

Roberts Wesleyan College breaks ground on Golisano Library

Roberts Wesleyan College broke ground April 20 on its \$11.2 million B. Thomas Golisano Library, declaring it a "library for the 21st century."

Located at the academic heart of the campus, the two-story, 44,000 square foot library will incorporate innovative design elements and environmental aspects. The college anticipates construction completion late summer or early fall 2007.

A number of community and political representatives joined Dr. John A. Martin, president of Roberts Wesleyan College, and Thomas Golisano, founder and chairman of Paychex, at the groundbreaking ceremony. Those present included George Maziarz, New York State senator, 62nd district; Susan John, New York State assembly member, 29th district; Tom Findley, architect and vice president of the lead architectural firm, Leo A. Daly; Dave Beinetti, president, SWBR, the associate architectural firm.

"This library wouldn't be possible without the generous support and financial contribution of Mr. Golisano," said Dr. John A. Martin at the ceremony. "In October 2001, Mr. Golisano made a \$5 million contribution to the college, marking the largest gift in our history. We are truly grateful. We have currently raised nearly \$10 million and we are now in the process of reaching out to alumni and friends to help finish our capital campaign." Monies from the campaign are being allocated to the B. Thomas Golisano Library and to the existing library, which will be renovated, renamed and transformed into the Robert and Mary Hastings Academic Center."

The library will include a state-of-the-art Information Commons, including a 1,000 square foot coffeehouse café, a computer lab, numerous group study rooms, large meeting rooms, wireless capability throughout the facility, and plenty of natural light. Other features such as a graduate study room, a formal reading room, and an upgraded archives and special collections area will enhance the more traditional library services available.

The library will also be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certifiable, incorporating economical, energy-saving aspects. New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has already recognized the project for its incorporation of energy efficient solutions. For instance, the library will be one of few locations in Rochester to incorporate geothermal heating and cooling in its initial design.

Although similar to ordinary heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps use the earth instead of outside air to provide heating and air conditioning. Because the college will be using natural heat, it estimates it will use up to 40 to 60 percent less energy than a standard heating and cooling system. A partner on the project, RG&E, provided Roberts Wesleyan College an economic development grant helping to make these energy efficient solutions possible.



The ground breakers dig in, including: NYS Assemblymember **Susan John**; **Tom Hildebrandt**, from the Davenport-Hatch Foundation; President **Dr. John A. Martin**; **B. Thomas Golisano**; **Heather Golisano**; NYS Senator **George Maziarz** and **Paul Cole**, a representative from Tom Reynolds office. Photograph by Walter Horylev.



Students also got into the spirit of groundbreaking Thursday, April 20. Photograph by Walter Horylev.



Architect's renditions of the interior and exterior of the new library on the Roberts Wesleyan College campus in North Chili.



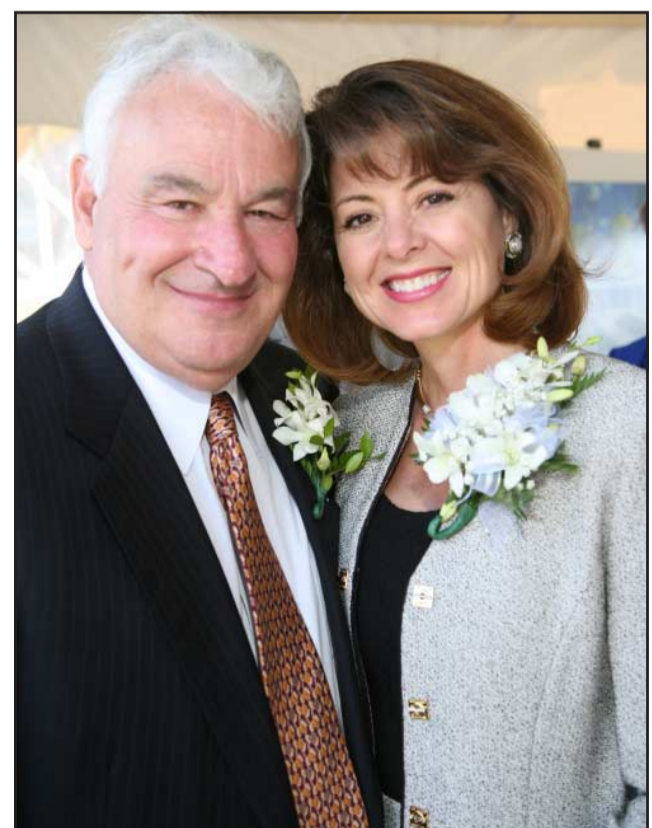
Artist **Daniel C. Jennings**, a Churchville native, displays the hand-blown commemorative glass bowl which was presented to **Thomas Golisano** at the groundbreaking ceremonies. Jennings is an artist-in-residence at the Worcester Center for Crafts in Worcester, Massachusetts. The commemorative glass bowl shows the Rochester skyline in blue against a grey background. The inscription at the top reads: Ground Breaking Ceremony, B. Thomas Golisano Library, Roberts Wesleyan College, April 20, 2006. The inscription at the bottom reads: "Shaping Rochester's Future." Photograph by Walter Horylev.



Roberts Wesleyan College President **Dr. John Martin** thanks **Thomas Golisano** for his \$5 million donation towards the new library, saying: "This library wouldn't be possible without the generous support and financial contribution of Mr. Golisano. He advanced our strategic plan by a decade." Photograph by Walter Horylev.

Briefly

The two-story, 44,000 square foot library will be located in the academic heart of the campus. The new library will incorporate unique design elements and environmental aspects, including geothermal heating. The college anticipates construction completion late summer or early fall 2007. Inside, the library will feature a 1,000 square foot café along with group study rooms, wireless capability, fireplace, overstuffed chairs and other amenities.



Heather Golisano joined her husband for the groundbreaking event in North Chili. Photograph by Walter Horylev.