With more than 11,000 square feet of meeting, office and communal space on the main floor of the Jackson Geosciences Building (JGB), the student center will encourage learning beyond the classroom through community dialogue, social engagement and scholarship.

Here students will interact with faculty, research scientists, staff and each other to build lasting relationships that will nurture their academic lives and lead to future professional success. For our colleagues who office at the Pickle Research Center, the new center will provide needed space to brainstorm, network and enjoy impromptu conversations.

The student center will have plenty of space to share a meal, organize a study group, meet with a tutor, do homework, or simply relax in between classes. Student support services such as academic advising and career counseling will be housed at the new center. The center will also include dedicated space for Jackson School alumni, who have fanned out across the world assuming prestigious roles in industry, academia and government.

“It will bring all the integral parts of the school closer together than they have ever been before and enrich the experience of future Longhorns.”

STEVEN GOHLKE
(BS ‘12) geoscience student and president of the school’s Undergraduate Geological Society.