Igniting the Academic Maker Space
Programming that brings a maker space to life

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A place to go big (and maybe fail)
Founded as an experiment to encourage crazy ideas that might not work.

Founded 2010, named 2014
A last minute shift in the blueprints led to the allocation of SPACE. The Deason Family named the space later.

All kinds of projects
Partnerships with industry provide real-world connection. Or you can make a Christmas ornament for mom.

A third place
Focused on undergrads, the gym has become a critical cultural element.
927
Registered users this year

Most are UG Engineering students, but we also have grad students, staff and faculty; PLUS art, music, advertising, economics, finance, biology, film, french, journalism, chemistry, psychology and other majors.

up from 150
structured projects
Immersion Design Experiences

curricular partnerships
First Year Design
First Year Design course
Thank you.
Questions?

p.s. We’re hiring.