

Sorrell Center is UNMC's newest gem

Grand opening events were held for the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education in June, with more than 1,300 people touring the newest gem on UNMC's campus.

"The Sorrell Center represents an important investment in the future of the state of Nebraska," said UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D.

"More than half the state's physicians are educated at UNMC, and the Sorrell Center will provide a state-of-the-art environment for training future physicians," he said.

The most sophisticated learning environment in the nation, the center centralizes educational programs and includes clinical skills laboratories, large amphitheaters, small-group interaction rooms, conference space for continuing education and student interaction space that will provide enhanced interdisciplinary opportunities.

It also allows, for the first time in decades, the College of Medicine to increase its class size from 120 to 130 students.

Omaha philanthropists Ruth and Bill Scott provided the lead gift for the \$52.7 million building and were among more than 1,200 donors to the Sorrell Center. Other principal benefactors were:

- The Nebraska Medical Center
- Richard D. Holland
- Dorothy and Stanley M. Truhlsen, M.D.
- The Lozier Foundation
- UNMC Physicians
- Dr. C.C. & Mabel L. Criss Memorial Foundation
- UNMC College of Medicine Alumni Association
- Karen and Jim Linder, M.D.

In all, 24 physicians contributed \$100,000 or more through the Edward A. Holyoke, M.D., Ph.D., Society, which is dedicated to the memory and contributions of the late Dr. Holyoke, a legendary professor and mentor at UNMC.

Nearly 1,000 College of Medicine alumni contributed more than \$12 million toward building the center.

With the opening of the Sorrell Center to students in August, the College of Medicine and University of Nebraska Foundation are now focused on raising private support for the building's current and future technology needs. The ability to purchase additional patient simulators for the clinical skills area or equipment for a surgical skills center would allow UNMC to continue to offer students a state-of-the-art learning environment and exceptional education opportunities.

Take a virtual tour, watch a video of the dedication ceremony, and hear what people have to say about the Sorrell Center at: unmc.edu/sorrellcenter



Clockwise: Bill Scott chats with Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D.; College of Medicine Alumni Association Board Members Dennis Strauss, M.D., '68, past president; James Reilly, M.D., '85, president; and Thomas Waring, M.D., '57, secretary, toast the many alumni who contributed to the Sorrell Center and whose names are etched on the founding benefactor plaques; Karen and James Linder, M.D., '80, in the Linder Reading Room that is designed for student mentoring and special events; Stanley Truhlsen, M.D., '44, inspects the technology lab; Alumni Commons provides space for study, relaxation and interaction among students of all disciplines.