



Washburn University receives largest gift in campus history

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Today, the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation announced a gift of \$10.2 million from anonymous donors. The gift will be used for several capital projects in the coming years as well as scholarships. This is the largest gift received in Washburn University's history.

"The donors wanted to make a transformative gift to celebrate all Washburn University has accomplished and set the stage for continued improvements on campus and support for students," said Marshall Meek, president, Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation. "Their generosity will provide monumental changes on our campus in the coming years and greatly support our students."

One project benefiting from the gift is a recital hall that will be constructed just north of White Concert Hall along 17th street. The project was approved by the Washburn University Board of Regents in October of 2020. The new recital hall will benefit students in Washburn University's music department and local community organizations creating a smaller, more intimate space for musicians and audiences alike and state-of-the-art technology for recording and livestreams. The gift will help launch a fundraising campaign with a goal of \$5.25 million for the recital hall.

"It is generosity such as this that has been transformative in Washburn's history, and we know this gift will leave an indelible mark on our campus for generations to come," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn University. "We are thankful for the donors' shared vision, extensive generosity, and commitment to the future of this university."

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