



**Renovation of Marston Hall:
Historic Home of the College of Engineering**
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Marston Hall has served as the home of the world-class College of Engineering at Iowa State University for more than a century. Originally constructed as Engineering Hall, the building was renamed in 1947 after Anson Marston, first dean of the college. With its majestic limestone facade and grand rotunda, Marston Hall has long symbolized the distinguished reputation of one of the most impactful engineering colleges in the country.

Marston Hall has undergone many repairs and improvements over its life, each narrow in scope to meet a specific need. Now, there is a grand vision for how this iconic building must reflect the college's proud history and its role in educating future generations of engineers. When prospective students and their parents visit, Marston Hall is their first impression of the college. Current students use the building to take classes, meet with advisors, work with student clubs, and interview with recruiters for internships and jobs. Yet the space in Marston Hall is out of date in terms of efficiency and utilization, and is not meeting the needs of today's students.

With this in mind, the college is embarking on a \$20 million renovation of Marston Hall, and philanthropy will play a critical role in helping to finance this project. The two-year project will include a complete reconfiguration – one that honors the building's historical significance while serving the college's future: its students, who must be equipped to tackle the challenges of the 21st century.

In addition to updating the infrastructure and physical components of the building, the renovation will increase and upgrade the amount of space for classrooms and meetings





and modernize the building with new technology throughout. Student services will be located for easy access, offices will be re-configured for better flow, and a new gathering/interaction area will provide a much-needed welcoming space.

Historical aspects of the building will be recaptured and preserved, and LEED Gold certification is anticipated. When completed, the “new” Marston Hall will provide the ideal

environment to support the exciting growth within the College of Engineering at Iowa State for years to come.

Recognition opportunities are available for those who support this project. To learn more about how you can be involved in the renovation of Marston Hall, please contact College of Engineering Development at 515.294.2416, or 800.239.7494 toll-free, or visit www.engineering.iastate.edu/marston.



“It’s time to honor Anson Marston’s vision by recapturing and preserving the past – while equipping students to tackle future engineering challenges.”

– Sarah Rajala, Dean, College of Engineering and James and Katherine Melsa Professor of Engineering



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