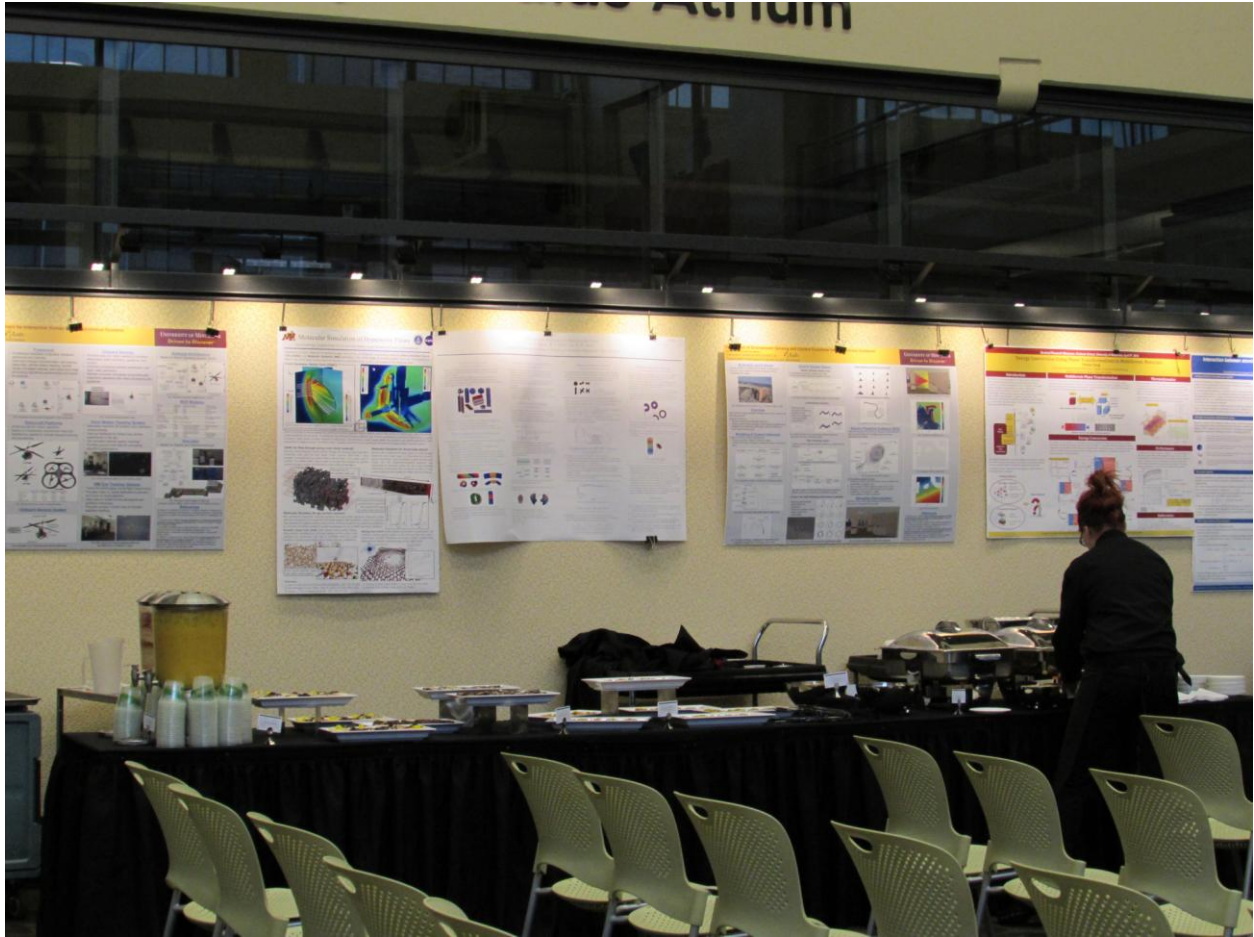


Gary J. Balas Atrium Dedication





In Memory of Gary J. Balas

Gary J. Balas

September 27, 1960 – November 12, 2014

Professor Gary Balas joined the Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics Department in 1990 after receiving his PhD from Caltech. Gary was an internationally renowned leader in aerospace control systems, whose research bridged the gap between modern control theory and practical applications. Gary received numerous honors, including the Distinguished McKnight Professorship from the University of Minnesota and an Honorary Membership in the Hungarian Academy of Engineering. Gary supervised over 20 Ph.D. students and mentored many post-doctoral associates and visiting scholars.



Gary made important contributions while serving as the AEM Department Head from 2006 through early 2014. One of his most tangible contributions was leading the renovation of Akerman Hall and the Akerman hangar atrium. Gary was involved in every aspect of the atrium project, from fundraising to working with the architects and contractors on colors, art, and lights. He was passionate about having the atrium be a high-quality space for students to work.

Gary's personality and life philosophy left a deep and lasting positive impact on his family, his students, and his friends and colleagues. He was an incredibly warm, decent, intelligent and fun person, and his presence in the Department made all of our lives richer.









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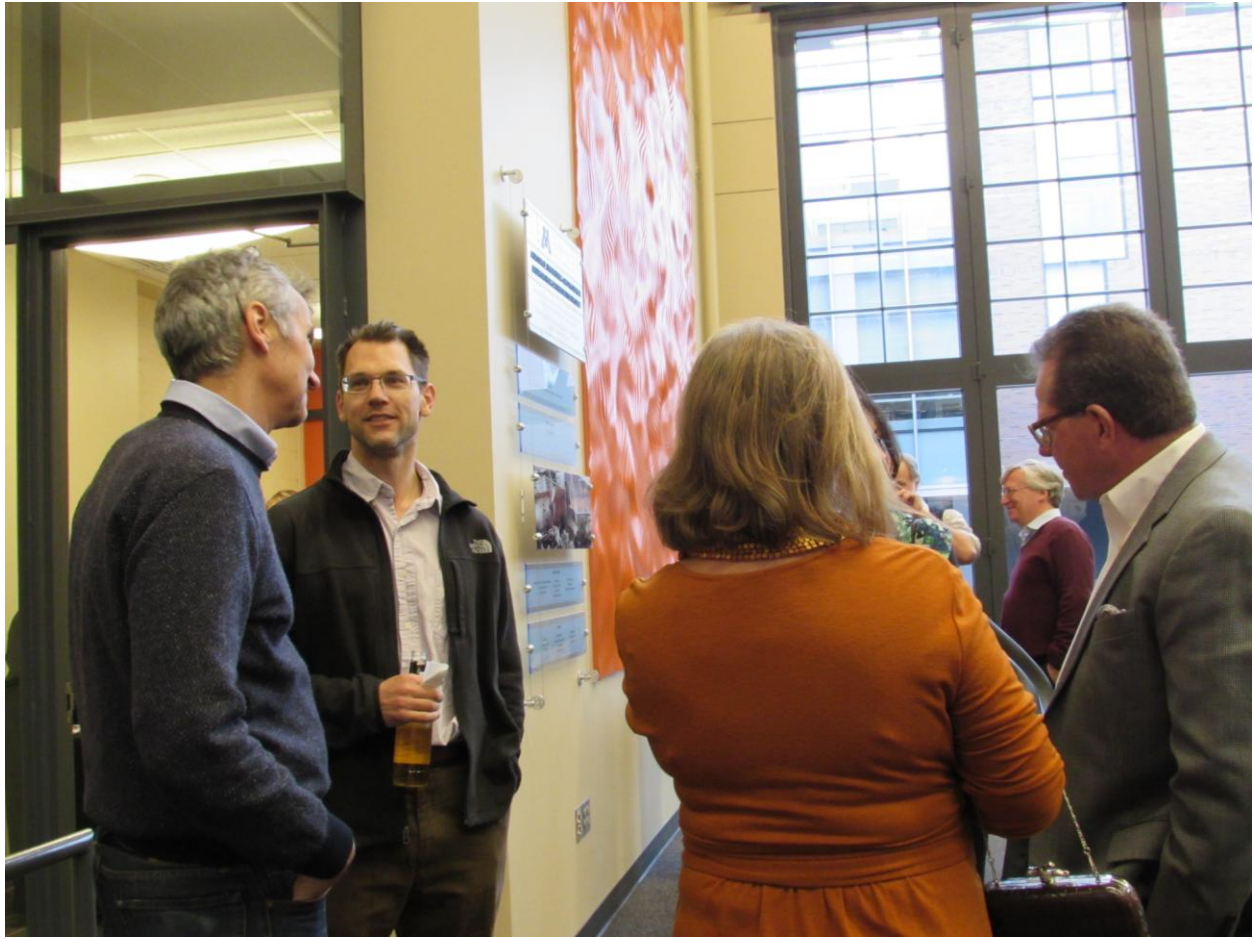
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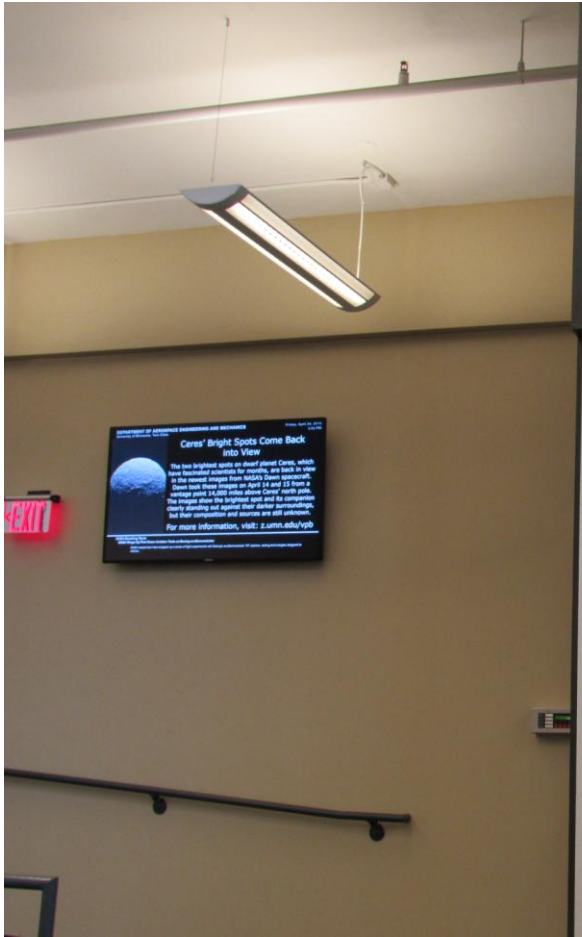













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