The Edward Henry Kraus Natural Science Building will become our new home in the fall of 2020. Designed by renowned architect Albert Kahn, the Kraus Building has been a university landmark since 1915. Our goal, after a transformative renovation, is to have all our facilities together—for the first time in our school’s history—in one amazing location right in the heart of central campus. These artist’s renderings show a small portion of what our beautiful new building will look like.

Commons

The second-floor Commons will be the focal point of the new building. A glass roof will distribute light to the three upper levels, creating a bright and airy environment. There will be plenty of space for students, faculty, and staff to have break-out collaboration sessions or just relax and chat between classes. The furniture can also be reconfigured or removed to create an event space for lectures, panel discussions, career fairs, networking receptions, and more.
Active Learning Classrooms

All ten classrooms, located on the second and third floors, will have flexible, engaged learning-style layouts, rather than traditional “stadium-style” seating, and will accommodate a wide range of class sizes. The second-floor classroom shown here is highly visible and adaptable, and will accommodate 120 students.

Student Affairs Suite

The second-floor Student Affairs Suite will be right in the middle of student traffic and is easily accessible for advising sessions between classes. An adjacent Career Center will feature hoteling stations for employers and students to use for meetings or interviews, plus a resource room for workshops, advising, employer information sessions, and more.

Class Labs

Six classrooms on the second and third floors will be dedicated to laboratory and small break-out classes. Each will accommodate 20-30 students.

High Bay Labs

Four first-floor high bay labs, with tall ceilings for technology like motion capture, will be available for research. The new building will also have five first-floor low bay labs, which have standard ceilings and are very flexible for different research needs.