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LARITA R. BOREN CAMPUS CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

Rediger Chapel/Auditorium
Thursday, April 9, 4:00 p.m.



LaRita R. Boren H'94 (1935-2011) was born into the loving home of Raymond O. and Melba Gibbs, where she developed a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ. She arrived with her husband Leland in the Upland community in 1965 and quickly immersed herself in the lives of those around her. LaRita gained great joy from her children, Lori '88, Landrew and Lael, and grandchildren, Andrew, Karan, Katelyn, Lukas, and Samantha. LaRita possessed a keen mind and a loving servant's heart, reflected in her many roles as wife, mother, grandmother, family member, business executive, civic leader, Taylor trustee (1975 - 2009), and philanthropist who championed "the least of these." Over the years, the Borens have been at the forefront of every University initiative and advancement, contributing generously to scholarships, buildings,

and academic programs. LaRita also delighted in and was renowned for her hospitality, making people from around the world feel welcome and at home in Upland.

Because LaRita Boren was exemplary of the intentionality of Taylor and all the University believes and values, the Taylor University Board of Trustees deemed it fitting to name the new Campus Center in her honor in May 2013.

“Taylor has been, for my husband and me, something to invest our lives in that is stronger and more far-reaching and has more permanence than anything else we can do.” – LaRita Boren

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	Taylor University Jazz Ensemble Albert D. Harrison, EdD, Professor of Music; Chair, Department of Music, Director
<i>Intentionally Taylor</i>	Campus Center Video
Welcome	C. Skip Trudeau, EdD, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students
Invocation	Mark D. Taylor, President/CEO, Tyndale House Publishers; Chair, Board of Trustees
Greetings	Kehlay B. Dunah '15, Student Body President
Remarks	Eugene B. Habecker, PhD, JD '68, President, and Marylou (Napolitano '68) Habecker, MA, First Lady
Remarks	Leland E. Boren H '75, CEO, Avis Industrial Corporation
<i>Come thou Fount</i> <i>arranged by Alice Parker</i>	Taylor Sounds Chamber Ensemble JoAnn (Kinghorn '71) Rediger, DA, Professor of Music, Director; Clara J. Loisch '18, flute
Responses	
Students	Robert E. Brandkamp '17
Faculty	Timothy W. Herrmann, PhD '75, Faculty Moderator; Graduate Chair and Professor of Higher Education
Student Development	Sara J. Hightower, MA '07, Director of Residence Life Programs
<i>The Heavenly Parade</i> <i>by Adger M. Pace</i> <i>and J.T. Cook</i>	Night Lights Quartet
Response	
Alumni and Parents	Garry L. Dyer '80, Alumni Council President and Current Parent
Groundbreaking Ceremony	Ben R. Sells, PhD, Vice President for University Advancement
Benediction <i>The Lord's Prayer</i> <i>by Albert Malotte</i>	Audience Led by H. Conor Angell, DM '06, Assistant Professor of Music; Margaret (Bell '86) Hammond, University Accompanist
Postlude	Taylor University Jazz Ensemble

Enjoy a free Chick-fil-A sandwich!

The new LaRita R. Boren Campus Center provides essential space (49,000 sq. ft.) for strengthening intentional, frequent, and purposeful interactions that support and extend Taylor's mission, community, and commitment to discipleship.

The first floor of the new Campus Center provides seating and gathering space for more than 300 people in a food area with multiple dining options, including Chick-fil-A and the Jumping Bean, as well as a campus store. The new construction, along with a renovation of the current Stuart Room and the lower level of Rediger, provides space for the Office of Intercultural Programs, the Calling and Career Office, Taylor World Outreach, and the Taylor Student Organization. Reservable conference and dining rooms, located on both levels, provide essential space for events, meetings, and gatherings. An outdoor plaza and lawn, adjacent to the building, also offers significant programming space for campus events, student activities, and concerts.

The second floor of the new Campus Center is the new home for the Counseling Center, Campus Pastor, Honors Program, Spencer Centre

for Global Engagement, and Residence Life. Additionally, the second floor provides areas for dining and interaction, including a conference room that offers a panoramic view of the campus. The Campus Center also adds a tiered auditorium that accommodates more than 280 students, faculty, and staff, and allows for concerts and events, film screenings, all-hall meetings, as well as high-quality overflow seating for chapel.

The new Campus Center is constructed around the renovated Rediger Chapel/Auditorium. The Chapel will receive new seating and flooring and will have upgraded lighting and sound. There will be a significant foyer on two levels that, working in concert with the entire building, extends the opportunity for interaction before and after Chapel and for welcoming and hosting alumni, parents, and friends.

With more than \$19.7 million identified, we are grateful for the many generous students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and friends who are investing financially in this essential project as well as providing their council, insight, and prayer. The University anticipates dedicating and opening the more than \$20 million LaRita R. Boren Campus Center in April 2016.