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Niagara University receives \$3.5 million gift from William & Nancy Gacioch



Submitted by Niagara University

William (Class of 1961, 2007 – honorary) and Nancy Gacioch have made a commitment of \$3.5 million to Niagara University. The gift was announced at the dedication of the Gacioch Center for Career & Professional Development and the Gacioch Circle on Friday.

“Bill and Nancy have been incredibly generous to Niagara University, and the announcement of today's gift further demonstrates their continued commitment to Niagara,” said the Rev. James J. Maher, C.M., Niagara University president. “We are humbled not only by their continued philanthropy, but also their commitment to students who are forging career pathways through internships and professional experiences.”

Niagara University's Office of Career Services, which recently moved to its new location in the university's Academic Complex, works to facilitate internship opportunities for students across every program. These crucial experiences can help students confirm their career interests, set career goals, and develop networking connections, but do not always provide compensation.

“Students often must choose between working or taking an unpaid internship, and despite the potential career experience, they cannot afford the option of an unpaid internship,” Maher said. “The Gacioch gift will provide students with the opportunity to receive a stipend when they work in an unpaid internship, enabling them to take advantage of these transformative real-world experiences.”

In recognition of the gift, Niagara University

The traffic circle in the middle of the Niagara University campus was dedicated as Gacioch Circle in honor of the lifetime support of William, '61, '07 (Hon.), and Nancy Gacioch. They are pictured with the Rev. James J. Maher, C.M., Niagara University president.

has renamed the Office of Career Services the Gacioch Center for Career & Professional Development. In addition, to honor their lifetime of giving to Niagara University, the university dedicated the traffic circle in the middle of the campus as Gacioch Circle.

“Today we celebrate Mr. Gacioch, his personal experience at NU, and the impact his education has made on his life,” said Jaclyn Rossi Drozd, '08, M.S.Ed. '10, vice president of institutional advancement. “The dedication of Gacioch Circle includes a permanent marker in a prominent location, recognizing the lifetime of support from the Gacioch family.”

Gacioch, who serves as chairman and CEO of National Property Management Associates Inc., worked in Meade Hall to fund his education at Niagara. In 2012, a \$2 million gift from Gacioch and his family facilitated the renovation of Meade Hall, the former residence of the university's Vincentian priests and brothers, into the Gacioch Family Alumni and Admissions Center. In 1999, he also contributed \$1 million toward the renovation of St. Vincent's Hall.

Gacioch previously served as a member of the university's board of trustees and has often expressed his appreciation for the education he received at Niagara by serving his alma mater both with his time and his treasure.

“Niagara University not only educates in the specialty courses you take for success, but it gives good quality character and guidance to its students, which is the most important in life,” he said.

Niagara University presented Gacioch with an honorary degree in 2007 and the university's prestigious Dunleavy Award in 2011. Bill and his wife, Nancy, were presented with the Father John J. Lynch Award in 2000, and the Gacioch family was honored with the St. Vincent de Paul Award at the Niagara University President's Dinner in 2010.

Niagara University Family Business Center announces upcoming breakfast forums

The Niagara University Family Business Center is celebrating its 20th season of breakfast forums:

- Tuesday, Nov. 1 (in-person), “The West Herr Auto Group Culture,” with Scott Bieler, president and CEO of West Herr Auto Group
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 (in-person), “The Benefits of Being in Groups and Organizations,” with Dottie Gallagher, president and CEO, Buffalo Niagara Partnership
- Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023 (virtual), “How to Succeed in a Family

Business Beyond the First Generation,” with Gerry Murak, founder and owner, Murak & Associates

- Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 (virtual), “Winning Across Generations,” with Josh Halpern, CEO, Big Chicken
- Tuesday, March 7, 2023 (virtual), “Structuring your Company to Operate in Times of Crisis,” with Rebecca Brady, owner of Top Seedz
- Tuesday, April 4, 2023 (in-person), “Marketing Your Business

Today,” with Drew Cerza, founder, National Buffalo Wing Festival

Next up, the group will meet from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Breakfast and networking (7:30 a.m.) are followed by the presentation (8:15 a.m.).

RSVP by Oct. 26, as seating is limited. Email gcatalano@niagara.edu to register for the first breakfast forum. Visit www.niagara.edu/fbc for membership information.

IN THE NEWS

Slakoff talk on violence against women of color

Nationally renowned criminologist Danielle Slakoff, Ph.D., will discuss her work on the relationship between the media, intimate

partner violence, and identity during a presentation hosted by Niagara University's Office of Violence Prevention and Education on Friday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. in the Russell Salvatore Dining Commons.

The presentation is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

Slakoff, an assistant professor of criminal justice at California State University, Sacramento, will examine the Gabby Petito case through the lenses of the “Missing White Woman Syndrome” and intimate partner homicide. Her research, which focuses on media representations of women and girl victim and perpetrators, intimate partner violence, and race/ethnicity, can be found in journals such as Violence Against Women, Feminist Criminology, and Race and Justice. She has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time Magazine, and on the nationally syndicated “Tamron Hall” show.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3UK5i3f> or call 716-286-8105.



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