DuPont has a long-standing reputation for innovation excellence. A key element of our success over the years has been our ability to marry the latest scientific advances of the day with market insights to meet the changing needs of society.

So many of our discoveries happened right here, at the historic DuPont Experimental Station. In fact, the Experimental Station is one of the first industrial research laboratories in the world. Beginning with the first synthetic rubber, neoprene, in the 1920s to Mylar in the 1950s, scientists, engineers and even a Nobel Laureate here in Wilmington have been transforming the way we live and work for 215 years.

We are revitalizing this historic site to stimulate the next wave of innovation and collaboration. This includes modernizing most of the buildings here as part of an over $200 million investment.

The renovation and modernization of this campus will build on the rich legacy of discovery and innovation that the DuPont Experimental Station has built over the last century. A few examples of those innovations include:

Nylon was the world’s first true synthetic textile fiber. Today, DuPont™ Zytel® provides a portfolio of proven nylon resin materials for a range of performance needs, from stiffness to heat resistance.

From helping to protect medical personnel during the West Africa Ebola crisis, to serving as a weather barrier for the pavilion housing the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia along with countless homes and commercial buildings around the globe, DuPont™ TYVEK® has been a trusted brand for more than 50 years.

DuPont™ KEVLAR® fibers are used in a variety of clothing, accessories and equipment to help make them safer and more durable. With five times the strength of steel based on an equal weight basis, it’s the go-to fiber for protective apparel and accessories.

Firefighters and emergency personnel around the world have relied on flame resistant turnout gear, EMS wear and accessories made of heat-and flame-resistant DuPont™ NOMEX® brand fibers for over 40 years.

DuPont™ SORONA® renewably sourced, biobased fibers drive high performance and sustainability. Sorona® fibers offer unique, sought-after performance benefits, such as stretch and recovery, softness and quick-dry properties, while using 30 percent less energy and releasing 63 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than conventional nylon made from petroleum.