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Heritage University Honors its Founders with Dedication of Two New Buildings

Toppenish, Wash. – Heritage University will honor two of its founders with the dedication of two new campus buildings in their names. Martha Yallup and Violet Lumley Rau will be celebrated with the dedication of the Martha B. Yallup Health Sciences Building and the Violet Lumley Rau Center on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 10:30 am. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

The Martha B. Yallup Health Sciences Building will be home to the university's Physician Assistant Educational Program. The Violet Lumley Rau Center will house administrative offices for the President and the Provost, as well as the Business Office, Advancement and Marketing. It also contains a lecture hall with capacity for 60 students.

"With the completion of these two new buildings on the Heritage campus, it is wonderful to see the dream we shared, 34 years ago, to provide higher education opportunities to underserved residents of the lower Yakima Valley is alive and strong," said Yallup, who along with Violet Lumley Rau and Sister Kathleen Ross snjm started the University in 1982. "These buildings will continue the Heritage tradition of improving the quality of life for future generations through education, and I am honored that these buildings would bear my name, and Violet's name. In my heart I know Violet would feel honored as well."

The two buildings, as well as a campus master plan, which will lead university planning for future growth, were designed by the renowned firm Olson Kundig Architects based in Seattle.

"Olson Kundig's designs are innovative and their creative approach to improving the density of the campus will add greatly to our student's overall academic experience," said Dr. John Bassett, university president.

"Our continued expansion of our academic programs, particularly those that prepare students for careers in the medical field, really necessitated the construction of facilities that will meet the needs of the university now and in the future," said Rick Pinnell, chairman of Heritage University's board of directors.

The event starts at 10:30 a.m. with ceremonies at each of the new buildings followed by a reception on the plaza outside of the Violet Lumley Rau Center.

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