

# UNION'S newest buildings DEDICATED

Two major ribbon-cutting ceremonies marked the start of fall semester – the dedications of both Providence Hall and the Hope Quad.

Both facilities were named in light of the devastating tornado of 2008 that left more than \$40 million in damages to the campus.

Even as the University began to deal with the aftermath of the tornado, Dean Sheila Mitchell and other leaders in the School of Pharmacy stepped out in faith to continue recruiting their first class and making plans planning for a 57,000 square-foot facility that houses the Doctor of Pharmacy program and the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice.

“The Lord God is good and he has been favorable and gracious to us, and he has given us this day and this wonderful opportunity for celebration,” President David S. Dockery said.

The three-story Providence Hall features state-of-the-art technology and a design conducive to student learning. The building contains five large classrooms, all equipped for video conferencing, as well as about 20 rooms for elective classes and small group teaching, faculty offices,

a student lounge and the School of Pharmacy’s Student Government Association and Student Organizations office.

The building also features seven laboratories for science research in the fields of pharmacology, drug design/ pharmacometrics and drug discovery, as well as teaching labs for sterile preparation, simulation and counseling.

In addition, a large portion of the third floor is devoted to simulation, with multiple human patient simulators that the School of Pharmacy shares with Union’s School of Nursing as a part of the Center for Excellence in Health Care Practice.

The name of the Hope Residence Complex at Union University will tell future generations the story of how God saved the university from the 2008 tornado and provided opportunities to move forward, Dockery said.

Hope Quad contains three residential buildings with 38 apartments and a capacity of 149 students. The fourth building to complete the quad is scheduled for construction at a later date.

Since the tornado, Union has built 18 residential buildings, with 246 apartments and 965 bedrooms. 🏠



*The newly constructed Hope Quad*



*Those who had a role in the planning and construction of Providence Hall as well as prominent members of the Jackson and Union community participate in the ribbon-cutting during the dedication ceremony.*