

MacDowell Hall at Misericordia officially dedicated

The Misericordia University community officially dedicated Michael and Tina MacDowell Hall, the newest building on campus on Aug. 23 to acknowledge the significant leadership and accomplishments of the president and the first lady.

"To put our name on this lovely new residence hall and classroom building is more than an honor - it is the nicest gift we have ever received," President MacDowell said with his wife, Tina, by his side at the dedication ceremony. "However, it is hardly ours' alone. If all the names of everyone who has worked so hard and strived to make Misericordia what it is today were placed on the façade of this building, it would need to be 12 stories high."

"In Spanish, one welcomes another to their home by saying, 'Mi casa es su casa' - my home is your home," said the first lady, Tina MacDowell. "May MacDowell Hall be appreciated by future students who will consider it their home while here at Misericordia. May it always grace this university that we hold so dear to our hearts."

President and Mrs. MacDowell announced in April they will retire June 30, 2013 after serving 15 years. Two months after their formal announcement, the board of trustees expressed its gratitude for the couple's leadership by naming the new building in their honor. MacDowell Hall is being made possible by a \$1 million pledge to the university by the board, according to John Metz, chair of the Misericordia University Board of Trustees.

"Mike and Tina, on this very special day, we recognize your steadfast commitment to Misericordia University, its students, faculty, alumni and the community-at-large," Metz said in his welcome address. "Your contribu-



First Lady Tina MacDowell shares her heartfelt thanks during the dedication ceremonies of the Michael and Tina MacDowell Hall on the campus of Misericordia University.

tions have been nothing short of extraordinary. You have provided unparalleled leadership to the university and challenged the board of trustees to do the same. It is for those reasons that the board felt it important to recognize your many contributions in a tangible way."

MacDowell Hall is a 37,000-square foot, three-story structure near the north gate of campus and across the parking lot from the Anderson Sports and Health Center. It adds 118 beds for student housing and three academic classrooms. The \$6.2 million building provides suite-style residence space with kitchens, living rooms, bathrooms and appliances. Each floor also contains laundry facilities and architecturally significant study lounges at the east end. The glass enclosures,

otherwise known as "lanterns," face McHale Hall and illuminate the sprawling green space of the upper campus at night.

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Tina MacDowell
Misericordia University first lady



Shown at the dedication of Michael and Tina MacDowell Hall are, from left, Sandy Insalaco Sr., board of trustees; John Metz, chair, board of trustees; Tina MacDowell, Michael A. MacDowell, president; and Monsignor John Bendick, board of trustees.



Pauline Godish celebrates 90th birthday with family

Pauline Godish, a resident at the Meadows Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Dallas, celebrated her 90th birthday with a family dinner. She is shown here with four generations of her family, including her daughter, Terry Van Why, of Dallas; her granddaughter, Amy Van Why-Roberts, of Shavertown; and her great-grandchildren, Rayna and Jacob Roberts.

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