in the world. They develop and deliver leading-edge services and technologies; select materials in an incredible range of disciplines; organize and provide access to library holdings; instruct students and faculty in how to find, evaluate, and use information; and increase knowledge in their respective fields.

The University Library is a vital symbol of the quality of this institution. It is truly the proverbial jewel in the crown, cherished for the depth of collections and services it has provided to many generations of faculty, students, and scholars.

Paula Kaufman, University Librarian
The University of Illinois stands squarely on the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, a focal point in the painting by Billy Morrow Jackson that hangs in the lobby of the College of ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center. Lincoln's signature on the 1862 Morrill Act authorized the creation of land-grant universities throughout the country.

The birth and long-standing success of the original College of Agriculture and its School of Human Resources and Family Studies, now the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, are based on the diligence, dreams, and dedication of many men and women.

Among those commemorated in Jackson's painting is Jonathan Baldwin Turner, the noted farmer and lecturer who first formulated a comprehensive plan for a national system of universities. Senator Justin Smith Morrill of Vermont fought for many years in Congress for passage of the act that bears his name. Both men devoted many years of their lives to the cause of industrial education.

Prominent teachers, scientists of lasting impact, and places, events, and achievements associated with the college are also depicted in the painting—all under the spreading arms of the Alma Mater.
The Isaac Funk Family Library

The Isaac Funk Family Library commemorates a generous gift in 1986 from the Funk family of McLean County, Illinois. In the words of Eugene D. Funk Jr., great-grandson of Isaac and Cassandra Funk, “We have planted a seed that needs to grow.”

In 1824, young Isaac Funk built his first home on a stand of timber now known as Funk’s Grove, 10 miles southwest of Bloomington. He prospered by buying land and raising cattle, driving them to Chicago, which he helped establish as a cattle market. For 40 years Isaac worked at increasing his cattle herds, adding to his land holdings, and raising his eight sons and one daughter. He died shortly after the Civil War. Isaac’s grandson Eugene Duncan (E.D.) grew up interested in providing seed for his neighbors, and after studying agriculture in Europe, E.D. returned home determined to start a family seed business. Joined by 12 members of the extended Funk family, E.D. formed Funk Bros. Seed Company, Inc. in 1901.

Since those humble beginnings in 1824, generations of the Funk family have worked for the betterment of agriculture. The Funk family’s vision for the College of ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center as a place of information sharing inspired others to invest in the dream. The Funks’ dedication to agriculture can be seen today throughout McLean County, the state of Illinois, the United States, and the world.
The McFarland Student and Alumni Center

The McFarland Student and Alumni Center was made possible by a generous gift from H. Richard McFarland and Sarah (Sally) F. McFarland in honor and in memory of Dick's parents, Arthur Bryan and Jennie Wilkey McFarland.

Dick McFarland, life president of the UI Class of 1952, planned to return to the family farm when he graduated from the University of Illinois. Instead, he became involved in organizations relating to the food industry, including the Campbell Soup Co. in New Jersey, where he held his first executive position. It was during this time that he met and married Sally, a schoolteacher. From there, Dick joined Keebler Co. in Chicago and then became an executive with Kentucky Fried Chicken, going on to own his own KFC franchises. Sally joined him daily in the early days of McFarland Foods Corp., the business Dick began in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Many individuals and groups have experienced Dick and Sally's generosity and desire to serve, including the ACES recipients of their scholarship support. "Attending the university helps you do things in life," Dick has said. Believing that university education is a key to opening many doors has motivated him to give back to his alma mater in recognition of the opportunities he feels he has been blessed with.

Dick's father, Arthur, ran the farm near Hoopeston, which has been in the family since 1878. His mother Jennie taught school.
The Odell Information Center was made possible by a generous gift from Russell T. and Florence O. Odell. Dr. Odell spent 36 years of his life on or near the University of Illinois agriculture campus and received his three degrees here (1936, M.S. 1940, Ph.D. 1948). He and Florence Turner were married in 1940 in Piasa, Illinois.

Dr. Odell (1915-1990) devoted his life to improving agriculture worldwide. His work on soil productivity established the basis for crop yield and soil productivity indexes for individual Illinois soil series. Dr. Odell led the Illinois Soil Survey for 22 years and served a two-year term on the Illinois Pollution Control Board. He was very active in international agriculture both before and after his retirement in 1973. He and Florence, natives of Illinois, served consulting assignments not only in Illinois, but also in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.

Dr. Odell was an associate editor of the Soil Science Society of America Proceedings and a consulting editor for Agronomy Journal. He was a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was an honorary member of the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and of the Illinois Soil Classifiers Society. He also received the Award of Merit from the Ag Alumni Association.
Ralph Allen graduated in 1876 from the University of Illinois (then called the Illinois Industrial University). He achieved distinction in many agricultural endeavors, but is most remembered for his progressive farming methods on land near Delavan, Illinois. Allen was president of the Illinois Farmers Institute and director of the Illinois Farm Grain Dealers Association.

Ralph Allen not only developed a lifelong interest in agriculture and education at the University of Illinois, it is also where he met his future wife, Ada Mary Eaton. Ralph and Ada Mary Allen had 10 children, who all attended the University of Illinois. Ralph and Ada's commitment to education explains why descendants of Ralph Allen Sr., who died in 1927, continue to call the University of Illinois their college home and alma mater to this day.

Ruth Margaret Burwash, who graduated from the university in 1919, before her death in 1994 made a generous gift for the new journals area in loving memory of her sister, Mary G. Burwash, a 1916 graduate. Mary was the agriculture librarian at the University of Illinois from 1918 to 1948. In a May 1921 article in the Illinois Agriculturist, she wrote, "The library contains a number of books which have an important place in the history of agriculture. It is interesting to examine these books and see how some principle of agricultural practice familiar to us was used many years ago."

Mary was affectionately remembered by hundreds of College of Agriculture alumni for always being friendly, helpful, and encouraging while they were studying at the university. Ruth and Mary Burwash were members of a pioneer farm family in Champaign County.
Orville G. and Nolie Bentley

Orville G. Bentley served this state, the nation, and the international community with remarkable distinction for half a century. He is recognized as a leader in agricultural research and as an educator whose vision, service, and leadership were instrumental in furthering the development and productivity of American agriculture throughout his career. Orville G. and Nolie Bentley provided service to the University of Illinois College of Agriculture from 1965 to 1982 while Dr. Bentley was dean of the college. Natives of South Dakota and graduates of South Dakota State College (now South Dakota State University), Dr. and Mrs. Bentley lived and worked in Wisconsin, Ohio, and South Dakota prior to coming to the University of Illinois. After his tenure at Illinois, Dr. Bentley was invited by President Ronald Reagan to serve as the first assistant secretary of agriculture for science and education at the United States Department of Agriculture, a position he held from 1982 until 1989.

John R. and Eunice J. Campbell

The Career Services Office was made possible through a generous gift from John R. and Eunice J. Campbell. Dr. Campbell served the University of Illinois College of Agriculture as associate dean for resident instruction from 1977 to 1983 and as dean of the college from 1983 to 1988, at which time he was selected to become president of Oklahoma State University. Dr. Campbell’s professional achievements stand as a tribute to his inner drive and commitment to excellence as a teacher, scholar, administrator, and scientist. The campaign for the Library, Information and Alumni Center began during his tenure as dean, and he helped secure the first gifts that assured its ultimate success. Among Dr. Campbell’s most noteworthy achievements was his establishment of the Jonathan Baldwin Turner Agricultural Scholarship Program for undergraduate students. This building stands as a tribute to his vision for a capstone facility to serve the people of Illinois and this nation.
Champaign County Seed Company roots trace back to 1937, when Lester Pfister first established his line of seed corn. He came to Champaign County in search of a few progressive farmers who were willing to become part of changing the corn-growing industry. Pfister enlisted the help of H.C.M. Case, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Case helped recruit his farm tenant, Vincent H. Esry of St. Joseph, along with Clifford P. Mills of St. Joseph, Arthur E. Burwash of Champaign, Roy V. Edwards of Philo, Oscar F. Krumm of Sadorus, and Burdette Griffith of Dewey. The current Champaign County Seed Company directors have chosen to commemorate the founding of their company with a gift recognized by the naming of this room.

In 1989, a small group from the College of Agriculture Class of 1941 committed to helping raise money for the building; their individual gifts are also recognized throughout. This group study room honors their collective efforts and generous support. From the beginning, the Class of 1941 committee agreed to honor, in this room, those members of their class who died in World War II. Their names and hometowns are recorded below. Complete biographies of these men are on file in the ACES Alumni Office. Their friendship and service to their nation are not forgotten.

- Walter Ernest Finger, Bloomington, Illinois 1918-44
- Julius August Fitz, Independence, Kansas 1919-43
- Francis Vincent Hendron, Clifton, Illinois 1917-45
- Ralph Harding James, Edinburg, Illinois 1921-43
- Theodore Wilcox Large, Owaneco, Illinois 1919-44
- Garrett Wesley Loy, Effingham, Illinois 1916-44
- Earl Edward Oertley, Princeville, Illinois 1917-44
- John Joseph Pitts III, McLean, Illinois 1918-44
- Lowell Monk Werner, Peotone, Illinois 1919-44
REFERENCE AREA, SECOND LEVEL
William J. Condon

The second floor reference area was made possible through a generous gift from William J. Condon in honor of his father, Harold D. Condon, who graduated from the college in 1923. Bill, a 1961 agricultural economics graduate, began his professional career with Continental Bank in 1962. After graduating with a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Chicago in 1965, he worked for Continental Grain until 1967. He then began his distinguished financial consulting career, working for Reinholdt Gardener, Shearson Lehman Brothers, and currently for Smith Barney. Condon has owned a seat on the Chicago Board of Trade since 1969 and actively traded grains on the floor of the exchange from 1975 to 1995. He is currently serving on the ACES Alumni Association Board of Directors.

GROUP STUDY ROOM, THIRD LEVEL
James R. and Helen Elliott Davies

James R. Davies, a 1943 graduate, served as president of the Ag Alumni Association and Helen Elliott Davies, a 1941 graduate, served as president of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies/Home Economics Alumni Association. Jim and Helen met while both were working on the LaSalle County Extension staff. Jim then moved on to Amoco, where he spent a 31-year career, retiring in 1983. The couple have supported alumni and college activities at every possible opportunity. In addition to supporting this facility, they have endowed a college scholarship fund that provides annual support to students in the Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholarship Program. Jim and Helen’s two sons also are alumni of the College of Agriculture—James R. Davies II (1974) and John H. Davies (1976).
Martha Dunlap served the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service as assistant director of home economics from 1960 until her retirement in 1974. A native of Kansas, Martha earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics and a master’s degree in clothing and textiles from Kansas State College (now Kansas State University). She began doctoral studies at Iowa State University before completing a doctorate degree in cooperative extension administration at the University of Wisconsin Extension Center for Advanced Study. Martha, who died in 1989, had a distinguished career in extension in Missouri and Montana before moving to Illinois in 1960 as professor of home economics and assistant director of the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

R. Rex Emory (1950) and Dorothy Giese Emory (1951) and their family have made this room possible. The Emorys farmed near Prairie City, Illinois, until Rex’s untimely death in 1990. Rex was involved in agricultural, community, and civic activities in McDonough County and across the state. Dorothy received the University of Illinois Loyalty Award in 1991 in recognition of her outstanding service to the School of Human Resources and Family Studies/Home Economics Alumni Association. To commemorate the many years of 4-H membership and leadership in the family, the Emorys have supported the 4-H Memorial Camp cabin rebuilding initiative at Monticello, Illinois. Dorothy and Rex’s four children all graduated from the College of Agriculture: Walter L. Emory (1976); Delbert D. Emory (1978); Marilyn Emory Brink (1981); and Janeen Emory Kolb (1983).
HEAD LIBRARIAN OFFICE, SECOND LEVEL
Sue Wright Freytag and James E. Freytag and Harold W. and Ruth Beale Wright
This room was made possible through a generous gift from Sue Wright Freytag and James E. Freytag and from Harold W. Wright (1932) and Ruth Beale Wright (1933). Harold, a native of Marshall, Illinois, taught vocational agriculture for six years after graduation and then spent 40 years with DeKalb Agricultural Research. He was nationally and internationally recognized for his ideas and methodology relating to hybrid seed corn production. Harold received the Ag Alumni Award of Merit in 1983. His wife Ruth, originally from El Paso, Illinois, majored in home economics education.
Sue Wright Freytag, of Bloomington, Illinois, one of Harold and Ruth’s three daughters, graduated in 1965 from the University of Illinois in home economics. She is a retired elementary school teacher. Her husband James is a retired executive from State Farm Insurance Companies.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS ALCOVE, SECOND LEVEL
Ted H. Funk
Ted H. Funk has made a gift for the agriculture statistics alcove in memory of his father, Theodore Funk. Theodore Funk graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1927. He was a director of Funk Bros. Seed Co., managing trustee of Funk Farms from 1927 to 1975, president of Funk’s Grove Grain Co., vice president of the National Livestock Producers, and president of the Chicago Producers Commission Association. In 1977, Theodore Funk was named Agriculturist of the Year by the McLean County Livestock Association. During the Eisenhower administration, he served on the advisory board of the Commodity Credit Corporation.
ACADEMY OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

William L. George and Marilyn George

The Academy of Teaching Excellence Conference Room was made possible through a generous gift from William L. George and Marilyn George. As associate dean of academic programs in the College of Agriculture, Dr. George established the Academy of Teaching Excellence in August 1992. The academy encourages excellence in teaching by providing a forum for the best educators to interact and provide leadership regarding teaching-related issues.

Dr. George served as associate dean in the College of Agriculture for 10 years (1984–94), after having been head of the Department of Horticulture at the University of Illinois (1977–84) and a professor at The Ohio State University and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Dr. George, a native of New Jersey, and Marilyn, a native of Maine, have two children—Deborah L. Frizzell (1991) and Jeffrey W. George (1986).

BUILDING COMMONS, GROUND LEVEL

Larry G. Gerdes and Ann Zumwalt Gerdes and Steven H. Gerdes

The commons were made possible by gifts from Larry G. Gerdes (1971) and Ann Zumwalt Gerdes (1972) and Steven H. Gerdes (1977). The gifts honor Larry’s parents, John and Erta Gerdes, and Steve’s parents, Herbert and Bertie Lou Gerdes. They also celebrate the opportunities available to immigrants and descendants of immigrants to this great nation. The Gerdes family has been involved in production agriculture near Walnut, Illinois, since shortly after John Gerdes emigrated from Germany in 1923.

CIRCULATION DESK, SECOND LEVEL

Arleigh K. and Mabel E. Hohenboken

This circulation area is made possible through a generous gift from Arleigh K. Hohenboken (1932) and Mabel E. Hohenboken (1933). As long-time residents of Moline, Illinois, Arleigh and Mabel have been active in many civic and community activities. Arleigh served on the University of Illinois Department of Animal Sciences advisory committee for several years. The couple’s gifts have funded educational programs, seminars, and meetings for Illinois beef cattle feeders and producers across the state. The Hohenbokens have also provided generous support to programs in the University of Illinois Department of Psychology.
Fred Hoppin, a 1941 graduate from Lincoln, Illinois, and his wife Ruth made supporting the university a top priority in their lives. Fred was the third president of the Agriculture Alumni Association and provided leadership beginning in the late 1970s to the Food for Century III initiative that spearheaded $88 million in funding appropriations for relocating the College of Veterinary Medicine and updating many College of Agriculture buildings. Fred received nearly every alumni honor the University of Illinois can bestow, including the U of I Alumni Association Constituent Leadership Award and Distinguished Service Award, the Honorary "I" Man from the Varsity "I" Association, and the Loyalty Award and the Award of Merit from the Agriculture Alumni Association. Professionally, Fred served as Logan County farm adviser before establishing his real estate business in Lincoln.

Lawrence F. and Jean L. Kahl

The Kahl–Funkhouser Faculty Lounge was made possible through a generous gift from Lawrence F. and Jean L. Kahl of Freeport, Illinois. The gift supports the faculty and honors the many contributions made to the University of Illinois by the Kahl’s daughter Susan Kahl Funkhouser (1959, M.Ed. 1963). Larry attended the University of Illinois in the 1920s on an athletic scholarship and played basketball his freshman and sophomore years. Jean received her degree from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Susan was an outstanding University of Illinois student, receiving several student awards and Mortar Board and Bronze Tablet recognition. She served as president of the School of Human Resources and Family Studies/Home Economics Alumni Association from 1988 to 1990. The Kahls also established the Susan Kahl Funkhouser Leadership Development Award in the college in 1990. Larry and Jean’s other daughter, Leanne H. Walgren, is a graduate of the University of Colorado.
CAREER CENTER RESOURCE AREA, GROUND LEVEL
Barbara A. Kochanowski and Kenneth A. Poirier
This area was made possible through a generous gift from Barbara A. Kochanowski (M.S. 1981, Ph.D. 1984) and Kenneth A. Poirier (Ph.D. 1984).

INSTRUCTION LAB, LOWER LEVEL
Martha Gassmann Kraeger and John F. Kraeger
This laboratory was made possible through a generous gift from Martha Gassmann Kraeger and John F. Kraeger, who graduated from the University of Illinois in 1950. The gift is made in loving memory of Martha’s parents, Zean G. Gassmann and Gertrude Weber Gassmann, Class of 1916. Numerous members of the Gassmann family graduated from or attended the University of Illinois. They include Martha Gassmann Kraeger; Barbara Gassmann Harris (1948); Henry N. Gassmann (1949); George W. Gassmann (1950); Gertrude "Trudy" Gassmann Reynolds (1957); Katharine Gassmann Schaub; Elizabeth Gassmann Vaughn; and Frank C. Gassmann. The naming of this room recognizes their loyalty and generosity to the University of Illinois.

COMPUTING OFFICE, GROUND LEVEL
John and Marion Kruesi
This room was made possible through a generous gift from John and Marion Kruesi of Signal Mountain, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Kruesi are long-standing friends of the University of Illinois who have farming interests in northern Illinois. They have collaborated with University of Illinois Extension staff in hosting beef cattle programs on their farms. The university is grateful for their generous support.
GROUP STUDY ROOM, FOURTH LEVEL

Maydee Lehman

This room was made possible by a generous gift from Maydee Lehman (1929) of Los Angeles, California, in memory of her father, Louis V. Logeman (1907). Mrs. Lehman, native of Chicago, Illinois, and her husband had a successful insurance business in Westwood Village, California. She was among the first six donors to the Jonathan Baldwin Turner Agricultural Scholarship Program and, through an exceptionally generous estate provision, she has provided the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences with its largest endowment to date in support of undergraduate and graduate student programs.

CONFERENCE CENTER, GROUND LEVEL

Lee L. and Mary Morgan/Caterpillar Foundation

The Conference Center was made possible through generous gifts from Lee L. Morgan (1941) and Mary Morgan and the Caterpillar Foundation. Lee Morgan had a successful 40-year career with Caterpillar, Inc., rising to chairman of the board and chief executive officer in 1977 and serving in that capacity for nine years. He helped shape Caterpillar's role as a strong civic partner in improving the health, education, and social well-being of communities. The Caterpillar Foundation's support of this project was part of the $6-million commitment from Caterpillar to Campaign Illinois, the largest single corporate contribution received by the University of Illinois at the time of giving. The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is grateful to the Morgans and to the Caterpillar Foundation for their important support of this project.
CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND LEVEL

**Orville O. and Lorraine Mowery**

This room was made possible through a generous gift from Orville and Lorraine Mowery. Orville Mowery, a native of Alexander County, Illinois, graduated in 1926 from the University of Illinois College of Agriculture. He taught vocational agriculture from 1926 to 1935 and was county farm adviser in the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service from 1935 to 1966. Mr. Mowery received the Award of Merit in 1972 from the Agriculture Alumni Association. In 1953 while president of the Illinois Association of Farm Advisers, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the USDA National Association of County Agricultural Agents. He and Mrs. Mowery also generously established the Orville O. Mowery Scholarship Fund for students in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Mrs. Mowery is the former Lorraine Thornton, a native of Johnson County, Illinois.

COMPUTING OFFICE, GROUND LEVEL

**Ollie B. and Dorothy D. Myers**

This room was made possible through a generous gift from Ollie and Dorothy Myers of Lexington, Illinois. Ollie graduated from the University of Illinois in 1951 in agricultural education. He received the ACES Alumni Association Award of Merit in 1998. Dorothy graduated from Illinois State Normal University in home economics education in 1951. Their daughter Beverly Myers Nelson graduated from the University of Illinois in home economics education in 1976 and their son Dennis graduated in 1980 with a degree in agriculture. Their granddaughters Kristen and Kimberly Nelson have followed the family footsteps to the University of Illinois. Ollie and Dorothy founded Myers, Inc., a family-run business that provides fertilizer, chemicals, and custom application to its customers. The business is founded upon honesty, good service, and relationships. Ollie and Dorothy have also been deeply involved in community and church activities.
Marion K. Piper, a 1937 home economics graduate of the university, provided a generous gift to support this room in memory of an influential professor, Kathryn VanAken Burns. Born in 1891 in Hillsdale, Michigan, Kathryn VanAken Burns received her degree from Hillsdale College in 1913 and a master’s degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1925. Mrs. Burns was a high school home economics teacher in Wisconsin, a hospital dietician at the University of Michigan, and an urban home demonstration agent with Cornell University before joining the faculty at the University of Illinois in 1920. She served as food specialist in Home Economics Extension, state leader of Home Economics Extension, acting head of the Department of Home Economics, and president of both the Illinois and the American Home Economics Associations before retiring from the university in 1956. Mrs. Burns died in 1987.

John F. Rundquist and Anita Turner Rundquist (1946, M.S. 1947) and Anita Turner Rundquist (1947) are loyal alumni and key advocates for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Anita’s family heritage traces to Jonathan Baldwin Turner (1805–99), widely credited as the father of the land-grant system. Jack and Anita were instrumental in helping establish and fund the Jonathan Baldwin Turner Agricultural Scholarship Program in the College of Agriculture in 1979 and were early advocates for the construction of this facility. Jack and Anita continue to live on Evergreen Farms near Butler, Illinois. Jack served Illinois as director of agriculture from 1989 to 1991 and was president of the College Agriculture Alumni Association in 1979 and 1980. Three of Jack and Anita’s five children are alumni of the University of Illinois.
Barbara Forgy Schock, of Galesburg, Illinois, donated the Offord-Forgy Centennial Farm to the University of Illinois Foundation, with income from the farm directed to support the activities of the ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center. The Offord-Forgy farm has been in Barbara’s family since 1886, when her great-grandmother Mary E. Carter Offord purchased it.

Barbara Schock completed her bachelor’s degree in home economics at the University of Illinois in 1958. She worked for 17 years as an extension adviser for the Cooperative Extension Service in Pike, Whiteside, and Kane Counties. Barbara and her husband Christian are active in community volunteer programs, especially those related to history and genealogy.

Fay M. Sims received his undergraduate degree from the college in 1941 and his master’s in 1958. He served Illinois and American agriculture for more than half a century. He devoted his career to promoting profitable and sustainable farming practices, first as an extension farm adviser and ultimately as a professor of farm management at the University of Illinois. He is widely recognized as a wise counselor and good friend. His contributions have earned him the FarmHouse Fraternity Master Builder of Men National Award and the Ag Alumni Association Exceptional Service Award. Fay and his wife Anne encouraged and were good friends to many U of I students, often resulting in long-time friendships.
This room was made possible through a generous gift from Robert G. F. Spitze and Hazel Taylor Spitze. Professor Robert Spitze and Professor Hazel Taylor Spitze were deeply involved in University of Illinois faculty governance and student programs. Dr. Hazel Spitze was a faculty member in home economics education from 1962 to 1987, received education and campus teaching awards, and was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by her national association. Dr. Robert Spitze was a faculty member in agricultural economics from 1960 to 1993, received the college’s Funk and campus teaching awards, and was honored for policy contributions by his national association.

Van and Joann Trimble farmed near Oakwood, Illinois, until Van’s untimely death in 1995. The two met in high school and spent their married years farming in Vermilion County. Joann Trimble has made a generous gift that will support the ongoing activities of the ACES Library, Information and Alumni Center. The Trimbles were strong advocates of the University of Illinois and regularly benefited from the University of Illinois Library system and University of Illinois Extension. One of their three daughters graduated from the university.
IRWIN R. TUCKER

Irwin Tucker's grandfather, Cyrus Tucker, came to Peoria County in 1837 and purchased land there. His son George, born in 1861, spent his entire life on the farm raising Hereford cattle. George married Anna Radley and they had three children, Irwin, Georganna, and Ada. Irwin spent most of his life on the farm and, like his father, was interested in programs offered by the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service. He served as treasurer of the county Farm Bureau for more than 25 years and was the supervisor of Radnor Township for seven years. Irwin died in 1973 and directed that his 440-acre farm be given to the University of Illinois College of Agriculture after the deaths of his sisters, Georganna and Ada. Proceeds from the sale of the farm were used to help construct this building.

LAURA M. WEBER

Laura Weber, the daughter of German immigrants, was one of four children reared in rural Marshall County, Illinois. She attended school in Lostant and graduated from Illinois State University. She returned to the Lostant area to teach and later moved to Chicago, where she taught home economics in the public schools. In 1955, Miss Weber gave the university 640 acres of farmland in LaSalle County for use as a model farm to provide examples of the latest techniques in soil fertility and conservation. Income from the farm has been used to support continuing education programs for county extension advisers across the state. In addition to the land, Miss Weber bequeathed the college funds that have been used to construct this building. She died in November 1990 at the age of 108.
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