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## **Keuka College Receives \$150,000 Grant from Booth Ferris Foundation**

### ***Funds will Support Ball Hall Renovation***

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—Keuka College has received a \$150,000 grant from the Booth Ferris Foundation to support *The Campaign to Save Ball*.

The three-year, \$10 million fund-raising effort kicked off last July and now stands at \$7.3 million.

“We are pleased that Booth Ferris has recognized the importance of the Ball Hall renovation with this generous gift,” said College President Joseph G. Burke.

The Booth Ferris Foundation was established in 1957 under the wills of Willis H. Booth and his wife, Chancie Ferris Booth. The Foundation’s primary interest is in higher education and public education initiatives in New York City. The majority of its grants fund capital and capacity-building projects.

The Booth Ferris funds will be directed toward renovation plans in the administrative section of Ball Hall, the College’s original building that carries the name of Rev. Dr. George Harvey Ball, founder and first president of the College.

Several major elements of the building will be repaired. The roof will be replaced, masonry will be restored, new windows will be installed, the foundation walls will be weatherproofed and repaired, and the trim on the bell tower and along the roofline will be repaired.

Space and function concerns will also be addressed.

“We will bring various administrative functions, including college advancement, admissions, financial aid, business office, bursar’s office, and personnel—which are currently spread across three non-adjacent buildings—into Ball Hall,” said Burke. “The top three floors will still be used as residence hall space, although there will be much-needed upgrades and improvements.”

Added Burke: “Ball Hall will be more functional for the administrative staff who work in it; more attractive for the alumni, parents, and friends who visit it; and more liveable for the students who reside in it.”