OUR COMMON BOND:

The Campaign for University School of Milwaukee

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Building on Our Common Bond: Construction Update

The Our Common Bond campaign has reached an exciting milestone, recently surpassing 70 percent of the goal, with construction on the capital projects progressing on schedule. We are pleased to provide you with an update on the remaining new and renovated facilities, scheduled to open this August.

Jack Olson '67 Commons



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The defining feature of the Jack Olson '67 Commons, six Douglas Fir trusses that span the width of the room, have been installed and stained. The wood-plank ceiling, now complete, was left with a natural finish and clear-coated to contrast with the dark trusses. Drywall and window installation are complete, painting and flooring installation are next, and the tile surrounding the fireplace is due to be completed soon. When finished, the room's round tables will provide seating for up to 250 people and will be a main hub where Upper School students, faculty, and the wider USM community will gather.

Construction on the new servery, Palermo Hall (to be located in the space that houses the existing Upper School dining hall), begins promptly on May 21, following Commencement. We are seeing progress

on the Hauske Family Lobby, which connects the Olson Commons and Palermo Hall (read more about the lobby on page 3).

Performing Arts Center

In the Virginia Henes Young Theatre, workers have installed 80 new seats (bringing the total to 493) in two new wings, and additional acoustic clouds in the ceiling. Since the soft opening in March, students have used the space for select events including the Upper School musical "A Chorus Line." New carpet, furniture, and LED lights have been added to the Hammes Family Lobby, along with two mobile concession carts. The art gallery, to be named by the Werner family, features walls designed to accommodate rotating exhibits of 2-D and 3-D artwork, and is nearing completion.

Within the Performing Arts Center and adjacent to the Quadracci Lobby are the orchestra room, which will be named by the Stratton family, and the Sardas-Trevorrow Band Room (see next page). It is exciting to witness the progress on the additions to the performing arts center, including acoustic treatment for the music rooms; conveniently located and spacious dressing rooms; and ample storage for the musical instruments—all advancing USM's arts programming.



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Creating a Lasting Legacy Through Music



From left: Dr. Isabela Sardas-Trevorrow, Samuel Sardas-Trevorrow '24, Dr. Kenneth Trevorrow, and Zachary Sardas-Trevorrow '23.

Although he worked as an analytical, data-driven research scientist, Dr. Kenneth Trevorrow always had a love for music. "When we were first married and he was working on his post-doctorate in Munich, we'd go to the theatre and I could tell he really appreciated the arts," said Dr. Isabela Sardas-Trevorrow. After Kenneth's untimely death from cancer in fall 2017, Isabela and their sons, Zachary '23 and Samuel '24,

"Ken had a love for both music and technology, and the new band room is a perfect marriage of those two passions." wanted to memorialize his passion for music by naming the new Sardas-Trevorrow Band Room in his honor.

"Ken had a love for both music and technology, and the new band room is a perfect marriage of those

two passions," said Isabela. In addition to serving as the practice space for Middle School and Upper School students, the room will also function as a remote orchestra pit for musicals held in the Virginia Henes Young Theatre. Sound from the new room will be wired directly to a control booth in the theatre, where the sound engineer can accurately control the volume and sound as needed. Cameras and monitors in the band room and the theatre will allow the conductor to see what is happening on stage in real time.

Both Zachary and Samuel are active musicians; Zachary plays the clarinet and piano and Samuel plays the saxophone. Zachary was one of three Middle School students to represent USM at the 2017 UW-Milwaukee Middle Level Honors Band, which is an opportunity for select middle school musicians from around the state to work with nationally recognized band directors.

"Playing music and being part of band was so important to Ken, and to me," said Isabela. "And it's not just about playing an instrument, there are so many different aspects to it. You're learning to play with others in harmony and to be part of the school in a different way, a non-academic way. It's like a community, and Ken really valued that."

"I had gotten to know Dr. Trevorrow when I first had Zachary as a 5th-grade student," said Dain Shuler, band director. "We had many conversations about how much he loved music, and he felt strongly that it was important for his boys to get a good music education." In addition to being active in his sons' music education, Ken enjoyed playing tennis and cheering on the boys in their various athletic pursuits, including tennis, soccer, and hockey.



From left: Samuel '24, Isabela, and Zachary '23 in the new Sardas-Trevorrow Band Room.

Zachary, Samuel, and Isabela recently toured the new space and saw it for the first time since construction had begun. "Before he passed, I had shown Ken pictures of the plan so he had some idea what it would look like," Isabela said. "But I wish he was here standing by me to see it. He would have loved it."

Hauske Family Gift Supports and Connects the USM Community

For Kathy and Tom Hauske Jr., the close community feel at University School was a major reason they enrolled their four children starting in Preprimary: TJ '08, Grace '08, Charlie '12, and Harriette '14. And it was with the community in mind that the Hauske family decided to support the Our Common Bond campaign with a capital gift to be recognized with

the naming of the Hauske Family Lobby in the Upper School. The new space connects the Jack Olson '67 Commons with the new servery, Palermo Hall. It also houses the new office for the Upper School dean of students and a new elevator, and will be one of the first spaces the students enjoy at the start of their school day.



together," said Head of Upper School Stuart Cushman. "Not only will students gather there, but so will teachers and the broader community." Functionally, the space is integral to maintaining the flow between the Olson Commons and Palermo Hall, but it also reinforces USM's strong commitment to community. Banners that showcase the school's Common Trust tenets—respect, trust, honesty, fairness, and kindness—will be hung prominently in the lobby.

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A rendering of the Hauske Family Lobby.



The USM ICE (Innovate, Create, and Excel) Ball is coming soon! Purchase your tickets today to reserve your spot at this unique event in celebration of Our Common Bond. You will enjoy inspiring stories, dazzling student performances, silent and live auctions, creative cocktails, customizable dining options, and live music.

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