Be part of the newest addition to our shared campus.

Help us meet the needs of our growing student body and the workforce needs of our local employers.

Join us by supporting the construction of the John and Mary Alford Center for Science and Technology.
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To better meet campus needs, plan for projected enrollment growth and expand academic programming, we are asking community members just like you to help us make this building a reality.

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Campaign Chair

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The John and Mary Alford Center for Science and Technology will allow us to:

**Better Meet Local Workforce Needs**

While employment in Central Ohio is projected to increase by 6.7% through 2024, occupational demand in many STEM fields will far outpace this projected increase. Ensuring these jobs are filled with qualified and trained employees will have a direct impact on the region’s long-term economic viability for decades to come.

**Expand Academic Programming**

COTC is launching several new associate degree programs, including anesthesia technology, ceramic engineering technology, and electrical transmission and power distribution technology to produce a pipeline of skilled workers for local employers. Ohio State Newark plans to launch a new bachelor’s degree in manufacturing engineering technology as a result of local manufacturers’ requests for qualified leadership-track employees.

**Enhance Student Success**

Ohio State Newark will expand second-year course offerings in science and engineering, so students can take advantage of smaller class sizes and close interaction with faculty for two years instead of one before transitioning to the Columbus campus. COTC students will have the opportunity to learn in a new 3,600-square-foot, multidisciplinary health science simulation center where they will gain hands-on experience with the continuum of healthcare settings from emergency transport, through x-ray and sonography, to anesthesia and surgery.