

BUILDING
OUR FUTURE

DONALD P. BELLISARIO MEDIA CENTER

— COMING JANUARY 2021 —



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Donald P. Bellisario
College of Communications

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

APR. 21, 2017

Gift announced to support students and programs, and to establish state-of-the-art media center

SUMMER 2017

University groundwork and approvals

AUG. 2017

Benchmarking as faculty and staff tour facilities across the country to help shape the design process of the Bellisario Media Center

SEPT. 15, 2017

Studios Architecture approved as architect after review of proposals from more than 30 firms

SUMMER 2018

Construction approvals, hiring contractor

DEC. 2018

Construction begins

JANUARY 2021

Construction complete

SPRING 2021

Full academic year begins with classes in Bellisario Media Center



“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
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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**.



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