

Caddell commitment will enable Building Construction renovation



The Building Construction Program facility will be named for Joyce K. and John A. Caddell.

Going into the construction business was a natural choice for John A. Caddell, ARCH 1952, who as a child regularly worked alongside his father in the floor sanding business. The job taught him the lessons of hard work and sacrifice at an early age; he used money earned from sanding floors to pay his Tech tuition.

“I started at Georgia Tech in 1948 in Building Construction,” said Caddell. “Later I switched over to Architecture, but I decided that wasn’t for me and I switched back to Building Construction. Ultimately, I found that construction is a very satisfying business because you get to see the results of what you’ve done.”

In appreciation of his Georgia Tech education and from a desire to see his profession continue to thrive, Caddell and his wife, Joyce, have made a seven-figure commitment that will be used to renovate the existing School of Building Construction facility. In acknowledgement of their generosity, the facility will be named the John A. and Joyce K. Caddell Building.

“Renovation of our facility has been a top priority for quite some time,” said School of Building Construction Chair Daniel Castro. “Through their very generous gift, John and Joyce Caddell are enabling us to remain competitive with much larger building construction programs both regionally and nationally. This gift will absolutely transform our facility and the education that we offer our students, and we are tremendously grateful for this opportunity.”

“I wanted Georgia Tech’s Building Construction students to have the best start that they can possibly have,” said Caddell, a Montgomery, Alabama, resident who has previously served on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board and was one of the first recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Career Achievement Award presented by the Building Construction Program. “Our gift will lead to an increase in both the size and quality of the program’s facilities, and hopefully that will translate into a stronger educational experience and even better career prospects for our graduates.”

Caddell has certainly made the most of his career prospects. Since its formation in 1983, Caddell Construction Co.—which Caddell founded and continues to serve as chairman—has emerged as a major player in both domestic and international markets. The Caddell project record includes U.S. diplomatic facilities, federal courthouses, prisons, high-tech research and development centers, hospitals, airports, hotels, power plants, manufacturing facilities, military barracks and housing complexes, and a long list of unique specialty projects. Recent projects of note include the U.S. Embassies in China and Afghanistan, eighteen other U.S. embassies/consulates around the world, and four facilities at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Caddell Construction has also been recognized by its industry peers with a wide array of national construction excellence awards and has consistently ranked among the two hundred largest U.S. contractors. ■

To inquire about making a gift in support of the School of Building Construction in general, or an internal architectural feature within the Caddell Building in particular, contact Architecture’s Director of Development Susan Sanders at 404.385.7085 or susan.sanders@coa.gatech.edu.

