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College of Design Hosts Leazar Hall Rededication Ceremony Aug. 25

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North Carolina State University's College of Design will hold a rededication ceremony for the grand reopening of Leazar Hall on Friday, Aug. 25, at 4 p.m.

Chancellor James Oblinger will be the keynote speaker. Other speakers will include Marvin Malecha, dean of the College of Design, and Michael Cole, president of the NC State Design Guild. Building tours will take place immediately following the ceremony.

The newly renovated Leazar will house the College of Design's materials lab, loom, painting and sculpture studios, seminar spaces and faculty offices. The \$8.3 million renovation project was funded by the North Carolina Higher Education Bond Referendum passed in 2000.

Leazar Hall was built in 1912, and has been renovated twice prior to the current renovation, in 1922 and 1983. During its 96-year history, Leazar has served as a dining hall, student store, print shop, housing rental office, and payroll benefits office. Most recently, Leazar was shared by the College of Design, university mail services, and the computer science department.

"This building represents a case model of treasuring important landmarks while giving them new uses," Malecha says. "Since Leazar houses design education and has dedicated space for research and extension efforts, it also signifies the university's commitment to promoting extension and research within the College of Design – it's a tangible investment in the study of the arts on campus."

For more information about the rededication ceremony, contact the College of Design at 919/515-8313.

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