

King's University College at The University of Western Ontario announces \$2.4 million student gift towards Darryl J. King Student Life Centre
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At a ceremony held this morning at King's University College, Student Council President Barshan Quadry announced a \$2.4 million contribution to the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre on behalf of the student community at King's. Scheduled to open fall 2013, 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 Architecture, 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 for our students and the community.
- 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).

"This is an exciting day," says Quadry. "This building will be a hub for students for years to come. This contribution is a great way for King's students present and future to leave a legacy."

"We are very proud of the work that our students are doing in the community and very grateful for their support of this project," notes David Sylvester, Principal at King's. "With the many shared spaces and environmentally sensitive design, this building will serve students for years to come and will be a hub for our King's Community."

Named after Darryl J. King (BA '97 History), President of the Cambridge- Logikor Inc., the King Centre is slated to open fall 2013 at an estimated cost of \$11 million. Darryl J. King's gift (\$1 million) is the largest donation ever made by a King's alum.

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