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Radford University Makes History: New COBE Building

Radford University kicked off this school year with a busy, populated campus. A new addition to the campus this year was the addition of the new COBE building. Wednesday, September 12, President Penelope Kyle along with others celebrated the new building with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

“Welcome to our new academic home,” President Kyle stated as she kicked off her speech. She thanked everyone who helped make the building a reality, also adding that they were able to keep the new building on schedule and also was able to keep it under the original budget.

“It feels even better than we thought it would,” said President Kyle. “

It truly is a dream come true.”

Before the COBE building was constructed, business students were scattered around the campus in different buildings along with faculty members. As the campus has grown over the years, there has not been one set building for the business students. Now they are all located in one building.

Next on President Kyle’s list is a new 50 million dollar building for the Center of Science and a new 32 million dollar student Fitness and Wellness Center. They are also planning the next academic building to put on the map, a new building for the College of Humanities and Behavior Sciences and have them all also under one roof.

Along with President Kyle, James Cheng, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, spoke about the new addition to Radford University. Cheng said that Virginia is one of the best states to do business in, so this new addition to Radford will ensure students a bright future. Companies want to hire the best for their future, with this new building students can learn and incorporate new technologies into their skills and knowledge they receive from their education.

Another speaker and a familiar face to Radford was Joseph Yost.

“Today marks a new beginning for Radford,” said Yost a Radford University graduate. Yost received his Bachelors degree as well as his Masters degree from Radford. Excited to see what students get out of this new addition, he also said how the new building helped the economy. The construction of the new building provided 700 jobs for workers.

“This is the first time in more than 20 years that we have all been in the same building, I have missed my colleagues,” said Dr. Dan Davison who is the department chair of accounting, finance and business law. Also a professor at Radford University, Davison only wants the best for his students. He has worked at the University since 1986 and has waited for this day for a long time.

The next several years on Radford’s campus will be a construction zone. Building futures for students.