SPOTLIGHT Business School Facilities

Featured School:

University of Missouri
Robert J. Trulaske, Sr., College of Business
Columbia, Missouri, United States

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Harry and Ann Cornell Hall

Construction Began: December, 1999
Open for Business: May, 2002
Size: 153,000 sq. ft.
Floors: Six
Cost: 30 million USD
Architectural Firm: Ellerbe Becket / Interior Designs by University of Missouri Planning, Design & Construction
Construction Firm: Joint Venture -- Kidwell Construction Co. / Walton Construction Co., L.L.C.

Offices: 85 faculty offices, 4 department chair/director suites, Dean’s suite, 11 administrative support / center suites

Classrooms: 10 tiered case-study rooms, 9 flexible seating classrooms, 1 lecture hall (118-seat capacity), 1 auditorium (Jack and Mary Bush Auditorium, 500-seat capacity, cinematic projection), 13 breakout rooms, 1 trading room, 3 computer classrooms/labs (Anheuser Busch Technology Center)
Other: Naturally lit atrium with a view of all six floors from lobby entrance. A 16-by-8-foot LED screen in the atrium greets students and visitors with news, information, and announcements. Five additional LCD screens provide information at other building locations. 1 Board Room, 5 conference rooms, 12 interview rooms, behavioral lab and focus group facilities, 3 faculty/staff lounges, 5 student lounges/areas, 2 multipurpose common areas (with kitchen), multimedia capabilities in all classrooms, wireless networking throughout, hardwired e-mail kiosks in student areas, offices for student organizations, 1 alumni reception room for special events.

Background:
Beginning in 1990, Cornell Hall was conceived, studied, planned, funded, designed and constructed under the leadership of Dean Bruce J. Walker. Obtaining state funding in the amount of approximately 17 million USD was complemented by raising over 13 million USD in private support from generous alumni and friends to make possible this public-private partnership.

This neo-Georgian facility is named for Harry Cornell – a 1950 MU business graduate – and his wife Ann. For more than 40 years, Mr. Cornell served as the head of Leggett & Platt, Inc., a Fortune 500 company located in Carthage, Missouri. The Cornells, in conjunction with Leggett & Platt, made the initial lead gift in the successful endeavor to raise private funds for the building. They have since provided additional gifts to fully fund and enhance the building.

Cornell Hall is designed to facilitate student-faculty interaction by providing both generous space for mutual activities and a technology-rich environment to satisfy a variety of teaching/learning preferences. “Collaborative Education” is a particular goal in the college’s strategic plan and involves bringing – both physically and electronically – successful executives/alumni into the classroom. Features of the building and its technological infrastructure are specifically designed to enable and support these executive exchanges.

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