

Good Afternoon Rollins College!
Opening Day_Kathleen W. Rollins
Hall
1.14.20
Ceremony

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Start 1:01p

Live from Centerfield this is Micki Meyer and I will be the Announcer of today's opening day ceremonies. My day job is AVP for Student Affairs and Community.

Over the past 2 years I've had the honor to work alongside our entire campus community to make Kathleen

W. Rollins Hall a reality.

I'd like to recognize a few special guests who have joined us.

On behalf of Representative Anna Eskamani is Rollins graduate Lauren Cooper. Rep. started session yesterday and sends her best.

And WP Commissioner Sarah Sprinkel.

Today is a historic day as we throw the first pitch-- opening a building that is so iconic to our work and mission in educating students for global citizenship, responsible leadership, meaningful lives and productive

careers. A mission that every one of us... faculty students, staff and community touches every single day.

But for those who have worked so hard on this project including faculty and staff inside the building and staff who made it happen we know today is so much more than a physical space. It's about the interconnection of knowledge, values, and experiences we believe are essential for a Liberal Education in action. The very environment Holt dreamed about and that our faculty have co-created for generations on this campus. Learning, liberation, growth, change, enlightenment and action.

Today is about the big and little things. It's about Anastasia Rooke's senior art hanging to the left of me on the wall. It's about the 500 students and 26 faculty who will be teaching classes this semester on the 3rd floor that are grounded in project based learning and innovative human-centered pedagogy. It's about the Student Government Association who named the Fox Den. It's about the coffee that will be served in the Fox Den after this ceremony that comes from the very community in Costa Rica that Dr. Keith Whittingham, Jen Ruby, Dr. Cecilia McInnis-Bowers and Dr. Barry Allen have worked alongside for over a decade. It's about the students who are experiencing an

education that will give way to their hopes and dreams of building a better world through community engagement, global learning, innovation, media and so much more. It's about connection, career, synergy, collaboration—building bridges across campus to support our students.

When I said yes to serving in the role of managing this process from a programmatic standpoint I sought advice of a few people I admire—one was Dr. Tom Moore who lead the Bush Science Renovation. He told me to celebrate the small wins like first 1000 emails sent (for those who know me and receive my emails I believe I'm at 40,000 now). Watch the plan.

Feed people. Check. Dr. Sharon Carnahan (who worked alongside the CDC) said I should make sure you communicate who you and the campus needs to run a successful program. Check.

I think we've done that. We've engaged over 130 people in this building through 13 cross-functional teams over 18 months. And it's been exhilarating, exhausting, and certainly exciting. Especially seeing the faces this week of students who speak, "Wow. We are home."

More soon from me but I'd like to announce today's starting line up for our program.

Batting order for today's game

Leading off Senior Thomas Popaditch
Batting second AVP for Facilities,
Scott Bitikofer

Hitting third AVP for Career and Life
Planning is Dr. Alisa Gillian Crump
Batting clean up Associate Dean of
Academic Affairs and Advising Dr.
Gabriel Barreneche

And on the mound Pitching today is
Dr. Grant Cornwell, President of
Rollins College

Stage 2--

*There are people I would like to give
a special thank you to:*

Every faculty and staff member in this building (please wave) who have given their heart, time and very best thinking to make this project what it is today.

SGA

Project Core Team- Ken Miller, John Overberger, Jon Knopick, Troy Thompson and the ENTIRE IT Staff, Marketing Team, Internal Communication Staff, Development, Events Scheduling, Accessibility Services, Advancement & Development.

Sean Lyons from EYP

Kirk Hemphill- Project Manager.

Finally Anne Mehan who has served as project support and has been the oil that's run the machine.

The Official building dedication will be held on Feb 27th you are all invited for the ceremony. Ribbon cutting will happen this day with the board and donors.

Now—go enjoy the building! Lots of treats. We are open for business.

Let's play ball!

End 1:28p