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CBEC BUILDING OFFICIALLY OPENS WITH CEREMONY



A 71-by-9-foot hexagonal LED light array by artist Leo Villareal lines the wall of the 1st floor lobby in the new CBEC building. The grand opening celebration of the new Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Chemistry Building formed a bond between two Ohio State departments, and caused a strong reaction from those who want to facilitate future learning and research collaboration. The opening was held Friday at the CBEC building, located at 151 W. Woodruff Ave., which serves as the home of both the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. More than 400 faculty, staff and student scientists and engineers have the opportunity to study and work in the two-building facility, which consists of one four-story building designated for experimental research and learning spaces connected by bridges to a six-story building designated for theoretical research and offices. The 235,000-square-foot, glass-exterior facility houses the new Koffolt Laboratories, as well as the unit operations lab, a nuclear magnetic resonance laboratory, conference rooms, student offices, lounges and other open spaces meant to help foster a collaborative atmosphere.

The facility's first floor also features a 71-foot long, 9-foot tall LED light installation, designed by artist Leo Villareal, according to the College of Arts and Sciences' website. The art display was funded by the Ohio Arts Council's Percent for Art program, a source of funding for the "acquisition, commissioning and installation of works of art for new or renovated public buildings with appropriations of more than \$4 million," according to the Ohio Arts Council website.

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