



Retired Washburn professor makes gift to provide outdoor gathering spaces on Washburn’s campus

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TOPEKA – Washburn University announced today that an anonymous retired professor has committed \$3.5 million to enhance outdoor areas of campus, including the creation of a music and entertainment area.

“The donor’s passion for music and creating a vibrant, student-friendly campus fit perfectly with our vision for how Washburn invites and serves our students and community,” said JuliAnn Mazachek, president, Washburn. “This gift is truly transformational and will create gathering spaces for our students and community to experience and appreciate music on Washburn’s beautiful campus for generations to come.”

The university has not shared specifics about the future project but is currently developing a 10-year master plan for campus enhancements that calls for an increase in outdoor gathering spaces in the center of campus, along with several major building projects. The gift is one of several received by Washburn in the past several weeks including a \$1 million investment by the Capitol Federal Foundation to help renovate Lee Arena and a \$2 million gift by Joe and Janet Aleshire for Washburn’s Leadership Institute.

“Washburn faculty and staff have a reputation of going above and beyond for their students and for our university. This gift is a stunning example of the passion that so many of our faculty and staff have for Washburn,” said Marshall Meek, president, Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation. “We are beyond grateful for this commitment to the student experience at Washburn, and for this overwhelming display of generosity.”