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New Building to House Numerous Offices, Food Options, Climbing Wall and More

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The contributions, efforts, and prayers of many special people will culminate with the official opening celebration of the Tucker Student Center at Gardner-Webb University on Tuesday, August 28 at 4:00 p.m. Close to a thousand guests are expected to attend the ribbon cutting and open house. The center offers a sophisticated yet relaxing and open venue for students. It will also serve as the new home for many university offices and organizations.

GWU President Dr. Frank Bonner said in a past interview, “When it opens, the Tucker Student Center will be the single most impressive and most transformational building ever built on Gardner-Webb’s campus.” The idea was to have the center take on a personality that would mirror GWU’s community to be open, relational, transparent and unique. The center’s interior offers skylight ceilings, glass walls, open staircases and fresh-air balconies on each level that provide never before seen views of the Lake Hollifield Complex.

The Tucker Student Center becomes the new location for student activities, student development, and student leadership, as well as career services, 1st year programs, the counseling center, and campus ministries. It will also house international programs, academic advising, event services, housing and residential, the writing center, tutoring, and the office of assistant provost for academic services.

The Tucker Student Center will also be a functional atmosphere for activities and entertainment with meeting space for student organizations, conference rooms, mail facilities, dining food court, the University campus shop, multipurpose facilities, a movie theatre, an indoor climbing wall and lounges.

Joseph Hamby, Tucker Student Center building manager said, “The Tucker Student Center is a building unlike any other on the Gardner-Webb campus and shows an exciting leap by the University to not only meet the needs of students but provide excellent student services and programs. We are excited to see campus life enhanced and transformed by the hard work of so many GWU Staff, like President Bonner, and faithful donors, like the Tucker family.”

The Tucker Student Center is named in honor of Bob and Carolyn Tucker. The Tucker family serves as principle owners of Shoe Show, Inc. Founded in 1960 in Kannapolis, N.C. Shoe Show’s success has been based on a simple formula of providing quality products, service and value. For 50-years Shoe Show has continued to grow (stores include Shoe Show, Shoe

Dept. and Burlington Shoes) with over 1,100 locations in 36 states. Other significant donors to the Center include the Frank Stewart Family, Duke Energy, the Cannon Foundation, and numerous others.



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