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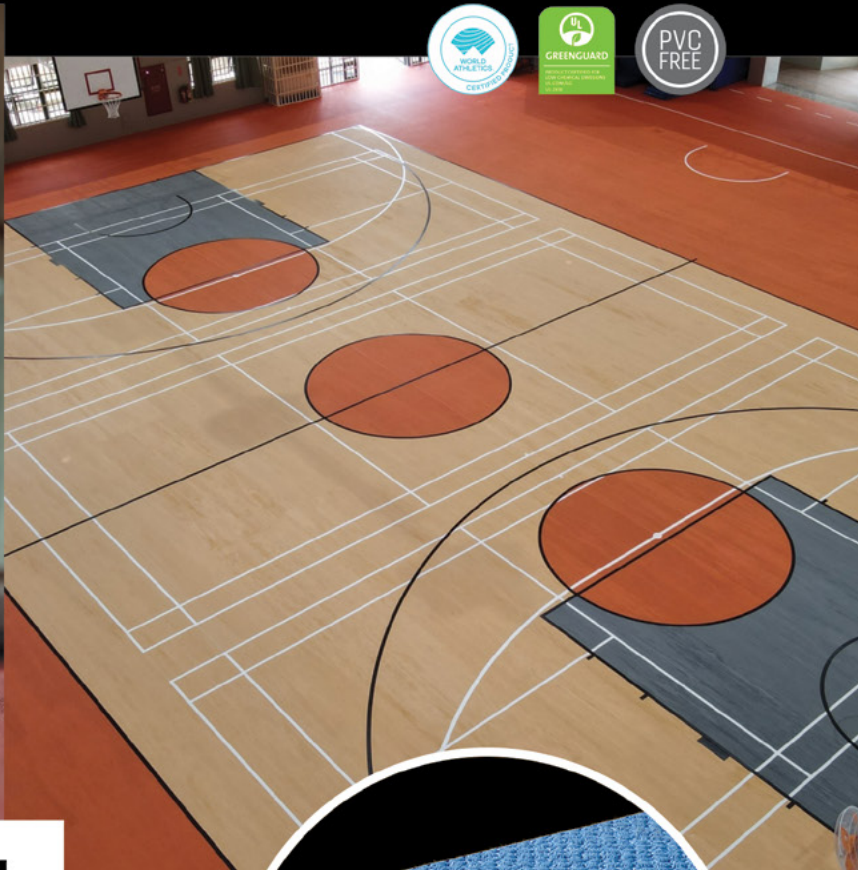
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Dear Readers,

It's hard to believe, but summer is slipping quietly out the back door, and fall is preparing its grand entrance with a splash of color. Soon enough, tree-lined quads across the country will be bursting into their autumn glory, and campus maintenance crews will be dusting off snow blowers while secretly hoping they won't need them until after midterms.

As the season changes, it brings with it one of our favorite annual traditions here at *Private University Products and News*—the Annual Dean's List Awards. This special feature recognizes those standout products, services, and companies that have been consistently celebrated by both our expert advisory committee and—most importantly—you, our readers.

These awards aren't just a pat on the back. They are a sincere recognition of excellence in serving the unique mission of private higher education. Whether it's an innovative facilities solution, a tech platform making life easier for staff and students, or a supplier that goes above and beyond with every order, these honorees have earned their spot on the Dean's List.

We always say that running a private college or university isn't for the faint of heart. It takes dedication, innovation, and—let's face it—some heroic coffee consumption. So it's only right that we shine a spotlight on the companies helping you do what you do best.

As we head into the final stretch of the year, know that we're honored to be part of your journey. Whether you're prepping for a busy admissions season, bracing for the first snowflake, or just trying to find where Facilities left the ladder again, we're here to help with the product information and resources you need.

Thank you, as always, for allowing us to support the work you do on some of the most beautiful and mission-driven campuses in the country. Here's to a colorful fall and a warm cup of something pumpkin-spiced (if you're into that sort of thing).

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Making Math Meaningful at Wilberforce University

BY CYNTHIA MWENJA, PhD

Ramadan El Sharif, assistant professor of Mathematics at Wilberforce University, brings his passion for teaching mathematics to students at all levels and in all degree fields. He clearly communicates the importance of math literacy for a diverse array of professional roles, and he understands that part of his responsibility as an instructor is to make those connections for students while also finding innovative ways to support them in learning the skills.

He has singlehandedly redeveloped Wilberforce's math curriculum in just two years, including implementing improvements in online teaching approaches, and he now seeks to develop added campus lab capacity through targeted grant writing.

According to its website, Wilberforce University—named for abolitionist William Wilberforce and established in 1856—“is the nation's oldest private, historically Black University owned and operated by African Americans.” Beyond a brief closure during the Civil War, the university has been in continual operation since its establishment. El Sharif came to this storied institution in the fall of 2023 with a wealth of experience teaching a wide array of math classes. Prior to earning scholarship support for coming to the United States in order to collaborate with his mentor at Kent State University, El Sharif had already taught math classes equivalent to all of Wilberforce's established curricula at home in his native Libya. After gaining experience as a teaching assistant at Kent State, he began to serve as instructor of record at other

institutions of higher learning in 2015. By the time he finished his PhD program, he was teaching a full load of classes in addition to finishing his dissertation.

Developing a Dynamic Curriculum

El Sharif says that the university and wider community need and deserve a strong Mathematics department because all students will use math in some capacity in their lives, ranging from applied math to statistics. He points to just a few examples, such as K-12 educators, who are often students' primary math instructors, as well as medical professionals, who need to understand the math behind prescription dosages. As El Sharif points out, “math is everywhere.”

El Sharif also notes that a Mathematics major or minor pairs well with a variety of degrees, such as Computer Science, Kinesiology, and—of course—Engineering. He says with a smile that math people like him simply want to major in math, but some Engineering students have an equal interest in the study of Mathematics, as well; he has

noticed that some Engineering students “can't stop taking math classes.” El Sharif wants to ensure that these Wilberforce students can earn a second major or a minor in this field they enjoy delving into.

Since all students will need math, El Sharif states, they should have opportunities during their general education courses to tie math to their areas of study. For example, Psychology majors need to know how to work with quantitative survey data, as well as how to work with Excel. He envisions giving these students data sets to play with, “like a game.” He affirms that when students start math study early and have the chance to play around with the concepts and skills, they learn more easily. Gerard McShepard, associate provost for Academic Affairs, says that El Sharif “has been dedicated to our students by teaching mathematics and continues to leave an indelible mark on generations of Bulldogs. He continues to show a dedication, passion, and care for his students. He is also a professor who inspires students beyond the classroom as well.”

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Pursuing Grant Funding

In addition to being a skilled and experienced math educator, El Sharif is also an enthusiastic grant writer. Lynda Brown-Wright, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, says that he is always trying to find resources to support Wilberforce students; he consistently both develops grants and attends grant-writing workshops toward that end. Recently, El Sharif organized a workshop at Wilberforce with the Minority Serving-Cyberinfrastructure Consortium to train university stakeholders in seeking monies for research infrastructure. Other schools came to campus to participate in the day-long event. Wilberforce leaders hope to use the information from the workshop to develop campus capacities by adding lab facilities. One of El Sharif's pending grants seeks funding for math tutoring and data analytics labs, and Brown-Wright envisions an artificial intelligence lab, as well. Other grants pending for El Sharif seek various kinds of support

for students pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. As Brown-Wright notes, such grants can have large impacts at small institutions of higher learning, and she appreciates the efforts that El Sharif makes in this arena.

Tackling Responsibilities

While Mathematics courses are currently housed in the Department of Engineering, El Sharif reports that a university goal is to develop and re-establish Mathematics as a department on its own in the future. El Sharif has spent a great deal of time this year thinking about how to best develop Mathematics courses and the Mathematics minor towards that end. As the only current tenure-track Mathematics faculty member, he is responsible for such future development planning, along with his responsibilities for making the unit plans, scheduling classes and adjuncts, and increasing enrollment in Mathematics classes.

Stepping into her new role as provost in January of this year, Brown-Wright had developed a clear vision for her time in leadership. One of her biggest priorities is meeting student needs within the general education curriculum, particularly in first-year Mathematics and English courses. As Brown-Wright points out, these classes are gateways to the general education curriculum for students, and failure in one of these key classes can derail a student's progress. Additionally, she says, research shows that poor grades in first-year introductory courses can affect matriculation rates later on.

After considering the research data, Brown-Wright's vision for ensuring student success became even stronger. She is adamant that every student who is admitted to Wilberforce University should be given the support they need to succeed through graduation. To this end, Brown-Wright has charged El Sharif with developing a co-requisite model for



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general education math classes, and he has taken on that charge so that students can develop the foundational skills they need to complete required mathematics courses. Brown-Wright and El Sharif continue to explore options for establishing co-requisite courses within the core curriculum; they are also making plans to support underprepared students in the interim until co-requisites can be implemented.

El Sharif appreciates the trust the Wilberforce's president and provost have placed in him to update the mathematics curriculum so that it is better geared to student needs. Course offerings include Introductory Algebra, Fundamentals of Algebra, and College Algebra, as well as Pre-calculus, Calculus I, II, and III, Discrete Mathematics, and Differential Equations. In just two short years, El Sharif has now not only taught all of these established classes on campus, but he has also updated them as well.

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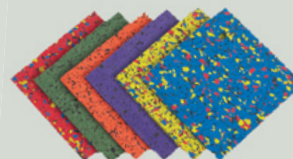


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In one case, he added over 1,000 new practice questions to a course so that the students are able to really learn the course content through consistent engagement with the material.

El Sharif says that many people know that students in majors like Engineering need to study higher math, but they may not realize that even Biology majors need calculus, and graduate students in many disciplines may need even more advanced math classes, depending on their specialization. In fact, he himself took biology classes during his time as a master's student so that he could better understand the discipline's mathematics underpinnings.

In overhauling the mathematics program, El Sharif has developed a new course designed for Wilberforce students outside of STEM: Quantitative Reasoning. He describes the course as helping students understand the math around them in their lives. Some of the

topics covered include logic, percentages, and statistics; the course also explores aspects of personal finances such as managing money, saving, assessing bank rates for mortgages, and the like. These real-world connections help students appreciate the role of math in their own lives—and the importance of learning how to use it by working with these practical applications.

Developing Smart Online Teaching Strategies

El Sharif acknowledges that online teaching is “tricky,” since students now have more tools than ever before to cheat. He believes, however, that instructors can encourage online students to do their own work through innovative assessment strategies. Since the students often own multiple electronics devices and can easily access the calculation and final solution for any problem on all of them, instructors must mitigate opportunities for students to take this easy way out.

To make it more likely that students

complete the work themselves, El Sharif focuses on a different part of the process in his online assessments. As he prepares a test question, he first runs the calculation through a generative artificial intelligence (gen AI) tool to see what answer it produces. Then, he works the problem to make sure the gen AI calculation and answer is correct. After that, he introduces a mistake to the calculation in the test question. On the assessment, he asks his students not to give the answer—the test provides that—but to find the mistake. The answers are multiple choice: “Step 1 is wrong,” “Step 2 is wrong,” and so on. While the students may still use gen AI tools as a supplement, they still need to understand the math enough to locate the error within the test time limit. Similarly, El Sharif asks students questions about graphing problems instead of simply asking them to produce the graph: “Does this answer make sense? Why or why not?” These are examples of smart innovations in online assessment. Given the continuing advancements in gen AI capabilities, however, El Sharif knows that he will need to keep developing his online teaching strategies, as well.

Brown-Wright appreciates El Sharif's strengths, saying that he “is not afraid of challenges, and he is open to change and new ideas—we need that in a leader.” With his vision for delivering a student-centered math program, focus on staying abreast of pedagogical innovations in the field, and desire to increase campus capacity through successful grant-making, El Sharif provides a model for other early-career professionals in all disciplines. The work he is doing will have a significant impact at Wilberforce and beyond for years to come.




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How a New Track and Field Complex Is Elevating Sports at the University of Hartford

BY TARKETT SPORTS

When University of Hartford alumnus Kevin Grant, '82, and his family decided to make a significant contribution to his alma mater, Kevin looked to his own lifelong passion: running.

A marathon runner who has also scaled Kilimanjaro, Denali, and Everest, he saw an opportunity to share that passion in a tangible way.

The much-anticipated, state-of-the-art Grant Family Track and Field complex opened last October and reflects the university's ongoing commitment to making meaningful upgrades across its academic, residential, and recreation spaces. More directly, it elevates the student-athlete experience while serving as a valuable resource for the entire campus community.

Featuring innovative post-tension concrete that supports long-term performance and

durability, it also helps position the University of Hartford as a potential host for NCAA regional and national tournaments.

To accommodate the expectations of athletic personnel, both local and visiting, the school entrusted the track surfacing, design, and construction to leading experts with a history of success.

The Foundation of Excellence

The facility's 400-meter, eight-lane track features a post-tension concrete foundation designed by engineering firm CHA Solutions and built by Connecticut-based Classic Turf,

an industry pioneer with its leading technology installed at venues across the country.

This foundation offers a multitude of benefits that contribute to longevity and sustained quality. Unlike traditional concrete or asphalt bases, post-tensioning involves embedding high-strength steel cables (tendons) within the concrete during the pouring process. Once the concrete has cured, these cables are tensioned, creating internal compression within the slab, making the concrete slab nearly indestructible.

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A Hub for the Entire Community

The new facility comes at a critical moment for the University of Hartford, which completed

its transition to becoming an NCAA Division III school in July. Viewed as the best path for realizing a range of academic, campus experience, and athletic goals, the new designation will continue to foster an environment that encourages participation and excellence across a wide range of sports, including track and field.

For years, Hartford's student-athletes practiced on sidewalks or at nearby schools like Trinity College and Hall High School, used traveling toe boards, and made do with available resources. Now, with a world-class facility that also boasts a throwing area, high-jump pit, and sand pits for triple jumps, they have been empowered with the tools to help them reach their full potential.

Having a place to call home will also allow students across varsity and intramural sports, recreation activities, and general fitness to enjoy a sense of camaraderie while fostering a culture of health and wellness on campus. This inclusive approach reflects the university's commitment to providing valuable resources that benefit its entire community.

Start of a New Era for Track & Field

In April, the Grant Family Track and Field complex hosted the inaugural Rage in the Cage Invitational. It was the first meet hosted by the Hawks in the history of the track and field program. Both the men's and women's teams finished in second place, combining for 12 first-place finishes across all events.

It was an early but crucial step in the University of Hartford establishing a legacy of excellence on its home track. As more students experience and benefit from the facility, a testament to modern athletic infrastructure, the university believes the combination of athletic achievement and community engagement will have an enduring impact on the school's reputation and overall student experience.

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4 Tips for Smart Selection

CHOOSING THE BEST DINING HALL TABLES

BY CASSIE TINTA

There are many choices when selecting the right dining hall tables for students, faculty and community at higher education institutions. From multiuse options and comfort and functionality to thoughtful design—and yes, even color—each of these elements plays a crucial role in creating the ideal space for dining halls.

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When choosing the best tables for the space consider these four tips as essential must-haves in your decision-making process.

Tip 1: Ensure Your Tables Are Multi-Purpose.

Many private universities today are looking to maximize their spaces to meet a multitude of different functions. For example, a higher education dining table may not only be used just for dining but could serve as a study area, an event space, a community gathering or even a meeting space. Think of dining hall tables as multipurpose solutions, which is especially important for smaller colleges and universities. You want to look for tables that can be effortlessly rolled up and wheeled from one location to another and stored easily. Instant mobility is key here. Consider tables or even uniquely designed booths that can be compactly stored away when not in use, freeing up space for other purposes.

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From dining to events, club meetings, group collaboration and more, a multipurpose booth or table design goes a long way. One important tip, especially for the college population—technology is a must in any design element. Be sure the tables or booths you select have built-in power and USB connections, as college students expect this must-have feature. Look for dining tables that are not only multi-purpose but multi-functional with technology built right into the design.

Tip 2: Select Tables That Foster Easy Interaction.

Today, private universities continue working to create communities where all students feel included and can connect, engage and easily interact with one another. Many times, the dining hall is the only place, and sharing meals is the only time of day, where busy college students can gather and engage in meaningful conversations with their friends or fellow students. In fact, college students often use the dining space to meet up with their "tribe" to make plans, share stories, study or just hang out. Because of this, it is here that friendships form and flourish.

Dining halls—and the elements within them, such as the tables and seating—should be designed with this reality in mind. Therefore, it's important to select tables that can facilitate communication and encourage collaboration. How can this be achieved?

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Investing in tables that foster natural and easy interaction is an important step toward helping students connect with each other, which in turn can lead to more vibrant campus communities.

Tip 3: Keep safety in mind.

Mishandling tables and chairs leads to some of the most commonly reported student and staff injuries at colleges and universities. With this in mind, selecting a dining table you know will be safe is essential.

No university staff member should be at risk when deploying, moving or folding up any dining table. Be sure every table has a proven locking mechanism to ensure the table stays closed and stable when in the folded position. Also, check to see if the table has some feature—such as a pneumatic lift-assist device – to promote safe and easy table deployment and folding. To prevent unnecessary strain when moving the table, look to see if the table comes with casters, such as industrial-grade thermoplastic rubber casters, for smooth transport. Last, be sure to consider whether a foldable table can prevent fingers from getting caught when being folded down and deployed. If a table



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Select Tables that Support University Life and Learning

Selecting the right tables for private university dining halls can be a challenge with multiple needs and consistent set up and break down. In addition, it’s important to consider a university’s budget, school spirit and space functionality as well. Creating unique, functional and collaborative dining hall spaces goes beyond just filling a space and serving meals—the tables should meet multiple needs. They must support collaboration such as

group work, social interaction and multi-use functions. A university dining hall is a hub for connection, community and activity and tables should reflect that in both their design and manufacturing.

Keep these all-important four tips in mind when selecting the table solutions that fit the best dining hall experience.



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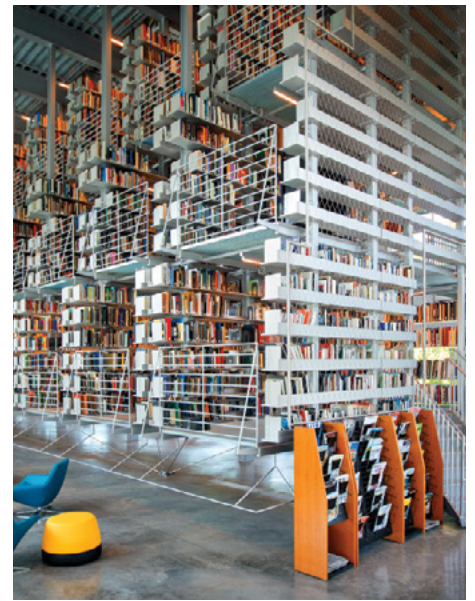
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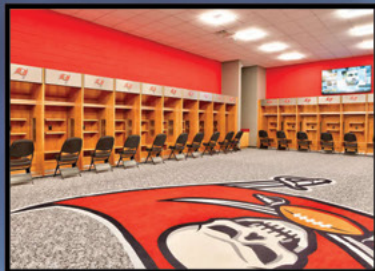




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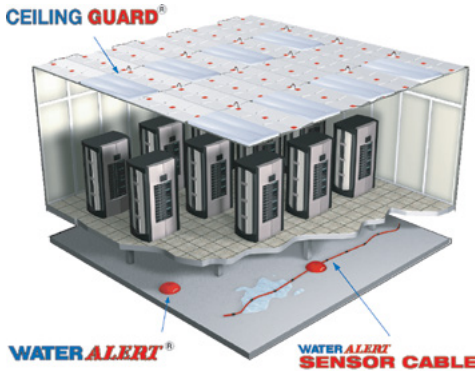
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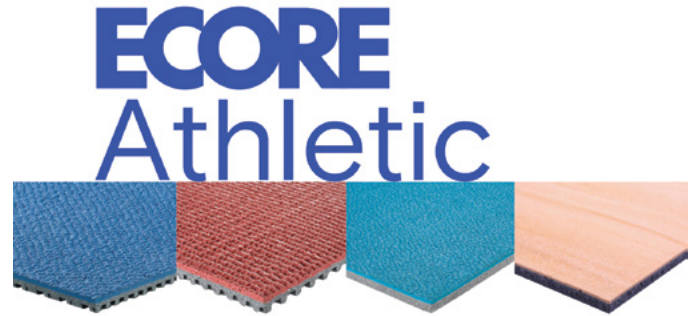
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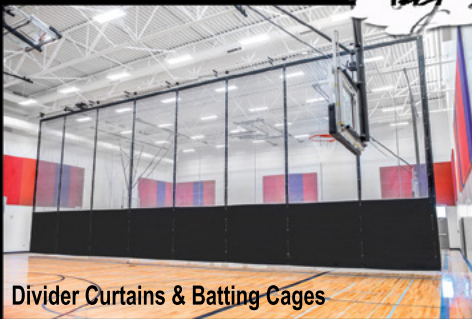
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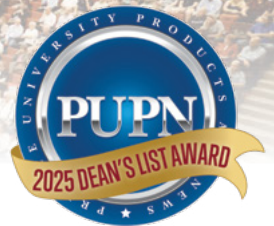
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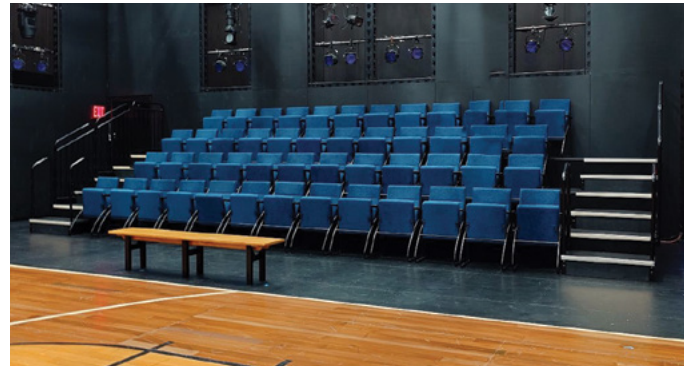
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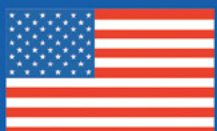
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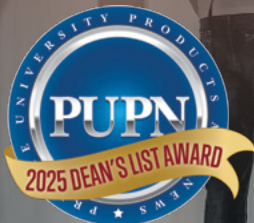


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VANGUARD UNIVERSITY RECEIVES HISTORIC \$35 MILLION ESTATE GIFT FROM FRED AND RUTH WAUGH, MARKING LARGEST DONATION IN UNIVERSITY HISTORY

The endowment gift will profoundly impact the lives of students who are able to receive a private Christian education for generations to come

COSTA MESA, Calif., August 25, 2025

— Vanguard University (VU), the first four-year university in Orange County, today announced a transformative \$35 million endowment gift from the late Fred and Ruth Waugh, marking the largest single financial contribution in the university's 105-year history and growing the endowment to \$52.5 million. This monumental gift will significantly bolster the university's mission to pursue knowledge, cultivate character, deepen faith and equip each student for a Spirit-empowered life of Christ-centered leadership and service.

"Fred and Ruth Waugh are an extraordinary couple who have had a front-row seat to an important period in the history of the church. But they weren't satisfied to stay in their seats. Theirs is a story of faithfulness in action," said Michael J. Beals, PhD, President of Vanguard University. "This \$35 million estate gift is a testament to their unwavering trust in Vanguard and their desire to see God's kingdom impact maximized through Christian higher education."

"The nature of an unrestricted gift to the endowment means that the Waughs trusted Vanguard University to direct those funds where they will maximize Kingdom impact in the mission of the university," said Beals. "This will, without question, change the lives and directions of students—of their families—because they were able to receive a Christian education, and a part of the cost of that education was provided for by the Waughs."

The Waughs' relationship with Vanguard University spans decades, investing in students through scholarships and special programs for nearly 50 years. The Waugh Student Center, named in their honor, was made possible by a major gift from the couple.

"Fred and Ruth Waugh's legacy is one of profound commitment to the Holy Spirit's guidance and a passionate resolve to support the work of the church, Christian higher education, and para-church ministries. Their journey exemplifies a life dedicated to seeing the Holy Spirit at work in everyone and everywhere," said Beals.

About Fred and Ruth Waugh

Fred ('80) and Ruth Waugh, lifelong champions off faith and mentorship, were integral figures in the Christian charismatic movement throughout the 1970s and 1980s, influencing tens of thousands. Their dedication to shepherding young believers into disciples of Christ and Spirit-led leaders was a passion of their 81 years of marriage. Even in their 90s, the Waughs continued a decades-long tradition of welcoming students into their home for fellowship, mentorship and Godly wisdom, emblematic of their deep conviction to see God's kingdom flourish in young people.

Historic Growth for Vanguard

Outpourings of support such as this transformative estate gift have allowed VU to experience continued philanthropic, financial, and campus growth while remaining true to its Christ-centered mission for more than a century. VU received a \$10 million gift toward the Freed Center for Leadership and Service in 2020, as well as another transformative gift to endow the Patty Arvielo School of Business and Management in 2023. In 2025, VU received a \$900,000 gift from In-N-Out Burger Foundation to support Headwind Scholars, a program for college-bound foster youth to provide a college education for students coming out of foster care.

Since 2013, net assets have increased from \$13.7 million to nearly \$100 million for fiscal

year ending June 30, 2025. During this same period, the university endowment grew from \$4 million to \$52.5 million.

VU's facilities and campus have also experienced rapid transformation, enhancing student-learning and the student experience. The 2020 opening of the \$24-million Waugh Student Center and the construction of the campus monument sign and perimeter marked the completion of the first milestone of "Imagine: The Campaign for Vanguard University." In October 2024, a \$24 million campaign was completed with the opening of the Freed Center for Leadership and Service, completing the vision for a dynamic student life core of the campus and crowning the University's decade-long investment in renovated residence halls, outdoor athletics fields and the Waugh Student Center.

About Vanguard University

Founded in 1920, Vanguard University in Costa Mesa is a private, Christian, comprehensive university of liberal arts, sciences and professional studies that encompasses more than 2,200 students from every region in the country, over 33,000 alumni worldwide, nearly 100 full-time faculty, over 30 undergraduate programs and six graduate degree programs. A hallmark of a Vanguard education is collaborative scholarship in the arts and sciences, which foster the intellectual development, moral maturity and spiritual vitality of its students for the public good. Rooted in a strong academic tradition and commitment to student success, Vanguard University is recognized by the U.S. News & World Report 2024 rankings as a first-tier regional university in the West, a Best Value School, a Top Performer on Social Mobility and a Best College in the West for Veterans. Please visit vanguard.edu.

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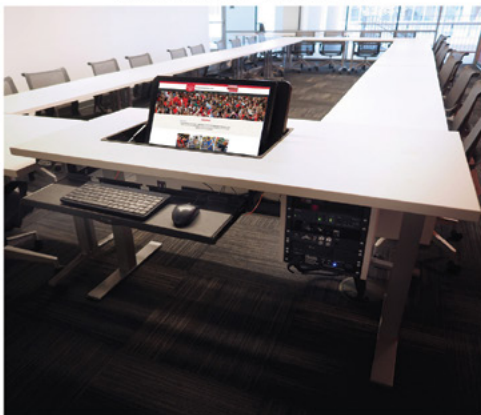
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