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John Kurtz Field will be renovated with ER Snell gift

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MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. | A \$2 million donation is paving the way for major renovations to John Kurtz Field, home of the Georgia College and State University Bobcat baseball team.

The gift – the largest in Georgia College Athletics history – comes via the E.R. Snell Contractor, of Snellville, a fifth-generation family-owned and operated leader in Georgia's asphalt and road construction industry.

The historic donation ushers in a new era for the storied Georgia College baseball program. The renovated baseball facility will be renamed, pending final approval by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

GCSU President Cathy Cox says: "This renovation will modernize our baseball facility and enhance the gameday experience for fans. We cannot wait to cheer Bobcat baseball to victory at E.R. Snell Family Stadium at John Kurtz Field."



Robin and Chandler Snell

Founded in 1923, E.R. Snell mobilizes 1,200 employees to take on some of the state's most significant infrastructure projects from bridge constructions to highway widenings and major interstate interchange improvements.

E.R. Snell and GCSU have a strong relationship. E.R. Snell Assistant Vice President Chandler Snell ('11) is a Bobcat alumnus and former member of the baseball team. His brother, Jared Snell, attended Georgia College and is the company's executive vice president and chief operating officer. Their cousin, Devin Snell, is vice president of special projects and also attended GCSU. Robin Snell, father to Chandler and Jared and E.R. Snell's president from 1997 to 2017, formerly served on the GCSU Foundation Board of Trustees. Several other company officers are Bobcat alumni as well, further cementing the connection between the company and the university.

Now a leader within the company, Chandler Snell was also a leader at Georgia College when he was a four-year starter at shortstop for Bobcat baseball. His senior season in 2010 was the most recent time the program made it to the NCAA Division II World Series. Snell was named to the All-Southeast Region Tournament Team after numerous highlight-reel defensive plays helped the Bobcats punch their World Series ticket.

"Winning the regional that day in South Carolina was a special time in my life," Snell said. "We were a player-led team with a lot of seniors that were able to grow over the four years we were together We had a lot of discipline and a lot of accountability and reliability."

All of those attributes have helped Snell in his professional career overseeing E.R. Snell's private operations. He and the leadership team love seeing Bobcat alumni apply for open positions with the company.

"Every day we're looking to hire talented, smart, driven people that can help in our business," Snell said. "At Georgia College we've found that not only are the students disciplined and smart, but they also have a culture about them. When we're looking to draw people in through our internship program, we're looking for smart minds that can come in and push our current employees every day to be better, whether it's accounting, marketing, or putting on a pair of boots and going to work."