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This file contains clippings from the GSU View university newsletter about the E & F Wing Groundbreaking held on October 18, 2011.

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Tear Down This Wall (10-20-11)

GSU celebrated a new era in science education with a ceremony marking the start of a \$22.6 million renovation project. The project will bring world-class laboratories and classrooms to the university.

President Elaine P. Maimon and members of the Board of Trustees symbolically “tore down the walls” of the university’s E and F science buildings by removing paneling from the walls. They were joined by more than 150 students, university employees, community members, and dignitaries.



“Today, we tear down the walls of the 20th century and construct state of the art science labs appropriate to this model 21st century university and, most appropriate, worthy of our students,” Dr. Maimon said.



“Illinois needed a capital bill and needed to invest in those things that we share in common,” said State Senator Toi Hutchison (D-Olympia Fields). “When we make investments like this, it’s not just good for the Southland. It means that GSU can make a bigger contribution to this state.”

The renovated facilities will serve students and faculty in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nursing, communications disorders, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

The area to be renovated comprises approximately 76,000 square feet, which will include six research labs, 11 teaching labs, 12 classrooms, nine prep and store rooms, a new lecture hall, and extensive renovations to the infrastructure.

Mark the Date for E & F Groundbreaking

Everyone is invited to help GSU kick off a new era in science education on October 18 with the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of the renovation of the university's science facilities in the E and F buildings. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.

The \$22.6 million, three-year renovation project will create state-of-the-art education facilities while providing more than 130 construction jobs. In addition to the positive impact the



renovation project will have on the region's economy, the building renovation will better equip GSU to educate students for regional jobs in healthcare, computer science, scientific and mathematics research, and science and math education.

Upgrading its science facilities has been GSU's number one capital priority for the last decade. However, funds for this important, shovel ready, project were only recently released. The Capital Development Board, the state's construction management arm of Illinois' state government, has oversight responsibility for the design and construction of this project.

The groundbreaking ceremony is open to the public. For more information, contact [Penny Perdue](#).

So Long Old E & F Buildings

Change is in the air. Finally, the long-awaited E and F renovation project is about to begin. Now is your chance to say so long and good riddance to the old E & F facilities.



Everyone is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the beginning of a new era in science education at GSU. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff on October 18, at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.

Upgrading its science facilities has been GSU's number one capital priority for the last decade. Funds for this important, shovel ready project were recently released. Join the celebration and the start of a new era of science education at GSU.

For more information, contact [Penny Perdue](#).

A New Era at GSU - E & F Wing Groundbreaking (10-03-11)

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The \$22.6 million, three-year renovation project will create state-of-the-art education facilities while providing more than 130 construction jobs. In addition to the positive impact the renovation project will have on the region's economy, the building renovation will better equip GSU to educate students for regional jobs in healthcare, computer science, scientific and mathematics research, and science and math education.

"We have waited a long time for these new science facilities that will provide opportunities for our students for generations to come," said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. "The beginning of this renovation project marks the dawning of a new day for Governors State University and the region."

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The area to be renovated comprises approximately 76,000 square feet of space. During the renovation, crews will replace HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and lighting systems. Outmoded infrastructure and equipment will be replaced with up-to-date facilities and equipment that will be energy-efficient and meet current codes and regulations. The project design calls for structural infill of existing atrium space, adding about 9,000 square feet of additional usable space.

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