From L to R: Executive Vice President and Provost Pam Benoit, Margaret M. Walter, Margaret “Peggy” McGreevy Walter, B.F.A. ’67, Robert D. Walter, B.S.M.E. ’67, HON ’97, and President Roderick J. McDavis cut the ribbon around the Walter International Education Center. As part of The Promise Lives campaign, the Walters provided $2 million through the Walter Family Foundation for the project. The building, occupying the former Sigma Chi fraternity house at 15 Park Place, is set to become the first Ohio University building to receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, pending approval by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Promise Lives campaign aims to raise $450 million to ensure that Ohio University becomes the nation’s best transformative learning community. It is an historic goal. But as an alumnus, alumna, or friend of the Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering and Technology, you know we’re capable of it. You’re no stranger to having a vision, designing a plan, or charting a flight, and assembling the many intricate pieces required to get there.

5 priorities drive us:
• Cultivate Learning: Cultivate outstanding academic and student- life experiences $50 million
• Expand Opportunity: Increase access and opportunity $175 million
• Inspire Discovery: Invest in research, discovery, and creative activity $105 million
• Nurture Place: Enrich the campus environment $100 million
• Encourage Community: Expand outreach and partnerships $20 million

The Russ College is a key player in our strategic objectives. Ohio University is already a leading public institution in the United States. We offer affordable, quality higher education in order to graduate “meta-engineers”—well-rounded engineering and technology leaders of the future.

To that end, we will increase access and opportunity by raising funds for scholarships, graduate student stipends, and a student activities fund that Beth Stocker, wife of Paul Stocker, B.S.E.E. ’26, HON ’74, established with an initial contribution of $500,000 in 2004. By growing the principal and enhancing earnings, we will strengthen support for the Russ College student successes you read about in these pages.

The leading researchers at the Russ College influence our state, nation, and world with discoveries that improve our lives and positively influence our region’s economy with new research centers and commercialization that create jobs.

We also will invest in research, discovery, and creative activity by raising funds for faculty recruitment, so the best and brightest make Ohio University the home of their breakthroughs. Additional endowed chairs in the Russ College’s identified strategic research areas—transportation (air and ground infrastructure, logistics) and energy and the environment—are vital to recruiting, and to retaining faculty whose excellence in teaching and research make them sought-after experts.

A strategic research fund will support, for one, grant-matching requirements, as many grants require that Ohio University match all or a portion of the award amount. Just this fall, the Russ College is developing a proposal for a $3.5 million, U.S. Department of Transportation-funded grant to establish a University transportation center—and it requires a 1:1 match from non-federal funds.

The Russ College aims to be the best undergraduate engineering college and top research college in its focus areas in the country. We’ll get there—with your support. Each and every individual in the Bobcat family is part of the design that will transform our University.

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