Tulane University School of Architecture Receives Gift for Renovation and Community Service

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The Tulane University School of Architecture has received a generous leadership gift from alumnus Tim Favrot, an architect and a member of the school"s 41-member advisory board. The gift of \$500,000 will go toward the green renovation of Richardson Memorial Hall, home of the School of Architecture, as well as to support the Tulane City Center, the urban research and outreach arm of the school.

"As a result of this well-timed gift, the school is able to take a major step forward to better serve future generations of Tulane architecture students," said Dean Kenneth Schwartz. "Favrot"s gift adds renewed energy to the School of Architecture"s ambitious and far-reaching goals and offers a myriad of benefits to the greater New Orleans community that architecture students aim to serve."

Half of Favrot"s gift will accelerate sustainable renovation plans for the historic Richardson Memorial Hall, which is over one hundred years old. The remainder of Favrot"s gift will expand the Tulane City Center"s efforts to spearhead affordable, sustainable and innovative transformation of the New Orleans region.

Favrot has maintained a lifelong relationship with Tulane ââ□¬" as a student, benefactor and father of a Tulane graduate. He is an emeritus member of the Board of Tulane, a longtime donor to the School of Architecture and the recipient of numerous accolades for his philanthropic leadership.

"I have benefitted greatly from the education I received at Tulane, and particularly from the School of Architecture," said Favrot. "I am fortunate in now being able to give back to the school, to express my gratitude, and to recognize the leadership role the school has taken in the recovery in New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina."