



## PHASE 2 RENOVATION OF THE EDMUNDS CENTER

The Edmunds Center, built in 1974, is Stetson's largest multipurpose facility and remains the largest indoor sporting venue in west Volusia County. Each year approximately 28,000 guests visit to cheer on the Hatters at a basketball or volleyball game or attend a university event like orientation, convocation and homecoming.

The Edmunds Center is one of the constants throughout a student's experience, where large groups of Hatters come together to create community. However, a major renovation is needed to meet current code standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additionally, aesthetic enhancements are necessary to support the recruitment and retention of our talented student-athletes and to create an enjoyable fan experience.

This past summer, Phase 1 of the renovation was completed, which included new bleachers, bathrooms, locker rooms and paint inside the gym. This was a much-needed improvement, but to become fully ADA compliant (e.g elevator, seating) our goal is to raise \$3.4 million by February 2025 so construction for Phase 2 can begin.

The change in scope of this project now includes a partial renovation of the adjacent Wilson Athletic Center (WAC). This change reduces the overall project cost by over \$10.4 million, optimizes the use of the space and allows the university to move this project forward sooner. The renovation is critical at this moment to sustain the momentum of our athletics success from last season: the men's basketball ASUN Conference Championship and first-ever March Madness appearance and the women's basketball National Invitation Tournament (NIT) appearance. The high caliber of our teams necessitates a renovated Edmunds Center.

New Façade Rendering - Night View



The Board of Trustees felt so strongly about the urgency of this project, they chose to prioritize an investment in the Edmunds Center.

Additionally, the Edmunds family generously invested in the project, and the new, renovated space will keep their name. Their main motivation for investing in this project was accessibility: a member of their family attended President Roellke's inauguration and was not able to go upstairs to a reception since the building does not have an elevator.

There are several other alumni who have committed leadership gifts. One of these donors is an advisory board member for the School of Business Administration. She and her husband were motivated to make a gift to help improve the student experience, thereby positively impacting retention.



Current Façade - Built in 1974

The renovation of the Edmunds Center is Stetson's #1 fundraising priority and will help advance President Roellke's strategic plan goal of "student-centered success and wellness." It will also attract and retain top student-athletes while making the Edmunds Center a showpiece for Stetson University as our teams secure more national appearances.

We invite you to invest in this project to help us move from a Florida gem to a national treasure!



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