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Tampa Prep Receives \$1.5M Commitment from the Bailey Family Foundation

Tampa, Florida, May 20, 2022 - Tampa Preparatory School proudly accepted a \$1.5 million commitment from the Bailey Family Foundation. Tampa Prep is in the quiet phase of a capital campaign to raise funds to construct a new building and reconfigure its existing academic spaces. To date, the school has secured more than half of the expected cost of \$20 million that will be needed to fully realize the new spaces. This gift from the Bailey family is among the largest single commitments in the school's history.

In recognition of this early and generous gift, Tampa Prep will name the Atrium of the new building after the matriarch of the family, Beverly Bailey, who died in November 2018. Mrs. Bailey's greatest joy was her family, including her husband of 56 years, Ron, her sons, Kent and Kyle, and their families, especially her grandchildren, one of whom graduated from Tampa Prep and one of whom is currently attending the School.

"We are beyond thrilled that the Bailey family has chosen to invest in Tampa Prep's future and has made such an impactful gift to our school," said Head of School Kevin M. Plummer. "We are humbled and honored to provide a meaningful memorial for such a special woman who left us too soon."

"Tampa Prep has had a significant impact on our family and on our children's education," said Kent Bailey. "We're so thankful to be able to give back to the school and to also honor my mother's memory while supporting the learning experience of future generations."

The Bailey Family Foundation was founded by Ron and Beverly Bailey in 1997. The Foundation has given to numerous institutions and provides scholarships to 500 students annually in Tampa Bay. Ron's son Kent and his wife Stephanie are active members of the Foundation and, as proud Tampa Prep parents, were instrumental in directing this gift to the School. Kent and Stephanie own Coppertail Brewing Co, Florida's top-selling independent craft brewery which is also the official craft beer of ZooTampa and an official craft beer of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They are active supporters of a host of charities in the Tampa Bay community.

Tampa Preparatory School is a private, independent 6 - 12 school located along the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Tampa Prep defines "Prep" as a dynamic preparation for life with a higher purpose than self and the school's mission is to inspire students to think, create, be yourself, aspire to excellence and go beyond.