

**CASE STUDY** 

# UNLEASHING THE **POWER** OF OPTIMAL CONNECTIVITY

The Emily Krzyzewski Center offers four distinct programs designed to build on the academic, career, and leadership potential of students, elementary through college ages, who are underrepresented in higher education.

## AT A GLANCE CHALLENGES Integrating New and Existing Technologies ✓ Implementing Connectivity Solutions Aligning With External Partners Hybrid Workspaces For Improved Productivity Enhanced Connectivity Experience Optimized Collaboration



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LAUREN GARDNER Chief Operating Officer



#### PROBLEM



As the Emily K Center expanded, Net Friends helped scale their technology to support versatile classrooms, shared workspaces, and offices.



#### APPROACH



**Develop an Integration Strategy:** Leverage the current infrastructure to its fullest potential while ensuring uniformity in the systems.

**Execution of the Plan:** Establish a mini-server room, integrate with existing networks, and install internet infrastructure and audiovisual equipment.

Coordination with External Contractors: Collaborate with external contractors to integrate systems into the technology framework.



### **SOLUTIONS** ~



Net Friends played a key role from the start, working closely with architects. They tailored the building's design to meet the tech needs; ensuring adequate power outlets, internet infrastructur for office staff, students, and hybrid classrooms.

A dedicated technology liaison streamlined troubleshooting, handling issues from security systems to HVAC alerts.

To support dynamic hybrid learning, Net Friends mapped the building's wireless coverage to ensure strong, reliable internet across all areas, overcoming the architectural challenges.

"The classrooms perfectly align with our needs," said COO Lauren Gardner. "The technology elevates their functionality."

Through careful planning, Net Friends helped bring the Emily K Center's vision to life, creating a versatile space for hybrid learning and collaboration.





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