

Petit gives \$1.5M to GSU football

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Parker H. "Pete" Petit

Georgia State University alumnus and Atlanta businessman Parker H. "Pete" Petit has made a \$1.5 million pledge to help build the GSU Football Practice Complex.

Petit's donation is the largest ever made to GSU athletics. His name already graces GSU's science park -- The Parker H. Petit Science Center -- and he chairs the J. Mack Robinson College of Business board of advisors at the university.

Petit earned his MBA from GSU and is chairman and CEO of MiMedx Group, Inc.

"I believe that having football at Georgia State University will provide numerous benefits for the students and the university," Petit said in a statement. "Under Coach Bill Curry, Panther football will add a new dimension to the excitement and enthusiasm that students will feel about their university experience."

Next to campus at 188 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, the GSU football practice complex has a 100-yard synthetic turf field and a 60-yard natural turf field with lights.

An existing structure on the property is being renovated and expanded to create a headquarters for Panther football.

The Panthers kick off their inaugural season Sept. 2 at the Georgia Dome.