Ogden College Hall

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When WKU students start the spring semester Monday, a long awaited building will finally be open.

Amy Bingham takes us inside Ogden College Hall in this week's View from the Hill.

Four years ago this month, Thompson Complex North Wing closed its doors for good. A year later it was torn down. Now, in its place is a new state of the art science building.

"I'm extremely excited because all this stuff is super cool."

Master Student Davis Ranburger is getting the organic lab set up.

"Going from all the old stuff that was back over there, this is amazing."

Ogden College Hall, which sits on the site of Thompson Complex North Wing, is home to more than thirty labs and no faculty offices.

"For us getting the extra square footage of lab space was really a strategic decision."

Dean Cheryl Stevens, whose office is in the building, says a lot of thought also went into adding features that put science on display.

"They have lots of geometric features, light fixtures match the carpet, the colors, there's always a pop of color in every room."

"It didn't have to be high end stuff, it had to be things where students come in and say ok I'm in the science building, this is cool, I'm gonna learn something here."

The building has four floors and a breezeway connecting to Snell Hall.  Starting Monday, these study spaces and labs will be buzzing with activity.

A more collaborative environment is the wave of the future.

Other highlights include a 300 seat auditorium, student success center and computer lab.

A huge part in the rebuilding of WKU's science campus at the top of the hill.

"Watching the progression and watching it develop into this space, it's so cool."

Chemistry, Biology and Physics faculty are currently spread out in various locations.  That's because the building that houses their offices,   Thompson Complex Central Wing, is undergoing a renovation beginning February first.

With this week's View from the Hill, I'm Amy Bingham.

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