ArchVision Student Technology Lab

School of Architecture alum, teacher, speaker, and entrepreneur Randall Stevens ’91 has planned two $25,000 gifts to the College of Design, with the goal of providing students with greater access to technology and the skills they need to get hired.

Stevens is in a unique position to bring his 30-plus years of experience to the college and is working with Director of Technology and Facilities Joe Brewer and others to plan the technology and services that will be available in the Gray Design Building. As a student, Stevens developed a keen interest in technology and began to develop a vision of how it could change the architecture industry.

After graduating from the University of Kentucky, Stevens started the technology company ArchVision. He is also the CEO of AVAIL, a global content management company that serves the architecture, engineering and construction markets. Both companies are staffed with plenty of CoD graduates. “We are building technology that is helping some of the world’s most influential architecture and engineering firms,” he said.

Along with his financial gifts, Stevens hopes to give back to the college by involving more faculty in job-readiness initiatives, connecting students with firms, and ultimately streamlining technology processes across the University. In 2019, he organized Confluence, an AVAIL Education Initiative that serves the industry through professional development and providing post-secondary education students with the technology and training they need to prosper.

“I am thankful for the foundation that was formed for me at UK and the School of Architecture,” said Stevens. “I cannot imagine another degree program with the core skills necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.”