Mathison Hall
Open for Business

A journey through construction to opening: 2018-2023

Gift at Work Report - July 2023
Thank you for helping to make our dream a reality.

Our dream to elevate learning experiences and quality of teaching;
Our dream to unite business students back to one home turf;
Our dream to transform business education in Calgary.

You helped usher in a new era for the Haskayne School of Business with your gift. This report takes you on the five-year journey of Mathison Hall coming together. We hope it will remind you of the impact you made on the UCalgary campus with your generosity.

As I wrap up my tenure as the dean, I am proud to deliver this report to you as my final update on the Mathison Hall Project. It has been an honour serving as the dean of the Haskayne School and working with passionate supporters like you.

I am deeply grateful to you for helping Haskayne fulfill our vision to be the place where big ideas come to life and bold leaders thrive.

Jim Dewald
Dean, Haskayne School of Business
Ground blessing

A seed was planted in June 2018 when the University of Calgary announced the transformational $20 million gift by Ronald P. Mathison to help construct a new building for the Haskayne School of Business. Mathison Hall, named in recognition of Ron Mathison’s generosity, will rise up beside Haskayne’s home base Scurfield Hall.

In April 2020, Michael Hart, Vice-provost of the Office of Indigenous Engagement, conducted a ground blessing ceremony at the future site of Mathison Hall, guided by Elder Reg Crowshoe. Jim Dewald and Gary Duke, Principal of Duke Evans, the project manager, attended the ceremony. Under a clear blue sky, they smudged to seek blessing from Mother Earth in allowing construction to take place on her land.
Construction began on May 1, 2020
October 2020
By the time leaves turned golden, the foundation of Mathison Hall had begun to take shape.

May 2021
By the following spring, the building framework had risen, shoulder to shoulder with Scurfield Hall.

September 2021
The outer walls were closing in by the summer of 2021. We could begin to see the atrium and other spaces taking shape inside the building.
January 2022

Nine months away from the scheduled project completion in October.
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Overcoming supply-chain issues and rising cost, Mathison Hall became ready for occupancy, on time and on budget, at the end of October 2022.
Architecturally stunning, Viewpoint Circle for Dialogue floats in the centre of Mathison Hall and is instantly recognizable for its circular shape. The design captures the spirit of the intention to hear and comprehend perspectives from diverse backgrounds and different positions. Designed to promote equity, diversity and inclusion, the room has ventilation to allow for Indigenous smudging ceremonies.
Mathison Hall features 12 technology-enhanced classrooms, including the high-tech Coril Classroom that boast 50-inch TV screens at every table (bottom right), Monaco Family Classroom, tiered pod-style classrooms to seamlessly promote collaboration, an 80-seat W. David Duckett Theatre, and a 100-seat Michael J. Tims Lecture Theatre.
Graduate Student Floor

The fourth level of Mathison Hall caters to the needs of Haskayne’s graduate students by offering academic and career services, as well as Graduate Student Lounge presented by CDL-Rockies Mentors (bottom left) and an informal study and gathering space in Enbridge Concourse (bottom centre).
Unique collision spaces

There are ample areas for students to work, socialize and gather which includes: 24 six-person, transparent syndicate rooms for group work or focused study (bottom left); 11 meeting spaces including the KPMG Collaboration Zone (bottom centre); a fireplace area on the Robert G. Peters Floor (bottom right); Deloitte Student Club Room; social staircase; and informal study/gathering areas in CPA Albert Commons and Peters & Co. Study Space.
Clockwise from top left:

Deloitte Student Club Room
Social Staircase
CPA Alberta Commons
Peters & Co. Study Space
Event facilities

Event Space on the third level (below left) spans over two storeys to host meaningful public community engagement opportunities. Suncor Terrace (below right) just outside the space can also serve as a reception area.
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Mathison Hall will leave a lasting impact on students today and for generations to come.