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### Ottawa University Awarded Grant from Bank of America

*Ottawa, Kan.* – Ottawa University announces that they received a \$100,000 grant this week from the Lewis H. Humphreys Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee. The grant is directed to the aiding the completion of the Advancing the Experience campaign for the Mabee Center.

Janet Peters, Director of Advancement, shared “Ottawa University is so pleased to have been awarded this grant so the dream of this building can fully realized and its essential services are available to our students as soon as possible.”

With the help of generous alumni, friends and foundations, nearly \$8 million has been generated in gifts for the Advancing the Experience campaign to date. This was the first time the University received funds from the Lewis H. Humphreys Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee, but hope to work with Bank of America more in the future.

The final phase begins construction in the spring of 2023. Plans in this phase include replacing Mabee Center with a new indoor athletic facility constructed adjacent to the Braves Athletic Performance Center (BAPC). This Center will include basketball goals and volleyball nets and will be fully air conditioned. The completed project will provide essential courts in a flexible design with four courts for the team practice options for volleyball and basketball, as well as a one large court option for games. As it shares a wall with the BAPC, it also houses two offices, shared restrooms and more. These indoor facilities are key to the many athletic programs on campus. The new indoor multipurpose athletic center will be utilized by all students for academic classes, student activities, community engagement and as a practice facility for athletic programs.

The mission of the Ottawa University Athletic Department is to develop student-athletes for lifetimes of success, service and significance while making a major contribution to the University's broader aims and objectives. This new Braves Athletic Performance Center and the new indoor multifunctional facility will be an important enhancement to the Ottawa campus that will not only help fulfill this mission; these facilities will support and benefit academics and activities for our students and for the greater community.

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#### About Ottawa University

Founded in 1865, Ottawa University prepares professional and liberal arts graduates for lifetimes of personal significance, vocational fulfillment and service to God and humanity as a Christ-inspired community of grace and opening inquiry. Ottawa University is a comprehensive, not-for-profit educational institution, serving more than 4,000 students through its residential campuses in Ottawa,

Kan., and Surprise, Ariz., and adult campuses in Overland Park, Kan.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Brookfield, Wis.; and online. Visit [www.ottawa.edu](http://www.ottawa.edu) for more information.