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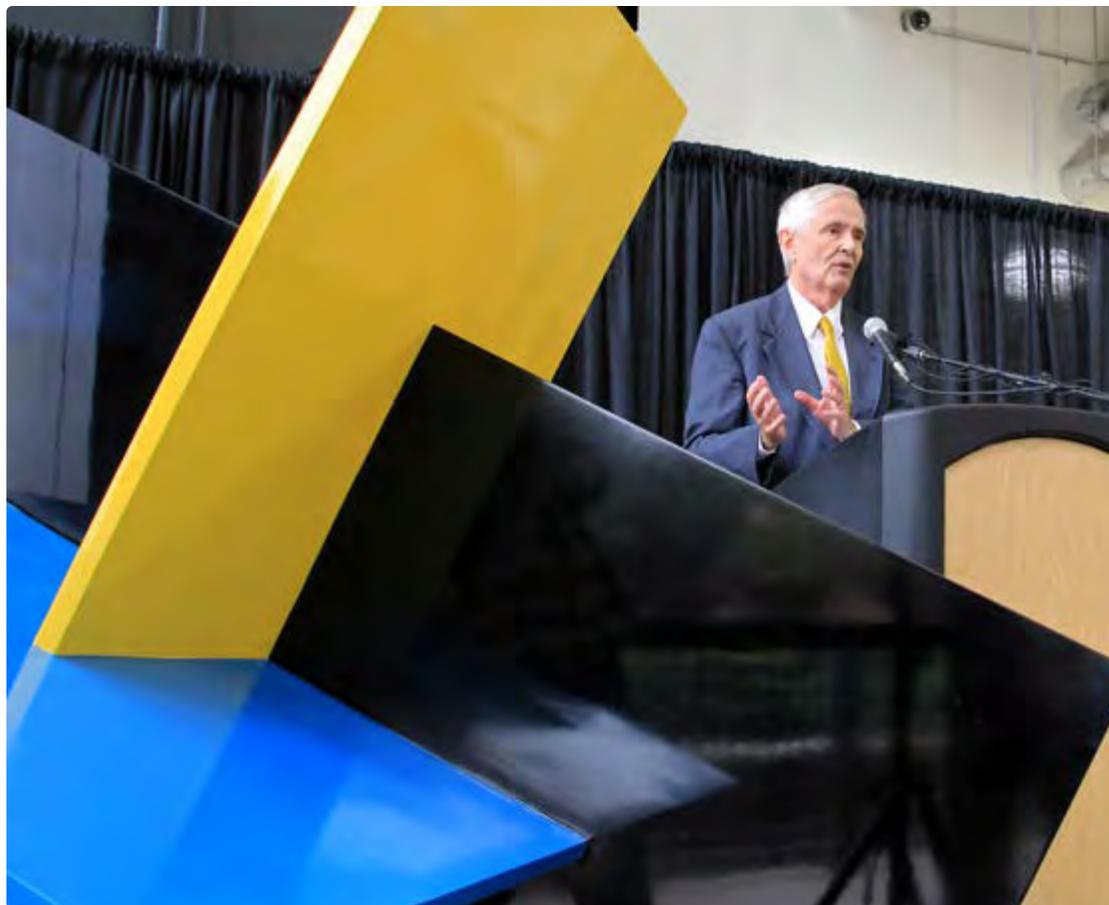


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WSU President John Bardo speaks at the announcement of GoCreate, WSU's new makerspace in its Experiential Engineering Building, set to open in 2016.

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GoCreate, a Koch Collaborative, is the name of the state-of-the-art space, which will be located in the Experiential Engineering Building, now under construction on WSU's Innovation Campus, formerly the site of Braeburn Golf Course.

The makerspace – a name that describes a location where people can meet, collaborate and make things happen – will be part manufacturing plant, part design studio and part garage workshop. It's a place where creative people of all ages and skill levels will have access to sophisticated equipment and training, shared work spaces and a supportive community.

"GoCreate is about bringing people and ideas together," said Liz Koch, president of the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation. "It's exciting to think what will happen in this space when people can work together and take ideas from imagination to creation."

WSU President John Bardo calls this makerspace a game changer for Wichita State and the community.

"We envision GoCreate as a launch pad for innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship and technology, and as a catalyst for business creation and economic growth," Bardo says. "It will be an exciting resource for the campus and community."

Koch Industries and the Fred and Mary Koch Foundation pledged a \$3.75 million gift to the Wichita State University Foundation to support the makerspace.

The 142,661-square-foot Experiential Engineering Building will be completed at the end of 2016 and be available for full academic use of its numerous learning laboratories beginning in spring 2017.

For more information on GoCreate, go to www.GoCreate.com.

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