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GCSU Athletics to celebrate historic groundbreaking of E.R. Snell Family Stadium the Friday

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Georgia College & State University Athletics will celebrate a historic milestone Friday, Nov. 13, with a groundbreaking ceremony for the E.R. Snell Family Stadium at John Kurtz Field. The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m. at 120 West Campus Drive in Milledgeville.

The groundbreaking marks the next chapter in a transformational investment in Bobcat Baseball, made possible by a $2 million lead gift from E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. — the largest gift in GCSU Athletics history.

The project will reimagine the university's baseball facility, featuring a new multipurpose presidential suite, expanded fan engagement areas and modernized amenities designed to elevate the experience for student-athletes, alumni, recruits and fans.

"This is a historic moment for Georgia College and a testament to the extraordinary generosity of the Snell family," said Dr. Seth Walker, vice president for university advancement. "Their investment extends far beyond a facility. It represents a commitment to our student-athletes, our university and the generations of Bobcats who will call this stadium home. We are incredibly grateful for their vision, partnership and belief in Georgia College."

Groundbreaking Ceremony Details

Date: Friday, Nov. 13, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: 120 West Campus Drive, Milledgeville, Ga.

Facility: E.R. Snell Family Stadium* at John Kurtz Field

**Stadium naming pending final approval by the University System of Georgia.*

The ceremony is open to the university community, alumni, supporters, media and friends of Georgia College.

The project represents the first ground-up athletics facility construction at GCSU since the university's soccer complex was built in 2003, underscoring the significance of the investment in the future of Bobcat Athletics.

"This groundbreaking represents an incredible step forward for Bobcat Athletics," said Wendell Staton, director of athletics. "First-class facilities are essential to recruiting, developing and supporting championship-caliber student-athletes. The E.R. Snell Family Stadium will transform the game-day experience, strengthen our connection with the community and position Bobcat Baseball for continued success for years to come. We are deeply appreciative of the Snell family for helping make this vision a reality."

The Snell family's commitment to Georgia College reflects a longstanding tradition of investing in education, athletics and the communities they serve. Through their generosity, the family is helping establish a lasting legacy that will benefit generations of Bobcat student-athletes and fans.

"At E.R. Snell, we've always believed in investing in the communities that have supported us throughout the years," said Robin Snell, chairman of the board and former president of E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. "Our family is proud to be part of this exciting chapter for Georgia College and Bobcat Baseball. We hope this stadium will be a place where student-athletes thrive, families come together and memories are made for generations to come."

University leadership, members of the Snell family, student-athletes, alumni, donors and community partners are invited to join the celebration.