

Oklahoma State's new home for baseball now has a name – O'Brate Stadium. The stadium currently under construction is scheduled to open in the 2020 season and will be named after Cecil O'Brate. The Enid native donated \$35 million toward the \$60 million project. "OSU has always had a special place in my heart,"

O'Brate said in a statement. "My time at what was then Oklahoma A&M (1946-48) provided a strong foundation for the successes I have achieved over the years. I

am honored to give back to the university that gave me my start 70

years ago. "When I look at OSU today, I see a university that continues

to enrich and inspire students. These students will carry the traditions and heart of

OSU out into the world. For that reason, I am proud to give to

OSU and the new generations of Cowboys. Go Pokes." O'Brate was born in Enid

and is a self-made serial entrepreneur. He is the owner, developer and operator of

multiple businesses in numerous and diverse industries such as agriculture, banking, manufacturing, energy, hospitals, real estate, alternative energy, medicine and food science. "This is a dream come true,"

OSU baseball coach Josh Holliday said. "This facility allows us to attract the very

best players from Oklahoma and from around the nation. We are thankful to Mr.

O'Brate for giving us the opportunity to offer our players and loyal fans the

most amazing college baseball experience in the country. Our program has a very proud

history and this facility allows us to create new traditions that will help us

as we build for the future." The stadium is located at the northeast corner

near the intersection of Washington Street and McElroy Road. The complex will include approximately

3,500 permanent seats, 13 suite and 400 premium seats in designated club and suite

areas. Seating can be expanded to 8,000 if needed. "We're so grateful to Cecil

O'Brate, and we're honored to have his name connected with our baseball program in

this way," OSU athletic director Mike Holder said. "He has achieved great personal and

professional success, yet he has such a humble and unassuming way about him. He

is a true Cowboy and has made a massive difference for us because without

him, we'd still be trying to figure out how to get a new baseball

stadium built." Eric Bailey 918-581-8391 [eric.bailey@tulsaworld.com](mailto:eric.bailey@tulsaworld.com) Twitter: @ericbaileyTW Be the first to know Ge

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