Rodolphe el-Khoury began his tenure as Dean in July 2014. His inaugural year brought a record-setting gift for a new facility: the Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building. Construction work on this Arquitectonica-designed building for studios, offices, presentation spaces and a digital fabrication lab began in Spring 2017.

Slated to open in Fall 2018, the Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building, named for Tom P. Murphy Jr., the President and CEO of Coastal Construction, will be LEED-certified and will include studios to accommodate 120 students. A state-of-the-art fabrications lab and modern workstations, designed to enable advanced digital production, are included as well. A lounge, computer lab, presentation areas, review spaces and offices are additional amenities. The facility will occupy 20,000 square feet, including outdoor terrace and park space and an outdoor jury area, when completed.

Facilities: A necessity for an excellent School of Architecture

The new Design Studio Building is necessary for the UM School of Architecture to attract the best and brightest students. Perhaps even more so, the new studio and state of the art equipment are necessary to prepare these students for a successful career in architecture upon graduation.

As a focal point of the School of Architecture campus, the Design Studio offers an ideal opportunity to honor one of the School’s most beloved professors, Jan Hochstim. Renowned modernist architect, esteemed professor, and distinguished author, Jan Hochstim passed away peacefully on November 5, 2011 at 80 years of age, leaving behind generations of architecture students who passed through his studios at the University and have gone on to achieve success in the field. An alum who graduated in 1954, Professor Hochstim was a fixture at the School from 1966 until his passing.
Beyond the endless list of accolades, awards, and distinction Hochstim earned during his 4 of academic service at the University of Miami’s School of Architecture and as a practicing architect, he stood out among friends and colleagues as an accessible, humble and unassuming gentleman. Nearly every student in the School of Architecture since its inception benefitted from the guidance of Professor Hochstim, as his career with the School spanned an incredible 45 years. Long after his passing, he is remembered by faculty and staff for his generosity of spirit and dedication to the profession.

**Jan Hochstim Faculty Office**

Within the new Murphy Design Studio Building are two faculty offices. Faculty and staff all agree that naming one of these offices would make a fitting tribute to Professor Hochstim’s legacy. An fund to create a naming gift of $50,000 will ensure that the Jan Hochstim Faculty Office is named in perpetuity. Signage in the space will recognize all donors who contribute to the fund.
The two offices occupy central locations within the studio spaces and are highly visible to all students using the space.

The Jan Hochstim Faculty Office will create an ongoing memorial to the professor who touched so many lives while centering a new building dedicated to educating future generations of architects.

The School seeks five founding donors to each contribute $10,000, payable over two years, to establish the endowment fund to memorialize Professor Hochstim. We hope that you will join us as one of these founding donors. For additional information, please contact Senior Development Director Lisa Merritt at 305-284-5841.