

# A room to collaborate provides room to grow

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Joe Miskel and Patricia Basolis Miskel from the Class of 1987 are in their third year of a \$25,000 pledge to sponsor one of the newly innovated and highly sought-out student collaboration rooms in the Business Hall.

“The concept of collaboration is what life is all about,” said Joe. “We wanted to sponsor a room to get great minds together to problem solve and share ideas.” During their time as students, the Miskels noted there was nothing like a collaboration room available except spaces comparable to “dusty old closets.”

And even those were hard to come by. “The idea of a collaboration room really appealed to us because you’re offering a state-of-the-

art space where students are more inclined to get with their peers and produce great work,” said Patricia. “Outcomes are determined by the level of collaboration among groups. It really is all about relationships—while you’re a student, while you’re in the work force, it doesn’t matter—and that collaboration fosters a healthy environment of learning and growth.”

Joe and Patricia still live close to the University and have three children. Their strong value of education, business innovation and relationships played a significant role in their desire to sponsor a collaboration room for business students. “To be able to support collaboration in this way, we think, is such a wonderful cause,” the Miskels concluded. “It’s a beautiful space with cutting-edge technology and could maybe even be the beginning of a groundbreaking idea. There’s just no reason not to get together.”