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Stetson Dedicates New Cici & Hyatt Brown Hall for Health & Innovation

New facility will allow Stetson to expand health and science programs

DELAND, Florida, Oct. 28, 2022 - Stetson University cut the ceremonial ribbon today on the Cici & Hyatt Brown Hall for Health & Innovation, providing new labs, a teaching kitchen and other spaces to expand health and science programs.

The new facility connects to Sage Hall Science Center, creating a 120,000-square-foot science complex, and will house academic programs in Health Sciences, Environmental Science and Studies, Public Health, Counselor Education and Sustainable Food Systems.

Cici and Hyatt Brown, longtime supporters and university Trustees, donated \$18 million for the science building in 2018, calling it an investment in the university and the surrounding community.

“Part of what we’re doing here at Stetson is we’re bringing about the opportunities for people ... to attract more and better students, to prepare them for their future,” Hyatt Brown said at the dedication ceremony inside Brown Hall. “And that’s very important because this university has a great past and a great present, and the future is before us.”

By expanding health and science programs, Stetson can meet the student demand for these degrees while increasing its role as a major economic engine for the area. Stetson graduates can find jobs in health care, which rank among the fastest-growing occupations in Florida.

Students, faculty and staff will begin using the \$19 million facility in January with the start of the Spring 2023 semester. The 40,000-square-foot, two-story building includes:

- Environmental and health sciences labs;
- A teaching kitchen, outdoor classroom with garden space and a greenhouse;
- A Center for Optimal Health across the Lifespan, with a Stress Management and Resiliency Training (SMART) Lab, Play Therapy classroom, and a Brain Fitness Academy.

“Brown Hall is more than a building,” said Stetson President Christopher F. Roellke, PhD. “It is a testament to the spirit of Stetson University, and what we can do together as a community.”

About Stetson University

Founded in 1883, [Stetson University](#) is the oldest private university in Central Florida. Stetson focuses on intense learning experiences in a supportive community that allows students to develop their voice in a connected, inclusive environment. Stetson University ranks No. 4 on U.S. News & World Report’s 2023 list of Best Regional Universities (South) and has been recognized as one of The Princeton Review’s Best 388 Colleges, 2023 edition.

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