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The Madeira School, a Leading Girls' College Preparatory and Boarding School, Receives Landmark \$60 Million Philanthropic Gift

Unprecedented gift from anonymous alumna reflects the importance of educating young women now and for generations to come

McLean, VA, [January 14, 2025] - [The Madeira School](#), a leading girls' college preparatory and boarding school, today announced it has received a transformative gift of \$60 Million from an anonymous alumna. This marks the largest single donation in the School's 118-year history and is the largest ever to an independent girls' school.

The gift builds upon a foundation of generosity that has supported Madeira's mission of "launching women who change the world," positioning the School to continue its commitment to providing deep, ambitious learning for young women. At the request of the donor, the gift will be invested for at least five years as part of Madeira's endowment and then integrated into the School's strategic priorities to ensure a thoughtful and impactful approach to supporting Madeira's innovative educational programs.

Founded in 1906 by Lucy Madeira, The Madeira School provides 338 students in grades 9-12 with an immersive learning program designed to build confidence, courage, and experiences beyond the classroom so they can thrive and become leaders in an ever-evolving world. The School's innovative academic schedule fosters deeper learning and allows students to explore interests, retain information effectively, and gain real-life experiences through three internships before graduation.

"This transformational contribution represents a profound commitment to girls' education and Madeira's mission to prepare young women to become leaders and changemakers," said Christina Kyong, Head of School. "This gift is a powerful recognition of the impact the School has had on the donor's life and the lives of countless young women. We are deeply moved by her immense confidence in Madeira's leadership and our vision to educate students for generations to come."

Anita Patel Tolani '91, P '24, Chair of Madeira's Board of Trustees, added, "Rooted in the tradition of donor support that has shaped Madeira's journey and enabled our most significant achievements, this extraordinary contribution continues the School's remarkable trajectory. It supports future generations of women and will inspire our entire community to continue supporting girls' education."

About The Madeira School

Founded in 1906, The Madeira School is a leading girls' college preparatory and boarding school dedicated to its mission of launching women who change the world. Madeira educates students from grades 9-12 on its 376-acre campus, just 10 miles from Washington, D.C., and boasts a student body that comes from 22 states and 43 countries, as well as a proud network of over 6,000 alums. Madeira's nationally recognized Co-Curriculum experiential learning program provides internships similar to those offered by colleges. Over their four years, Madeira students build distinguished resumes. The ambitious academic program promotes a joyful journey of self-discovery. Madeira's students gain confidence, courage, and real-world experience so they can thrive in an ever-evolving future.

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