



Cleveland State Athletics continues to make progress toward its commitment of providing all Viking student-athletes a transformational experience. The "CSU Athletics Promise" is exhibited visibly through the Viking swimming and diving program, which includes a new round of [enhancements to the historic Busbey Natatorium](#) following recent locker room renovation in 2019 and diving tower replacement and upgrades in 2020.

Propelled by way of a leadership gift received from Joe and Ann-Boyd Stockwell, directed to the natatorium, through the Busbey Enhancement Campaign, Stockwell has challenged Cleveland State alumni, family and friends of the swimming and diving program to match his generous gift. Stockwell, a graduate from the Monte Ahuja College of Business, earned his BBA in Marketing in 1981. The Cleveland State alumnus received his Juris Doctor degree from Boston College in 1985 and is currently the president of PeakNet.

"I'm so proud of Coach Burandt and our Cleveland State swimming and diving alumni and how we continue to support our next generation of team members," Stockwell said. "I strongly believe this is why the university has continued to support the program and the great Busbey Natatorium. I'm proud to announce a matching pledge to this effort of \$50,000 and ask any alum that can afford it, to contribute whatever you can to create a matching fund of at least this amount to allow CSU to deliver new starting blocks, an updated scoreboard, power towers and more. Go Vikes!"

In addition to serving as the home of the Cleveland State swimming and diving program, the Busbey Natatorium plays host annually to several surrounding youth swim programs, high school swimming and diving championships and nationally-recognized intercollegiate swim and dive competitions. The new and enhanced video display board will provide race results, replays and will contribute to the athletic department's revenue through additional corporate partnership branding opportunities.

Additional equipment upgrades include power tower, power racks, new starting blocks and other dryland equipment.

"We are fortunate to have the Stockwell Family, and other generous supporters, continue to invest in CSU Athletics and our sport programs," shared CSU Director of Athletics Scott Garrett. "We encourage others to join Joe and Ann-Boyd in delivering further enhancements to Busbey Natatorium and supporting excellence in CSU Swimming and Diving. Your investment will allow us to continue to compete for the program's next Horizon League Championship through both annual budget support and facilities improvements."

"If you want to find the prime example of what it looks like to deliver a transformational experience, look no further than Joe Stockwell," said swimming and diving head coach Hannah Burandt. "I learned from physics that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, but rather is transformed. Since his graduation from Cleveland State in 1981, Joe continues to provide energy back to our swim and dive program through his philanthropic support. This challenge gift is another in a series of donations the Stockwells have made to allow for continued improvements to Busbey Natatorium. We are eternally grateful for the profound impact Joe continues to make in our swimming and diving family."

To contribute to the [Busbey Enhancement Campaign](#), please contact either Bob Heller or Brandon Longmeier.

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