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Colleagues,

As a follow up to this morning's discussion, I have attached several documents for your information. You will find attached a list of answers and/or suggested responses to the questions we are anticipating you may receive from faculty, staff and students within your departments and units once the gift announcement has been made. Also attached for your reference are the talking points my team will use when discussing this news, along with a copy of the media press release.

I am available to answer any additional questions or address any concerns you may have. Feel free to contact my office at 703-993-9511. Other general inquiries may be directed to Communications and Marketing at 703-993-8780.

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6. Will there be an event associated with the naming?

Yes, in the fall. No specific date has been chose. More information will be provided at a later date.

7. I am from the media, who do I speak with?

Contact the Office of Communications and Marketing at 703-993-9511.

Overview of the gifts

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How the scholarships will benefit students and the university.

All of the money will be used to create three new scholarship programs with the potential of supporting hundreds of students interested in studying law at George Mason University. This generous gift will allow the law school to attract and retain additional students who will enhance the open discourse and academic breadth of our legal teaching and scholarly research. Welcoming students who add significantly to the academic caliber, diversity and specialized expertise of the school's student body will elevate the reputation of the law school as well as the entire university.

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But some students or faculty view Justice Scalia as a polarizing figure. Isn't that a concern?

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Do gift agreements come with conditions that allow donors to influence academic programs, instruction at the university?

We make clear to donors that their gifts will in no way influence curriculum, hiring practices or any aspect of our academic freedom. Financial gifts may be earmarked for programs, but not for influence in how those programs are run. While we are grateful for all of the gifts we receive, we value academic freedom above all else. Academic freedom allows our community to learn, grow and prosper, and we will not compromise that freedom for anything or anyone.

Why donors are allowed to stay anonymous and why gift agreements are kept private.

Donors have the right to request anonymity and the university has a responsibility to respect the privacy of those donors. The state also recognizes this. The gifts come through the George Mason University Foundation, which is a 501(c) (3) organization and exempt from Virginia public records laws.

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Renell,

Here is the revised version. Thank you for your feedback and edits.

Read the latest on construction and upcoming traffic impacts to Mason at <http://building.gmu.edu>

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What is Mason's process for merit based scholarships?

1. Who chooses the scholarship recipient?/What are the conditions to receive the scholarship?

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Two entities review opportunities for naming under University Policy. To learn more about the naming opportunities and giving to Mason, please visit fasterfarther.gmu.edu for information on Mason's current capitol campaign.

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A number of buildings are named after U.S. Presidents, government officials, and influential members of Mason's faculty and staff that had an impact to our history. The Board of Visitors also voted today to name the Occoquan Building for Senator Chuck Colgan. An arts plaza is also to be named for former Virginia Governor A. Linwood Holton.

Why Scalia/ Why Koch?

1. What is the relationship between Koch and Mason? How did it begin?

From <http://mercatus.org/content/history-and-timeline>:

Originally called the Austrian Economics Program, the Mercatus Center was founded in 1978 by Rutgers University Economics Instructor Richard Fink. A grant from Charles Koch made the program possible and started a tradition for the Center, which remains privately funded.

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From the *School of Law*: No [regarding other options for the naming]

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The Board of Visitors has a standing item under closed session regarding "Gifts, Requests, and Fundraising Activities" to discuss potential impacts those items may have.

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Donors to the non-profit Mason Foundation have a right to anonymity. It is allowed by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

6. How do I file a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request on conditions of receiving the money and/or the anonymity of the donor?

Mason's FOIA Compliance Officer is Elizabeth Woodley, ewoodley@gmu.edu, 703-993-5115

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Can you send me the picture you have chosen which we will then use for our Website.

Thanks.

Best wishes.

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I think it would help to mention that we expect these programs to benefit hundreds of students.

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Three scholarship programs

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Well...it looks like we're getting three scholarships.

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This is the final press release— Ángel has reviewed and edited.

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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, his esteemed colleague on the Supreme Court for more than two decades, said Scalia's opinions challenged her thinking and that naming the law school after him was a fine tribute.

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The gift also includes a \$10 million grant from the Charles Koch Foundation, which supports hundreds of colleges and universities across the country that pursue scholarship related to societal well-being and free societies.

“We’re excited to support President Cabrera and Dean Butler’s vision for the Law School as they welcome new students and continue to distinguish Mason as a world-class research university,” said Charles Koch Foundation President Brian Hooks.

The name change is pending approval from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

A formal dedication ceremony will occur in the fall.

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7. How do I give to one of these scholarships?

From Advancement:

To make a gift in support of scholarships at the Antonin Scalia School of Law, or to support other university priorities, please go to fasterfarther.gmu.edu or contact the Office of Advancement at 703-993-8850.

8. What are the naming standards?

From universitypolicy.gmu.edu (re: University Policy #1123), section VIII. Naming Opportunities

9. What other naming opportunities are there at Mason?

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10. What has Mason done to recognize other community leaders?

From ahistoryofmason.gmu.edu:

A number of buildings are named after U.S. Presidents, government officials, and influential members of Mason's faculty and staff that had an impact to our history.

11. How do I file a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request on conditions of receiving the money and/or the anonymity of the donor?

From universitypolicy.gmu.edu (re: University Policy #1117):

Mason's FOIA Compliance Officer is Elizabeth Woodley, ewoodley@gmu.edu, 703-993-5115

Why Scalia/ Why Koch?

1. What is the relationship between Koch and Mason? How did it begin?

From <http://mercatus.org/content/history-and-timeline>:

Originally called the Austrian Economics Program, the Mercatus Center was founded in 1978 by Rutgers University Economics Instructor Richard Fink, while he was still a graduate student in economics at New York University. A grant from philanthropist and entrepreneur Charles Koch made the program possible and started an important tradition for the Center, which remains privately funded thanks to the generosity of thousands of individuals who support its work each year.

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From universitypolicy.gmu.edu (re: University Policy #1123), section VIII. Naming Opportunities

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3. Were there other options for the naming?

From the School of Law: No [regarding other options for the naming]

4. Why wasn’t this name announced before the Board of Visitors meeting to allow for community feedback and comment?

The Board of Visitors has a standing item under closed session regarding “Gifts, Requests, and Fundraising Activities” to discuss potential impacts those items may have.

What is Mason’s position and potential future impact?

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From vision.gmu.edu:

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6. I am from the media, who do I speak with?

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Renell,

Here are the three pieces: Theme player (main web page) story, news story, and campaign story.

When we have your changes, please let us know when we can ask for Colleen or Cathy to copy edit this content on Thursday.

Many thanks.

Melanie

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Largest gift in Mason's history creates opportunities for future law students

By Damian Cristodero

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Many graduating law students seek work at major firms for that first job, feeling pressure to earn big salaries at the start of their careers to repay ~~crippling~~ ~~staggering~~ law school debt.

But at George Mason University, a \$30 million gift to the law school will create three new scholarships that will offer freedom from debt and allow graduates the opportunity to pursue their dreams of making a difference by practicing in areas of their choice.

The scholarships "will open up all kinds of opportunities for students in all kinds of legal practice areas," said Alison Price, associate dean for admissions and enrollment management at Mason Law. "They open opportunities for public service, for think tank work, for trade associations. (Students) are not constrained to big-firm salary jobs to pay for the cost of their education."

The \$30 million gift, the largest in George Mason history, includes a \$20 million anonymous donation and \$10 million from the Charles Koch Foundation. The substantial scholarships to be awarded to several students each year will provide significant incentive for top-level prospective students to choose Mason and continue the enhancement of education at Mason Law, already one of the nation's top 50 law schools, according to USA Today.

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With permission from the donor's family, the law school also will be renamed the Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University, in honor of the late Supreme Court Justice and longtime Northern Virginia resident.

"This allows us to compete with other law schools for top-quality students," Price said of the scholarships. "This allows us to get in the game."

There also should be a multiplier effect, she said. As more students choose Mason Law, more elite faculty will follow, raising the value of a Mason Law degree.

“Attracting high-caliber students will raise the profile of the school and thereby raise the value of the degree to everyone that graduated from George Mason’s law school,” Price said.

Bar None: Support for Student Access Vaults Campaign Forward

By M. Leigh Harrison

Less than a year after the public launch of the \$500 million Faster Farther campaign, George Mason University has already received the largest gift in its history: an anonymous donor's landmark gift of \$20 million, joined by \$10 million from the Charles Koch Foundation, to rename the law school and vastly expand its opportunities for students of high promise.

Even for Mason, the speed and strength of the campaign have been astonishing. The \$30 million follows a \$10 million donation from the Peterson Family Foundation last summer, offering scholarship funding to students in the College of Visual and Performing Arts and helping to build a new home for the College of Health and Human Services.

Many factors have led to success up to this point. They include volunteer leadership and loyal alumni dedicated to sharing the Mason story with new friends. The university's recognition for pathbreaking research and a track record of success in creating engaged global citizens is certainly part of the mixture. Outstanding faculty in the public eye and new facilities for performance and learning, across all three campuses, are also making it clear that Mason is on the move.

Gifts made in the campaign's public phase are validating what regional leaders have long said: that Mason is both a magnet and a magnifier for investment and ideas. With its place of growing prominence in the regional economy, Mason has always provided a strong return. The Faster Farther campaign provides an additional multiplier effect, helping large new gifts inspire even greater philanthropy. In a political climate where state support for higher education is on the wane, the increasing influx of private dollars could not come at a more opportune time. The campaign offers alumni, friends, institutional donors, and other stakeholders a powerful new way to build on a diversity of established strengths that, together, will help advance the common good.

In the end, Mason ideas and Mason students are the winners in a race to go faster and farther. And with Mason alumni and other thoughtful citizens joining together in that race, today's news is only the beginning of what's possible.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 5:28 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Justice Ginsburg statement
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Ginsburg quote. We want the whole quote in. Thanks.

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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: March 30, 2016 at 4:48:06 PM EDT
To: Henry N Butler <hnbutter@gmu.edu>, David K Rehr <drehr@gmu.edu>
Subject: Justice Ginsburg statement

Just received this statement from Justice Ginsburg. I think it is fantastic and should be used in its entirety. They have also asked for a final copy of the press release, so please send it to me when ready.

Best,
Neomi

*For GMU Press Release
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
March 31, 2016*

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To: Renell Wynn
Subject: Gift Announcement
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Renell,

I forgot to include you on my message. The timeline is attached. The highlighted lines have been completed.

A few notes:

- Janet Bingham would like us to respond to inquiries and has instructed her team to forward phone calls to us at 3-8780.
- Inquiries made to the School of Law will be answered by their main reception desk at 3-8000. Henry will be the point of contact. His email address appears on the press release.
- Sharon Cullen has been updated on plans for the university-wide message and notified of who the primary points of contact are

Feel free to contact me this evening if there are any questions. I will be logged on at 7:30 AM tomorrow morning as well. I have notified Wendy that you may need her to make copies of the Communications Plan for tomorrow morning's President's Council meeting. Let me know how else I may assist you.

Sincerely,

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Gift Announcement Timeline

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

- 9 AM Photo shoot on the Arlington campus to obtain new images
- 2 PM Jacelyn will contact Naomi Arlund (Advancement) and Kim Gallagher (School of Law) to learn how they plan to manage inquiries tomorrow and who will be the primary points of contact
- Wendy requests student and employee data for the campus-wide message
- 3 PM Gregg contacts Bruce Cronlund to discuss the website caching and any possible delays that may be encountered in posting to the website
- Jacelyn will contact Sharon Cullen to notify her how to direct inquiries
- 4 PM Answers to FAQs provided to Philip Stamper by Mike
- Sarah emails images obtained from the Arlington photo shoot to Renell
- Dreston emails the draft of the campus-wide message to Renell
- 5 PM Mike emails copy for the news stories to Renell
- 7 PM Renell reviews copy for news stories, the draft campus-wide message, and photos.
- Renell emails final news story content to Lisa Hitt, campus-wide message to Jacelyn, and approval of photos to Sarah.

Thursday, March 31, 2016

- 8:30 AM Renell attends the special President's Council meeting called by Dr. Cabrera, and walks through the communication plan for the gift announcement
- 9 AM Photo selections for the website are finalized and emailed to Lisa Hitt
- Text for the campus-wide message is sent to Sharon Cullen for approval from the president's office
- 11:30 AM Wendy emails final campus-wide message text to Lisa Carr
- 12 PM All photos, stories, content and messages are prepped and finalized and ready to be posted online or distributed pending approval of the resolution by the BOV

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- 1:45 PM** BOV enters into closed session, and the resolution is presented
- 3:00 PM** BOV decision reached on the resolution
- 4:00 PM** Campus-wide message distributed to all faculty, staff and students*
- News stories are posted to the website, press release is distributed, and The George is distributed.*

Notes:

- Media calls will be forwarded to Mike and his back-up
- Kathy and Jamie will monitor all social media outlets
- Inquiries

**pending approval of the resolution by the BOV*

From: Melissa Cannarozzi
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 3:34 PM
To: Renell Wynn
Subject: School of Law photos...

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Hello,

The photos that Ron shot today at the School of Law can be seen at the link below.

<http://photo.gmu.edu/Client-Proofs/School-of-Law/n-znxqHr/i-XdZk4J9>

Thanks,
Melissa

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From: Michael Sandler
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Renell Wynn
Cc: David R Long; Kathleen M Diemer
Subject: Advancement's communication strategy

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Hi Renell,

I met with David, Kathleen, Rob and Leigh to discuss their communication strategy. Below is what they plan to do:

- Janet will have a call with the Board of Trustees tomorrow at 9 a.m. to tell them about the forthcoming vote.
- For those members who cannot make the call, Janet will send them an email after the board votes. She will also send the same email to the Alumni Board after the vote. Leigh sent you and me the email, to make sure it is in sync with the message that will go out to faculty, staff and students.
- They have no immediate plans to inform donors. As Kathleen put it, most of the high-level donors are aware of the gift.
- Advancement has no immediate plans to inform alumni about the gift. The plan would be to let them know in the next edition of The Scroll.
- Advancement doesn't have a designated person to answer calls from donors or alumni. They were under the impression that the law school would handle communication on the gift.
- In terms of the web site, they plan to replace the top photo (rowers) with a picture of Hazel Hall and a "Breaking News" headline with the announcement, which will link to the story. They will also have the campaign story underneath the main photo.

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From: M Leigh Harrison
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Mike and Renell—by your request—the attached is intended for eblast to the Board of Trustees (copying the Alumni Association Board) upon a confirming vote by the BOV on March 31. It may use President Cabrera's signature or, with slight modifications, Janet's (as president of the George Mason University Foundation). We contemplate the need for these two bodies to receive a special message tailored to their concerns as volunteer leaders, but we understand that another message will be sent to the university community.

NB: Janet has made a few suggestions not reflected (yet) here.

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Dear fellow trustees:

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I know that our campaign chair, Jimmy Hazel, joins Vice President Janet Bingham and me in commending Dean Henry Butler for these major new developments that will serve our students and our region for years to come.

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Here is the latest including the Governor...

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Thanks Mike and David. I am suggesting some changes, I used track changes. Two things I would add is campaign information, boiler plate for the law school and Faster Farther campaign boiler plate language. Also, I wonder if another quote from Angel is needed to address the significance of this gift as it relates to the university's value of diversity, especially diversity of perspectives
Wasn't there to be a quote from Tom Davis?

Renell

From: Frank Neville
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 1:44 PM
To: Renell Wynn
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Fyi...closed session starting at 1345.

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Cc: Sharon Cullen <scullen1@gmu.edu>, Scott A Nichols <snicho10@gmu.edu>, Elizabeth A Connors <econnors@gmu.edu>
Subject: Re: Revised Agenda - V2

Kathy,

The Rector has approved the revised agenda.

Frank

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Frank,

Based on our conversation, I have revised the agenda and shortened all reports to 5 minutes each. This will give 65 minutes for the Closed Session.

As discussed, I will contact Anne Gruner to give her a heads up that the Closed Session will likely begin at 1:45 p.m., not 3:10 p.m. as originally planned.

Please advise if there are additional changes.

Thanks.
Kathy

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From: Michael Sandler
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**George Mason University receives \$30 million gift,
renames School of Law after Justice Antonin Scalia**
Largest gift in university's history will create three scholarships

Arlington, VA— George Mason University has announced a \$30 million gift to the School of Law, which is the largest gift in university history and will go toward the creation of three new scholarship programs for students.

As part of the gift, the Board of Visitors also voted to rename the school the Antonin Scalia School of Law, in honor of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

"This is a milestone moment for the university," said George Mason University President Ángel Cabrera. "This gift will create opportunities to attract and retain the best and brightest students and continue our goal to make Mason one of the premiere law schools in the country. We are humbled by Scalia family's decision to entrust our law school with his name."

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Justice Scalia, who served twenty-nine years on the U.S. Supreme Court, spoke at the dedication of the law school building in 1999 and was a guest lecturer at the university.

“Justice Scalia’s name evokes the very strengths of our school: civil liberties, law and economics, and constitutional law,” Law School Dean Henry N. Butler said. “His career embodies our law school’s motto of learn, challenge, lead. As a professor and jurist, he challenged those around him to be rigorous, intellectually honest, and consistent in their arguments.”

[Quote from Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.]

The gift establishes the following scholarship programs:

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A. Linwood Holton, Jr. Leadership Scholarship – Named in honor of the former governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this scholarship will be awarded to students, who have overcome barriers to academic success, demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, or who have helped others overcome discrimination in any facet of life.

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The gift includes a \$10 million grant from the Charles Koch Foundation, which supports hundreds of colleges and universities across the country that pursue scholarship related to societal well-being and free societies. The rest of the gift was provided by a donor who requested to remain

anonymous.

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From: Michelle Marks
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Angel Cabrera; S David Wu; Jennifer Wagner Davis
Cc: Frank Neville; Renell Wynn
Subject: Law School Naming

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Angel, David, JJ

Per conversation with Robin and a call to SCHEV:

1. The normal process for any kind of name change, including the addition of a donor name to a school or department, requires BOV and SCHEV approval. This is called "an organizational change" at SCHEV. The process is not typically contested, although there should be some reasonable justification for the requested name change. Typically the SCHEV part of the process takes around 30 days (post submission) for a simple name change turnaround.
2. Because this is likely to receive public attention in the near future, it would be advisable for Angel to contact Peter Blake ASAP.
3. If we go forward (and this becomes public) prior to formal SCHEV approval, we would want to say "pending SCHEV approval" in our formal communications. Of course, Angel could/should ask Peter for specific guidance.

Michelle

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Michelle Marks
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
George Mason University

From: asailey <asailey@masonlive.gmu.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 2:49 PM
To: Renell Wynn
Cc: Frank Neville
Subject: Background Info for Justice Scalia Communications

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Hello Renell,

Frank has instructed me to pass along a link to President Obama's speech script addressing the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, to serve as background information for your communication material.

Here is the link: <http://www.nytimes.com/live/supreme-court-justice-antonin-scalia-dies-at-79/video-president-obamas-statement-on-scalias-death/>

Please let me know if you need any further assistance on this topic.

Thank you,

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From: Jennifer Wagner Davis
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 9:12 AM
To: Rose B Pascarell; Renell Wynn
Subject: Fwd: Gift agreement

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Rose/Renell--FYI. I know you are working on this as well. I have concerns technical and timing. FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Wagner Davis <jjdavis@gmu.edu>
Date: March 23, 2016 at 7:08:38 AM CST
To: Henry N Butler <hnbutter@gmu.edu>, Janet E Bingham <bingham@gmu.edu>
Cc: David B Moore <dmoorem@gmu.edu>, Lisa G Kemp <lkemp@gmu.edu>, SVP
Administrative Staff <svpadm@gmu.edu>, Jennifer Wagner Davis <jjdavis@gmu.edu>
Subject: Gift agreement

Henry/Janet-First congrats on such an amazing proposal.
I had a chance to review and there a few things that need some analysis, discussion and or edits.
First, all tuition revenue is required to go to E and G. Not sure why it specifies Law account.
Second, I have concerns as this gift agreement could imply NO tuition increases throughout the
gift agreement term. First, our board sets tuition and we cannot make that guarantee. I would
recommend provisions for a range of increases.
Third, I cannot reconcile the pro forma.
I have a couple of other small
Items but it feels like we need to meet soon to resolve.
Lastly, I am not sure of the timing so if this is moving quickly, I can ask Bethany to schedule
ASAP. Thanks JJ
Ps-also uncertain of timing given recent issues on campus, I would urge announcement this
summer. JJ

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From: **Henry N Butler** hnbutter@gmu.edu
Subject: Re: Naming Gift
Date: February 27, 2016 at 10:26 AM
To: S David Wu davidwu@gmu.edu



Thanks.

Onward and Upward!

Henry

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On Feb 27, 2016, at 9:24 AM, S David Wu <davidwu@gmu.edu> wrote:

Henry.

Thank you for your note.

I'm at a conference in New Orleans. Will be back on Monday.

I'm aware of the naming possibility, sounds like an exciting opportunity. Please do make sure that the proposal is properly vetted and the president and I have a chance to weigh in.

Enjoy your time off.

Best,
David

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On Feb 27, 2016, at 5:25 AM, Henry N Butler <hnbutter@gmu.edu> wrote:

David


I had to reach you yesterday about the naming gift. Really exciting! A game changer for Mason Law.

Off in Cabo for a week of R&R

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From: **Renell Wynn** rwynn3@gmu.edu 
Subject: Announcement
Date: March 16, 2016 at 7:52 AM
To: **S David Wu** davidwu@gmu.edu



Good morning David. Angel and I spoke with Henry last evening and the announcement will be as soon as the end of the month.


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From: **Renell Wynn** rwynn3@gmu.edu 
Subject: Gift announcement
Date: March 29, 2016 at 7:07 PM
To: **Henry N Butler** hbutler@gmu.edu
Cc: **S David Wu** davidwu@gmu.edu, **Angel Cabrera** acabrera@gmu.edu



Any reason why we should not share the news with President's Council before release?

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From: **Renell Wynn** rwynn3@gmu.edu 
Subject: Fwd: tweaked resolution
Date: March 30, 2016 at 10:52 AM
To: Angel Cabrera cabreraa@gmu.edu, Sharon Cullen scullen1@gmu.edu
Cc: S David Wu davidwu@gmu.edu, Frank Neville fnvill2@gmu.edu, Janet E Bingham bingham@gmu.edu

Draft resolution

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From: Preston A Williams <pwilli20@gmu.edu>
Date: March 30, 2016 at 10:50:34 AM EDT
To: Renell Wynn <rwynn3@gmu.edu>
Cc: Michael Sandler <msandle3@gmu.edu>
Subject: tweaked resolution

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WHEREAS, the George Mason University School of Law has received a \$30 million gift, the largest in university history, to honor the legacy of late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia with a series of scholarships; and

WHEREAS, these scholarships will provide opportunities for some of the brightest law student candidates in the country as well as amplify George Mason's standing as an institution of higher learning that basks in the shadow of the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Antonin Scalia Scholarship will be awarded to students with excellent academic credentials; and

WHEREAS, the A. Linwood Holton, Jr. Leadership Scholarship will be named in honor of the former governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and be awarded to students who have overcome barriers to academic success, demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, or who have helped others overcome discrimination in any facet of life; and

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WHEREAS, ???Ruth Bader Ginsburg scholarship???

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Justice Scalia was one of the most influential justices in U.S. history, leaving a deep and profound intellectual legacy during his 30-year career and by encouraging a robust exchange of ideas and diverse opinions and perspectives, and by inspiring generations of law students with his passion and wit; and

WHEREAS, this gift, including \$20 million from an anonymous donor and a \$10 million matching gift from the Charles Koch Foundation, pushes the university's Faster Farther capital campaign past the \$400 million mark on its way toward meeting or exceeding the \$500 million goal; now

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the George Mason University School of Law be named the Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University, out of respect and reverence for the Supreme Court of the United States, an institution that interprets the law of the land a mere seven miles from the Mason Law School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the minutes of the George Mason University Board of Visitors this day, March 31, 2016.

From: **Renell Wynn** rwynn3@gmu.edu 
Subject: FW: Quick Meeting - 3/31 at 8:30 AM
Date: March 30, 2016 at 12:39 PM
To: S David Wu davidwu@gmu.edu
Cc: Jacelyn Tyson jtyson3@gmu.edu

David,

J.J. said that I am expected to attend and possibly walk through the communication plan. Correct?

Renell

-----Original Message-----


From: President's Council List [<mailto:GMU-PRES-L@listserv.gmu.edu>] On Behalf Of S David Wu
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 12:31 PM
To: GMU-PRES-L@listserv.gmu.edu
Subject: Quick Meeting - 3/31 at 8:30 AM

Dear President's Council Members:

Tomorrow morning, March 31 at 8:30 AM, JJ Davis and I would like to convene a quick meeting on President Cabrera's behalf concerning the Board of Visitors session that day. We encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you in 5201 Merten Hall then.

Best regards,
David

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From: **Renell Wynn** rwynn3@gmu.edu 
Subject: Law School Announcement 3 29 2016.final.docx
Date: March 30, 2016 at 8:11 PM
To: David K Rehr drehr@gmu.edu, Henry N Butler hbutler@gmu.edu
Cc: Angel Cabrera cabreraa@gmu.edu, S David Wu davidwu@gmu.edu, Janet E Bingham bingham@gmu.edu, Michael Sandler msandle3@gmu.edu, Frank Neville inevill2@gmu.edu

This is the final press release—Ángel has reviewed and edited.





Embargoed until XXX pm

March 31, 2016

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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, his esteemed colleague on the Supreme Court for more than two decades, said Scalia's opinions challenged her thinking and that naming the law school after him was a fine tribute.

"Justice Scalia was a law teacher, public servant, legal commentator, and jurist nonpareil. As a colleague who held him in highest esteem and great affection, I miss his bright company and the stimulus he provided, his opinions ever challenging me to meet his best efforts with my own. It is a tribute altogether fitting that George Mason University's law school will bear his name. May the funds for scholarships, faculty growth, and curricular development aid the Antonin Scalia School of Law to achieve the excellence characteristic of Justice Scalia, grand master in life and law."

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"The growth of George Mason University's law school, both in size and influence, is a tribute to the hard work of its leaders and faculty members," said Governor Terry McAuliffe. "I am particularly pleased that new scholarship awards for students who face steep barriers in their academic pursuits will be named in honor of former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton, an enduring and appropriate legacy for a man who

championed access to education for all Virginians.”

The scholarships will help Mason continue to be one of the most diverse universities in America.

“When we speak about diversity, that includes diversity of thought and exposing ourselves to a range of ideas and points of view,” said Cabrera. “Justice Scalia was an advocate of vigorous debate and enjoyed thoughtful conversations with those he disagreed with, as shown by his longtime friendship with Justice Ginsburg. That ability to listen and engage with others, despite having contrasting opinions or perspectives, is what higher education is all about.”

The gift includes \$20 million that came to George Mason through a donor who approached Leonard A. Leo of the Federalist Society, a personal friend of the late Justice Scalia and his family. The anonymous donor asked that the university name the law school in honor of the Justice. “The Scalia family is pleased to see George Mason name its law school after the Justice, helping to memorialize his commitment to a legal education that is grounded in academic freedom and a recognition of the practice of law as an honorable and intellectually rigorous craft,” said Leo.

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About the Mason School of Law

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About Faster Farther—The Campaign for George Mason University

Faster Farther is about securing Mason's place as the intellectual cornerstone of our region and a global leader in higher education. We have a goal to raise \$500 million through 2018.

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From: Jennifer Wagner Davis <jwagner@gmu.edu>
 Subject: Re: My thoughts- Main Points for Today
 Date: March 31, 2016 at 7:50 AM
 To: Renell Wynn <rwynn3@gmu.edu>
 Cc: S David Wu <davidwu@gmu.edu>, Amber Hannush <ahannush@gmu.edu>, SVP Administrative Staff <svpadmin@gmu.edu>, Michael Sandler <msandler@gmu.edu>

Renell- Thanks. Please include all VP's too as I expect all of leadership to get questions in the next couple of days. See you all in 40 min. JJ
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On Mar 31, 2016, at 7:45 AM, Renell Wynn <rwynn3@gmu.edu> wrote:

David

Once the board has voted and approved, I will send deans talking points and anticipated questions with answers we have developed

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2016, at 7:41 AM, S David Wu <davidwu@gmu.edu> wrote:

Hi

Hi David

Renell will need to prepare the board a few key talking points for the board meeting ahead of questions from faculty and students

David

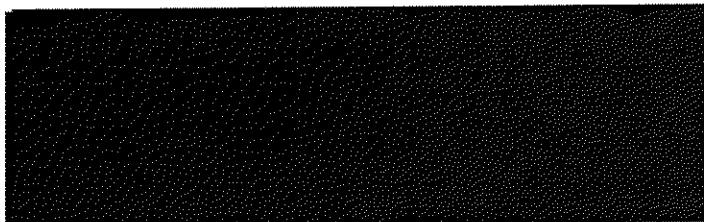
On Mar 31, 2016, at 7:01 AM, Jennifer Wagner Davis <jwagner@gmu.edu> wrote:

Hi David, you're talking day at GMU. Numerous meetings will be before me on 4/1. I anticipate

you will have to be prepared to answer questions for the Law School. Funding for the Law School

is a major issue. I will be meeting with the Board on 4/1 and will

be in the building




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From: **Jacelyn Tyson** jtyson3@gmu.edu 
Subject: **Message from Renell Wynn**
Date: **March 31, 2016 at 3:44 PM**
To: **GMU-PRES-L@listserv.gmu.edu**



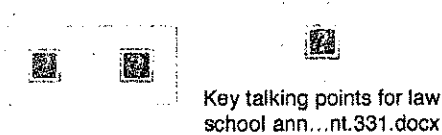
Colleagues,

As a follow up to this morning's discussion, I have attached several documents for your information. You will find attached a list of answers and/or suggested responses to the questions we are anticipating you may receive from faculty, staff and students within your departments and units once the gift announcement has been made. Also attached for your reference are the talking points my team will use when discussing this news, along with a copy of the media press release.

I am available to answer any additional questions or address any concerns you may have. Feel free to contact my office at 703-993-9511. Other general inquiries may be directed to Communications and Marketing at 703-993-8780.

Regards,

Renell



About the gift and scholarship

1. Who chooses the scholarship recipient? What are the conditions to receive the scholarship?

Our (Law School) goal is to maximize the number of scholarships awarded so we can create opportunities for students, deliver on our mission of inclusive excellence and establish Mason as one of the preeminent law schools in the country. The combined gift will allow the university to establish three new scholarship programs to be awarded exclusively and independently by the university.

Criteria are specific to each program, as noted in the scholarship descriptions. The law school will be creating additional collateral material for distribution through various channels, including college campuses, information sent to those who take the LSAT, and through pre-law advisors at undergraduate institutions.

Graduate students at Mason are eligible for scholarships and fellowships through their college or department. Recipients will be chosen through the normal scholarship process and procedure at the law school.

2. What will the money go to?

The combined \$30 million will all go to scholarships. The scholarship money will also benefit the institution because it frees up resources that can be allocated for other priorities, including additional faculty hires and support for academic programs, which leads to growth and helps Mason achieve its goal of establishing one of the preeminent law schools in the nation.

3. How is the university seeking additional donations that would benefit my school/department/initiative?

The university is in the midst of an exciting comprehensive campaign to benefit initiatives for students, faculty research and teaching, libraries, and facilities—across all schools, colleges, and campuses at Mason. For more information or to make a gift, please visit fasterfarther.gmu.edu.

4. What are the conditions/influences of receiving this money?

There are no conditions tied to this gift other than creating scholarship programs to attract the best and brightest law students. The scholarships will be awarded exclusively and independently by the university.

a. Is there an impact on admissions to Mason or the Law School?

Yes, our goal is to grow by nearly 300 law students over time, depending on the award amount provided to each student.

b. Is there an impact on academic instruction?

Only through the increased revenue from tuition dollars which will allow for additional faculty hires.

c. Is there an impact on higher decisions at Mason and/or the Law School?

The donors' intent is to provide additional scholarship resources to attract top quality students so Mason Law's national prominence and ranking can improve.

5. What if someone donates a matching or higher gift?

To make a gift in support of scholarships at the Antonin Scalia School of Law, or to support other university priorities, please visit fasterfarther.gmu.edu.

6. Who do I speak with to protest this?

I am happy to document your concerns and share them with the Vice President of Communications and Marketing.

7. How do I give to one of these scholarships?

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8. What are the naming standards?

Two entities review opportunities for naming under University Policy. To learn more about the naming opportunities and giving to Mason, please visit fasterfarther.gmu.edu for information on Mason’s current capitol campaign.

9. What other naming opportunities are there at Mason?

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10. What has Mason done to recognize other community leaders?

A number of buildings are named after U.S. Presidents, government officials, and influential members of Mason’s faculty and staff who have had an impact on our history. The Board of Visitors also voted today (March 31) to name the Occoquan Building for Senator Chuck Colgan. Another site on the Fairfax Campus is to be named for former Virginia Governor A. Linwood Holton.

Why Scalia/ Why Koch?

1. What is the relationship between Koch and Mason? How did it begin?

From <http://mercatus.org/content/history-and-timeline>:

Originally called the Austrian Economics Program, the Mercatus Center was founded in 1978 by Rutgers University Economics Instructor Richard Fink. A grant from Charles Koch made the program possible and started a tradition for the Center, which remains privately funded.

In 1980, in order to grow, the center moved to George Mason University when president George Johnson invited the then named, “Center for the Study of Market Processes” to move to Mason. The fit was natural given

the reputation of Mason’s Economics Department and proximity to Washington, DC.

2. Who decided and what were the criteria for picking Justice Scalia?

An anonymous donor’s gift of \$20 million, joined by \$10 million from the Charles Koch Foundation, will provide substantial funding for student scholarships in the School of Law. The Board of Visitors has approved naming the School of Law, as the Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University.

3. Were there other options for the naming?

From the *School of Law*: No [regarding other options for the naming]

4. Why does the university accept money from the Koch Foundation?

Philanthropy is critical to the future of the university. We appreciate the generosity of our donors, including the Charles Koch Foundation. Their generosity helps Mason stay competitive and create opportunities for students. Scholarship money benefits the institution because it frees up resources that can be allocated for other priorities, including additional faculty hires and support for academic programs.

5. How can someone make an anonymous gift to a public institution?

Donors to the non-profit Mason Foundation have a right to anonymity. It is allowed by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

6. How do I file a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request on conditions of receiving the money and/or the anonymity of the donor?

Mason’s FOIA Compliance Officer is Elizabeth Woodley,
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What is Mason’s position and potential future impact?

1. Aren’t you worried about damaging Mason’s reputation?

As a public university, Mason promotes strong, thoughtful, and civil debate on all issues and encourages consideration of every side. Antonin Scalia was a distinguished jurist and epitomized the emphasis of Mason Law – Learn, Challenge, and Lead.

- Learn (he was a law professor), Challenge (he constantly challenged those around him to be their best), and Lead (he was a leader in the legal community throughout his entire life)

2. How does Mason support diversity?

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- Diversity is a core institution characteristic with “Diversity Is Our Strength” being one of our values, defined as “We include and embrace a multitude of people and ideas in everything we do and respect differences.”
- To be clear this aligns with our value of “*We Honor Freedom of Thought and Expression*”, meaning, “We protect the freedom of all members of our community to seek truth and express their views.”

3. Why would a liberal institution align with a conservative entity?

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5. How are you going to respond to mass withdrawals as a result of this decision?

By providing much-needed funding for student scholarships, this generous gift will allow the law school to attract and retain additional students.

6. Will there be an event associated with the naming?

Yes, in the fall. No specific date has been chose. More information will be provided at a later date.

7. I am from the media, who do I speak with?

Contact the Office of Communications and Marketing at 703-993-9511.



For immediate release

March 31, 2016

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Justice Scalia, who served 30 years on the U.S. Supreme Court, spoke at the dedication of the law school building in 1999 and was a guest lecturer at the university. He was a resident of nearby McLean, Virginia.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, his esteemed colleague on the Supreme Court for more than two decades, said Scalia's opinions challenged her thinking and that naming the law school after him was a fine tribute.

"Justice Scalia was a law teacher, public servant, legal commentator, and jurist nonpareil. As a colleague who held him in highest esteem and great affection, I miss his bright company and the stimulus he provided, his opinions ever challenging me to meet his best efforts with my own. It is a tribute altogether fitting that George Mason University's law school will bear his name. May the funds for scholarships, faculty growth, and curricular development aid the Antonin Scalia School of Law to achieve the excellence characteristic of Justice Scalia, grand master in life and law," added Ginsburg.

"Justice Scalia's name evokes the very strengths of our school: civil liberties, law and economics, and constitutional law," said Law School Dean Henry N. Butler. "His career embodies our law school's motto of learn, challenge, lead. As a professor and jurist, he challenged those around him to be rigorous, intellectually honest, and consistent in their arguments."

The combined gift will allow the university to establish three new scholarship programs to be awarded exclusively and independently by the university:

Antonin Scalia Scholarship – Awarded to students with excellent academic credentials.

A. Linwood Holton, Jr. Leadership Scholarship – Named in honor of the former governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this scholarship will be awarded to students who have overcome barriers to academic success, demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities, or have helped others overcome discrimination in any facet of life.

F.A. Hayek Law, Legislation, and Liberty Scholarship – Named in honor of the 1974 Nobel Prize winner in economics, this scholarship will be awarded to students who have a demonstrated interest in studying the application of economic principles to the law.

"The growth of George Mason University's law school, both in size and influence, is a tribute to the hard work of its leaders and faculty members," said Governor Terry McAuliffe. "I am particularly pleased that new scholarship awards for students who face steep barriers in their academic pursuits will be named in honor of former Virginia

Governor Linwood Holton, an enduring and appropriate legacy for a man who championed access to education for all Virginians.”

The scholarships will help Mason continue to be one of the most diverse universities in America.

“When we speak about diversity, that includes diversity of thought and exposing ourselves to a range of ideas and points of view,” said Cabrera. “Justice Scalia was an advocate of vigorous debate and enjoyed thoughtful conversations with those he disagreed with, as shown by his longtime friendship with Justice Ginsburg. That ability to listen and engage with others, despite having contrasting opinions or perspectives, is what higher education is all about.”

The gift includes \$20 million that came to George Mason through a donor who approached Leonard A. Leo of the Federalist Society, a personal friend of the late Justice Scalia and his family. The anonymous donor asked that the university name the law school in honor of the Justice. “The Scalia family is pleased to see George Mason name its law school after the Justice, helping to memorialize his commitment to a legal education that is grounded in academic freedom and a recognition of the practice of law as an honorable and intellectually rigorous craft,” said Leo.

The gift also includes a \$10 million grant from the Charles Koch Foundation, which supports hundreds of colleges and universities across the country that pursue scholarship related to societal well-being and free societies.

“We’re excited to support President Cabrera and Dean Butler’s vision for the Law School as they welcome new students and continue to distinguish Mason as a world-class research university,” said Charles Koch Foundation President Brian Hooks.

The name change is pending approval from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

A formal dedication ceremony will occur in the fall.

About George Mason

George Mason University is Virginia’s largest public research university. Located near Washington, D.C., Mason enrolls more than 33,000 students from 130 countries and all 50 states. Mason has grown rapidly over the past half-century and is recognized for its innovation and entrepreneurship, remarkable diversity, and commitment to accessibility.

About the Mason School of Law

The George Mason University School of Law is defined by three words: Learn. Challenge. Lead. The goal is to have students who will receive an outstanding legal education (Learn), be taught to critically evaluate prevailing orthodoxy and pursue new ideas (Challenge), and, ultimately, be well prepared to distinguish themselves in their chosen fields (Lead).

About Faster Farther—The Campaign for George Mason University

Faster Farther is about securing Mason's place as the intellectual cornerstone of our region and a global leader in higher education. We have a goal to raise \$500 million through 2018.

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Overview of the gifts

George Mason University today announces pledges totaling \$30 million to the George Mason University Foundation to support the School of Law. The gifts, which combined are the largest in university history, will help establish three new scholarship programs for law students.

In recognition of this historic gift, the Board of Visitors has approved the renaming of the school to The Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University.

How the scholarships will benefit students and the university.

All of the money will be used to create three new scholarship programs with the potential of supporting hundreds of students interested in studying law at George Mason University. This generous gift will allow the law school to attract and retain additional students who will enhance the open discourse and academic breadth of our legal teaching and scholarly research. Welcoming students who add significantly to the academic caliber, diversity and specialized expertise of the school's student body will elevate the reputation of the law school as well as the entire university.

The scholarship money will also benefit the institution because it frees up resources that can be allocated for other priorities, including additional faculty hires and support for academic programs, which leads to growth and helps Mason achieve its goal of establishing one of the preeminent law schools in the nation.

How we will choose the scholarship recipients

Graduate students at Mason are eligible for scholarships and fellowships through their college or department. Recipients will be chosen through the normal scholarship process and procedure at the law school.

The criteria for choosing candidates

Our goal is to maximize the number of scholarships awarded so we can create opportunities for students, deliver on our mission of inclusive excellence and establish Mason as one of the preeminent law schools in the country.

Criteria are specific to each program, as noted in the scholarship descriptions. The law school will be creating additional collateral material for distribution through various channels, including college campuses, information sent to those who take the LSAT, and through pre-law advisors at undergraduate institutions.

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Why the university named the law school after Justice Scalia.

Justice Scalia was a distinguished member of the U.S. Supreme Court who served the nation honorably for 30 years. He constantly challenged those around him to think critically and do their best. He was a law professor who gave freely of his time to the university as a guest lecturer. And he was a leader in the legal community throughout his career. His life epitomizes Mason Law's motto of Learn, Challenge and Lead, and we are honored to have his name associated with our law school.

But some students or faculty view Justice Scalia as a polarizing figure. Isn't that a concern?

Justice Scalia spent his life studying the law and served 30 years on the U.S. Supreme Court. It is the job of a Supreme Court Justice to write opinions on some of the most important and sensitive issues facing the nation, so it can be expected that there is a degree of controversy with many of those opinions. More importantly, Justice Scalia was an advocate for vigorous debate and sought out opinions from those with whom he disagreed. His ability to listen and engage with others, despite having contrasting opinions, is in line with our mission. At Mason, we welcome diversity of

thought and want our students, faculty and staff to expose themselves to a range of ideas and points of view.

Why does the university accept money from the Koch Foundation?

Philanthropy is critical to the future of the university. We appreciate the generosity of our donors, including the Charles Koch Foundation. Their generosity will help Mason stay competitive and create opportunities for a great number of students who might otherwise not be able to attend law school. The scholarship money will also benefit the institution because it frees up resources that can be allocated for other priorities, including additional faculty hires and support for academic programs.

George Mason is proud to be one of the most diverse universities in America, and this notion of diversity and inclusion that is so central to our mission applies to our donors, too. Our donors come from all over the world and bring with them a range of experiences and perspectives. What binds our donors is an attraction to our mission and the important work that we do.

Do gift agreements come with conditions that allow donors to influence academic programs, instruction at the university?

We make clear to donors that their gifts will in no way influence curriculum, hiring practices or any aspect of our academic freedom. Financial gifts may be earmarked for programs, but not for influence in how those programs are run. While we are grateful for all of the gifts we receive, we value academic freedom above all else. Academic freedom allows our community to learn, grow and prosper, and we will not compromise that freedom for anything or anyone.

Why donors are allowed to stay anonymous and why gift agreements are kept private.

Donors have the right to request anonymity and the university has a responsibility to respect the privacy of those donors. The state also recognizes this. The gifts come through the George Mason University Foundation, which is a 501(c) (3) organization and exempt from Virginia public records laws.

If not for the support of private gifts, many of our students would not have the opportunity of higher education. And many of our researchers wouldn't be able to pursue their work without that support either.