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## **College Receives \$500,000 Grant from Jephson Educational Trusts for Ball Hall Renovation**

KEUKA PARK, N.Y.—Keuka College has received a \$500,000 grant from the Jephson Educational Trusts to support *The Campaign to Save Ball Hall*.

The three-year, \$10 million fund-raising effort kicked off last July and now stands at \$7.8 million.

“Lucretia Davis Jephson had a strong affection for Keuka College and we are delighted that the educational trusts that bear her name have recognized that with this generous gift to the Ball Hall renovation,” said College President Joseph G. Burke.

Burke said Jephson is one of the “most loyal benefactors in Keuka College history. Examples of her generosity and belief in the College’s mission are everywhere.”

The president pointed to Norton Chapel; Davis Hall, named for her parents, Robert Benson Davis and Jennie Weed Davis; the Weed Physical Arts Center, named in memory of her maternal grandparents; the Lucretia Davis Jephson Science Center; and the Jephson Athletic Complex.

But the Jephson legacy goes well beyond her support of capital projects; what are affectionately known as “Mrs. Jephson’s buildings.” She has made it possible for countless members of the Keuka family to stay in school and earn degrees by funding need-based scholarships.

Jephson, who received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Keuka in 1979, established the Jephson Educational Trust No.1 in 1946, while a second educational trust was created by her will (she died in 1979).

The renovation of Ball Hall is under way and 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.

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“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 livable for the students who reside in it.”