Through a $43.5 million construction project, the oldest part of Willard Building, built in 1949, will be transformed into the Donald P. Bellisario Media Center, a space for students and faculty to collaborate, use the latest technology and engage in groundbreaking storytelling. The center will be the hub for our student media and the new home, together with Carnegie Building, of the Bellisario College.

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The Bellisario College is preparing students to become the next generation of great digital storytellers—working in journalism, television and film, corporate and agency environments, and digital media of all forms.

Our students and faculty deserve facilities as modern and sophisticated as they are: A place that cultivates inspiration, collaboration and entrepreneurial thinking. This is why we have embarked on an ambitious project to create a new, state-of-the-art media center located in the heart of campus.

The center’s design will encourage creativity. Work and meeting spaces will be open and transparent. Like few other facilities on campus, the Bellisario Media Center will be abuzz with activity around the clock and throughout the year.

For more information visit bellisario.psu.edu/bellisario
“The Bellisario Media Center will not only inspire students to perform at their very best while at Penn State, but it will also prepare them to thrive within the kinds of media environments they will enter as professionals. The new center will be, hands down, the most exciting place on campus for Penn State communications students and faculty.”

– Marie Hardin, Dean of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications

The 35,000-square-foot Bellisario Media Center will contain forward-looking spaces for learning, research and innovation.

They include:

• a Media Commons where students can collaborate with their peers;
• an Innovation Lab where students and faculty can experiment with new technologies;
• a Newsroom where students can learn and practice traditional and digital reporting;
• dedicated spaces for student media operations and advanced journalism classes;
• the Bellisario College’s renowned Media Effects Research Laboratory, which studies the impact of technology and media on individuals and society;
• and more.