

Buildings

Carter Harris Physical Plant Building – The Carter Harris Physical Plant was built in 1964 and was named after Carter Harris, a custodian at the University for 48 years. Born in 1856, Harris was a driven student and put himself through school by trading labor for education. The Physical Plant keeps Illinois State running, housing maintenance operations for the University's classrooms, offices, and residence halls.

Julian Hall – Dr. Percy Julian, for whom Julian Hall is named, was an outstanding organic chemist, humanist, and educator with whom Illinois State enjoyed a long working relationship. During his career, Julian published 51 scientific articles, was awarded 93 U.S. and 26 foreign patents, and received 19 honorary degrees. The building is the home of the University's data centers, the Office of Technology Solutions, and will be the site of the new, cutting-edge Cybersecurity major.

Colleges and Centers

Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts – An artist since her youth in Korea, Wonsook Kim graduated with two degrees in fine arts from Illinois State. After graduation, she moved to New York City to pursue a career as a painter and exhibiting artist. She is renowned for the symbolic narratives reflected in her drawings, prints, paintings, sculptures, and books. The generous gift from Kim and her husband, Thomas Clement, are honored in the naming of the College of Fine Arts and the Wonsook Kim School of Art.

Julia N. Visor Advising Center – Julia N. Visor was a beloved faculty member in the Department of English and a graduate of Illinois State earning a doctorate in 1987. She became the Coordinator of the University Center for Learning Assistance at her alma mater, and taught courses in composition, rhetoric, and African American literature. She served as a mentor and advisor for many students.

Statue

Will Robinson (Redbird Arena) – Will Robinson became the first African American head basketball coach in NCAA Division I history when he was hired on February 27, 1970. He joined the University as Illinois State moved from NCAA's College Division (now Division II) to Division I. Robinson led the Redbirds to five winning seasons before joining the NBA's Detroit Pistons' front office.

Conference Rooms

Detective Anthony (Tony) Hosey Conference Room (Nelson Smith) – Our own Detective Tony Hosey served with the Illinois State University Police Department for five years before he was killed in a car accident. This room pays homage to his work and dedication to keeping students safe.

Elanor Kong Room (Hewitt/Manchester) – Eleanor Kong was an elementary education alum, a Walker Hall residence coordinator, cofounder and past president of the Asian Pacific American coalition, and an executive board member of the Minority Retention Program for Future Teachers. Losing this excellent educator at the age of 24 was a blow to the Redbird family, but we honor her memory.

Maya and Vittal Shenoy Speech and Hearing Science Laboratory (Fairchild Hall) – Maya Shenoy is a multiple graduate of Illinois State as well as a College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame honoree. She earned degrees in communication science and disorders in 1973 and 1978. As a volunteer fundraiser she has raised millions for various non-profit organizations, including the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, American Heart Association, and the Illinois Occupational Development Center.

Jaime Escalante Room (Hewitt/Manchester) – Jamie Escalante was an educator who was born in Bolivia and came to the United States in the 1960s. Best known as the inspiration for the character played by Edward James Olmos in the 1988 film *Stand and Deliver*, he fought for his students in Los Angeles, and inspired educators everywhere.

Rosa Parks Room (Watterson) – Rosa Parks was a Civil Rights activist and organizer during the 1950s and 60s. A mural in the room recognizes key figures who contributed to a more inclusive, democratic society, including protesters of Montgomery, the March on Washington, and Selma. The mural also pays tribute to great legislative victories of the Civil Rights Movement, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.