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NC State's E. Carroll Joyner Visitor Center Opens Sept. 21

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North Carolina State University's new "front door," the E. Carroll Joyner Visitor Center and Advancement Services Building, officially opens at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21. The building, located at the corner of Western Boulevard and Varsity Drive, will be a tribute to the history, culture and accomplishments of the university and feature interactive exhibits and memorabilia, as well as serve as the starting point for campus tours.

Media coverage of the opening ceremony is invited. Parking will be available in the Visitor Center lot.

The \$5 million building contains about 27,000 square feet of space, including 2,200 square feet of exhibit space. The contemporary, two-story, glass rotunda area features multimedia kiosks, videos and other graphic images that chronicle NC State's tradition of excellence in teaching, research and extension.

The exhibits and presentations will provide campus visitors information on the university's colleges, academic programs, student life, tradition and history, as well as showcase the accomplishments of students, staff, faculty and alumni. Prospective students and their parents will begin their tours of campus at the center, which will also serve student groups and field trips touring the university. It is expected that more than 25,000 people will visit the building each year.

The E. Carroll Joyner Visitor Center and Advancement Services Building will house some admissions staff, as well as University advancement, marketing and news services staff.

Chancellor James Oblinger will be joined by Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker in celebrating the grand opening of the center. The building was made possible through a gift from Edward Carroll Joyner, a 1956 graduate of NC State, and also is part of the University of North Carolina Higher Education Bond Referendum, passed by the state's citizens in 2000.

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