Pillsbury Hall Renovation

Pillsbury is no longer adaptable to modern science research or teaching

Built in 1889, Pillsbury Hall is one of the U of M's ICONIC BUILDINGS

WE'RE PREPARING MINNESOTA'S
FUTURE LEADERS WITH CRITICAL SKILLS
TO PURSUE BIG IDEAS.

Pillsbury has extensive code and abatement requirements

We're all experiencing the information revolution, from the morning's first email to the evening's final post or tweet. That's why University of Minnesota trains our students in the liberal arts—so they can think critically across global perspectives and pursue big ideas.

A renovated Pillsbury will serve over

6,000
U of M liberal arts students each year



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Project Description

Convert a 60,000-square-foot, obsolete science building into a humanities center

- Create flexible, multipurpose classrooms and collaborative spaces equipped with media systems
- Upgrade the building's systems to comply with current standards and codes
- · Increase accessibility throughout the building
- · Preserve the building's historic exterior

Benefits

- Create new research and learning opportunities in journal editing, video making, digital storytelling, website building, and web-based research
- Advance students' understanding of Minnesota's grand challenges
- Foster collaboration in spaces that are more cost effective and require less relative investment than the building's currently mismatched science uses
- Centralize the Department of English
- · Renew a historic, iconic campus building

State request: \$22 million

- University investment: \$11 million
- Total project cost: \$33 million



John Sargent Pillsbury, "Father of the University," served as governor of Minnesota 1876–82.



In 1889, Pillsbury donated funds for a science hall in exchange for a promise that land-grant funds would remain with the U forever.



At the U, students are educated to think critically across global perspectives.