

**King's University College to announce major student gift and reveal updated design of Darryl J. King Student Life Centre**

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King's University College is announcing details about the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre scheduled to open the fall of 2013. A town hall to be held on September 12 at 10:30 a.m. at King's (on the grounds adjacent to the Cardinal Carter Library) will showcase updated drawings, will launch the Annual Faculty/Staff Campaign, and will celebrate a significant gift by the student community at King's.

Named after Darryl J. King (BA '97 History), President of the Cambridge-based Logikor Dedicated Logistics, the Centre is slated to open fall 2013 at an estimated cost of \$11 million. Darryl J. King's gift is the largest donation ever made by a King's alum.

The 41,000 sq. ft. facility will integrate a learning commons, student services, as well as social, spiritual and recreational space. The building will be conveniently connected to the Cardinal Carter Library. Designed by Perkins + Will in cooperation with London-based Cornerstone Architects, the King Centre will meet LEED certification standards and feature:

- The Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre - providing a permanent home for the King's Players, this space will also allow the King's community to host larger events.
- The Andy and Helen Spriet Learning Commons - linked to the Cardinal Carter Library and providing space for students to meet, study and gather in an informal area.
- The Joan Smith Student Leadership Suite - housing the King's University College Students' Council (KUCSC) offices.
- Games mezzanine and café.
- Outdoor patios, garden areas and a green roof.
- The King's Connection Store (formerly the ProShop) for the sale of King's clothing and other promotional items.
- Casual space for students and faculty to gather (includes a fireplace).

"The Student Life Centre has been a dream for many years," notes Barshan Quadry, King's University College Student Council President. "It will take our student experience to the next level and enhance all programs, services and operations tremendously. Limitless opportunities and possibilities lie ahead and we are delighted with the progress made so far!"

"The King Student Life Centre will be the hub for our King's community," notes King's Principal David Sylvester. "It will be the place for students and faculty to gather, learn and connect. This is an exciting day as we see the updated drawings and most importantly, as we celebrate the tremendous contribution of our student body."

Other major supporters of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre and the Student Life Campaign include the Mitchell and Kathryn Baran Family Foundation, Boys' and Girls' Club of London Foundation, David J. '64 and Lynda Ducharme, Joanne and Peter Kenny, Lowell B. Mason Jr. and Elizabeth S. Upjohn-Mason in memory of Joan Mason-Grant, Don and Joan Smith, Andy and Helen Spriet, John and Frances Vitali, and Paul Stevenson.

Media is invited to attend this brief announcement on Monday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. on the grounds adjacent to the Cardinal Carter Library at King's.

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