

Micki Meyer
Rollins Hall Dedication Remarks

Good afternoon!

From this podium I can't help but be moved by the power of the path. The brick pathway that connects Kathleen W. Rollins Hall to all points of campus from the Cornell Campus Center and Mills Lawn to the Bush Science Center through the Interlachen Avenue Gateway toward the Alford Inn.

What do you see along the path? Intentional environments and structures that places student learning at the center of our institution, all by design. A powerful reflection of our connected education at work. And today, we dedicate Kathleen W. Rollins Hall as part of that constellation.

I stand with you honored to have humbly served as project steward alongside leaders, peers and students across campus working together on a project that I believe is at the core of our mission and our purpose for education in a global society.

Kathleen W. Rollins Hall is open. Open for programs and classes. Open for collaboration, inquiry, innovation, community-building and big ideas. Open for mentorship and advising. Open for spontaneous brainstorming, a-ha moments, joyful and difficult conversations and

deliberative dialogue. Open for the very interactions and experiences we believe are essential for all Rollins students to put their education to work in a world that needs their intellect, inspiration, creativity and leadership now more than ever before.

There are three things I love most about this moment:

One: *A Celebration of a job well done. Every person involved with Kathleen W. Rollins Hall has led with enthusiasm, energy, expertise and pure passion--putting our students at the center. From those who have offices in the building to facilities, grounds, purchasing, faculty leaders, SGA, I.T. architects, designers, builders and contractors—Kathleen W. Rollins Hall is the physical embodiment of tremendous teamwork and an unshakable desire to deliver a high-quality facility for our campus that honors the past, reflects the future, and houses programs that transform learning and lives.*

Two: *A Celebration of our donors: To those visionary philanthropists who stand with us today our deepest gratitude for supporting the hopes and dreams of Rollins and our promise to deliver on a liberal arts education in action that's nationally recognized and accessible to all students.*

Three: *A Celebration of the future: On the back of Kathleen W. Rollins Hall facing the Cornell Campus Center you see a Gateway with three arches and four pillars.*

These arches symbolize our past, present and future and the pillars represent our mission. Gateways are global symbols of hope, inspiration, change, transition and liberation. Arches and Gateways can be found all throughout our campus reflecting the essence of a Rollins education.

Kathleen W. Rollins Hall and Rollins Gateway will allow students the ability to chart their own course to intellectual, personal and professional success grounded in our mission for generations to come.

All paths lead us to this very moment. Today we honor that moment savoring the present and welcoming an exciting future.

I'd like to invite Matthew Weiner, SGA President, to the podium to deliver remarks.

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