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Jefferson President and CEO Stephen Klasko, MD, MBA, with Caroline and Sidney Kimmel; Mark Tykocinski, MD, Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Dean of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University and Joseph Majdan, MD, CV '81, SKMC Alumni Association President. Photo by Matt Lester.

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With a nod to his hometown as well as his faith in Jefferson's ability to revolutionize health care nationwide, philanthropist Sidney Kimmel and his wife, Caroline, through the Sidney Kimmel Foundation, have given \$110 million—the largest gift in Jefferson's 190-year history—to benefit Jefferson Medical College, which has been renamed the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.

"My heart has always been in Philadelphia, and Jefferson is the soul of this city," said Mr. Kimmel when making the investment in June 2014.

Over the past year, Jefferson has begun a journey to transform the way medicine is taught, patient care is delivered and breakthrough treatments are discovered. The gift will provide critical support in the pursuit of these goals.

Sidney Kimmel was born and raised in Philadelphia and was the founder and chairman of Jones Apparel Group, one of the world's leading designers and marketers of branded apparel, footwear and accessories. Since 1993, the Sidney Kimmel Foundation and its subsidiary, the Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research, have committed more than \$750 million to philanthropic causes.

Nearly three-quarters of these gifts have benefited cancer research through the establishment of cancer centers, including Jefferson's Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center.

Of the nation's 140 accredited medical colleges, only 10 have been named as a result of endowed gifts of \$100 million or more. This gift from the Sidney Kimmel Foundation places Jefferson among the top five and is also a vote of confidence as the institution prepares to launch a comprehensive fundraising campaign. Alumni can take pride in knowing that their medical college will have the resources to continue to grow in stature, quality and reputation in today's highly competitive environment.

Jefferson celebrated the Kimmels' generosity with an event on campus June 18. A special alumni informational session and reception was hosted July 21 by Dean Mark L. Tykocinski, MD; President and CEO Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA; and Alumni Association President Joseph F. Majdan, MD, CV '81. If you were unable to attend these events and have questions about the gift and name change, please feel free to contact Majdan at 215-503-4226 (o), 215-801-6791 (m) or joseph.majdan@jefferson.edu.



Above: Klasko; Matt DeCaro, MD '80; Stanton Miller, MD '80; and Philip Nimoityn, MD '76. Below: Tykocinski; Howard Weitz, MD '78; Charles Pohl, MD '87; and Geno Merli, MD '75. Photos by Matt Lester.



How Will the Funds Be Used?

The Sidney Kimmel Foundation's investment will enable Jefferson to continue attracting the most talented medical students and faculty, drive scientific research that inspires medical innovation and foster an entrepreneurial approach to healthcare education that meets the future needs of our society.

We will create a pathways program that will pioneer a groundbreaking "Beyond Flexner" approach to 21st-century medical education. The Caroline Kimmel Endowment Fund for Scholarships will allow us to attract top medical students who exhibit both high intellectual and emotional intelligence and who have degrees in cross-cutting fields, such as architectural design, computational science and social sciences.

We will also create an Institute for Advanced Study to support a collegium of elite research faculty. The Sidney Kimmel Innovation and Research Fund and the Sidney Kimmel Presidential Endowment Fund will provide professorships for domain experts and world-class authorities across programmatic research theme areas that are deemed "fields of the future" in the biomedical sciences.

The Sidney Kimmel Capital Fund will support the creation of a state-of-the-art conference and think-tank facility that will allow us to implement a robust visiting-scholars program, hosting field leaders from the United States and abroad.

From the Dean

In 1790, Edmund Burke, a contemporary of Thomas Jefferson, spoke eloquently of his ideal for the state, and his words translate readily to a magnificent institution such as ours:

"It is a partnership in all science; a partnership in all art; a partnership in every virtue and in all perfection ... a partnership not only between those who are living, but between those who are living, those who are dead and those who are to be born."

Jefferson is a partnership of art plus science; it is a partnership of past plus present plus future.

As stewards of a remarkable 190-year legacy, we at Jefferson understand that stewardship is not merely preservation; it does not equate to stasis or inflexibility. Stewardship respects the past by embracing the future — it begs for nimbleness and adaptability, invites evolving visions and recognizes that an institution's survival, let alone its vibrancy, demands openness to creative thought and transformative action.

Philanthropic giving is the lifeblood of such dynamic stewardship. Sidney and Caroline Kimmel's inspirational giving empowers Jefferson's leaders to be effective stewards. Committed to preserving the best of what has made Jefferson distinctive, we can leverage their gift to cultivate a community of scholars and clinicians who remain relevant for the century ahead of us and a campus sparkling with learning and discovery.

Jefferson has too often been referred to as one of the nation's best-kept secrets. The Kimmels' generosity ensures that we will be a secret no more. Our trajectory these past few years has already caught the attention of many — our flagship hospital, empowered by its associated physician practices, has risen to national prominence; our faculty create new scientific paradigms; our medical students shine, in their unparalleled community service and their clinical abilities when they enter the most competitive residency programs.

Now, the speed of Jefferson's ascent will accelerate. This gift will be a catalyst for more giving, and we will use this financial leverage wisely — investing in our human capital, faculty and students in ways that carry us to new heights in the years to come. As the future unfolds here at the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, we will create a faculty of the future that trains a new kind of medical student — 21st-century leaders who pioneer healthcare delivery and discovery for our communities and society at large.

Mark L. Tykocinski, MD

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