



Sorrell Center Fast Facts

New home to:

UNMC College of Medicine

Location:

Northeast corner of 42nd and Emile Streets.

Cost:

\$52.7 million (funded entirely by private donations)

Size:

134,183-square-foot, four-level building

Building features:

- Technologically enhanced classrooms;
- Patient-focused clinical skills laboratories;
- Multi-purpose conference space for continuing education; and
- Student interaction space that will provide enhanced interdisciplinary educational opportunities.

Building's namesake:

Michael Sorrell, M.D., a legendary physician, teacher, scientist and administrator at UNMC for the past 37 years.

Benefactors:

Omahans Ruth and Bill Scott made the largest donation to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the \$52.7 million building. Other principal benefactors are: 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, College of Medicine Alumni Association and Karen & Jim Linder, M.D.

Energy efficient:

The Sorrell Center will be the first building on campus to be certified by LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.

Unique landscaping:

Creation of a student plaza on the east side of the Sorrell Center will feature an ice rink and an architectural/artistic feature. The plaza, which is part of a greenway that extends from 42nd street to 40th street, will include quiet areas for student interaction and study. The UNMC plaza, rink and artistic feature was made possible by a donation from Omaha philanthropists Ruth and Bill Scott.

Building materials:

Similar to the Durham Research Center, the cast-in-place concrete building will feature limestone, brick and glass curtain

walls. The building will connect via a skywalk over 42nd Street to the fourth-floor of Wittson Hall.

By the numbers

In the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education, you'll find:

- 10,700 cubic yards of concrete – similar to 10 paved football fields
- 95,000 square feet of shoring
- 80,000 square feet of foamwork
- 22,800 square feet of glass
- 14,000 square feet of metal panel
- 14,000 square feet of brick
- 10,000 pounds of marker board

Numbers courtesy of Kiewit Building Group and UNMC Facilities Management and Planning

Artwork to inspire

The Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education is the latest shining star of UNMC's academic campus, but you'd be excused if you thought it housed an art collection.

"One of our goals in designing the building was to create an inspirational environment through both the architecture and artwork," said Jim Linder, M.D., a member of the artwork acquisition committee along with his wife, Karen.

The building will feature works by Nebraska artists, or artists who have ties to the state. The artwork – a variety of paintings, photographs and sculptures – will include a mix of two- and three-dimensional pieces, including a painting by Stephen C. Roberts and ceramic "dangos" (Japanese for dumpling) by Jun Kaneko.

Other featured artists will include Ray Knaub, Karen Kunc, Keith Lowrey and Deborah Murphy. All of the artwork was acquired with private funds or donated by art patrons. The collection includes several signature pieces yet to be unveiled.

"The planning committee wanted the artwork to be inspirational and thought provoking and provide students with an artistic experience to supplement their scientific education," Karen Linder said.