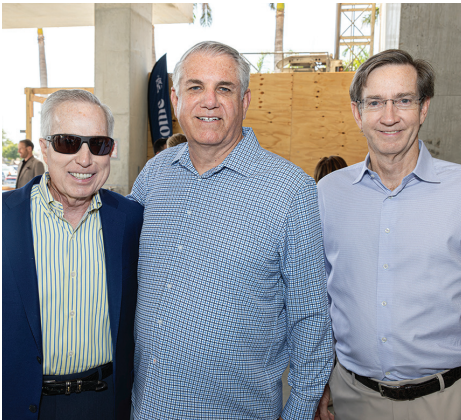


TOPPING OFF CEREMONY



As West Palm Beach's skyline continues to evolve as the city experiences unprecedented growth, **Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBA)** celebrated another step toward completion of one of those new buildings, in the heart of the downtown waterfront district. **The Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Business Hall** will open this winter.

Marked by a ceremonial placement of the building's last beam, close to 200 of PBA's leadership, supporters, select students and community members gathered to celebrate the topping off milestone. The first building completed as part of the private, Christ-first university's *God-Sized Dreams* campaign to enhance its campus, the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Business Hall is taking shape as a 125,000 sq. ft., six-story, state-of-the-art business school serving undergraduate and graduate business students.

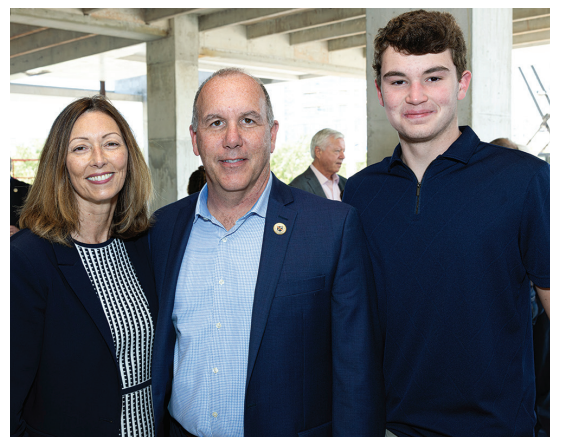
"With *Fortune 500* companies just steps away and *Forbes* billionaires just across the bridge, students at our AACSB-accredited Rinker School of Business will walk to their internships and have opportunities at their doorstep upon graduation," said PBA President, **Dr. Debra A. Schwinn**. "As a Christ-first university, when our graduates go out into the world, they're different. Our goal is to provide students with state-of-the-art resources that develop well-rounded business leaders equipped to navigate the complexities of the ever-evolving business landscape, preparing them not only to be employees, but also employers."

In addition to hosting PBA's AACSB-accredited business school, the new building marks the institution's ongoing commitment to the Palm Beaches. A cornerstone of PBA's planned campus enhancement, this hall will include dedicated space for Centers of Excellence including the **Titus Center for Franchising** and the **LeMieux Center for Public Policy**, the **American Free Enterprise Reading Room**, the 300+ seat tiered **Titus Lecture Hall**, a stock trading room, multi-purpose classrooms and executive-style conference spaces.

During the topping off ceremony, Dr. Schwinn also announced that PBA received a \$5 million gift from **Buddy and Connie Raney** to open **The Raney Center for Free Enterprise** within the new Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Business Hall. This Center will offer a comprehensive program of study on the moral foundations of free enterprise and provide resources and learning opportunities to students, faculty and the public regarding the human flourishing that results from the free enterprise system. To date, PBA's *God-Sized Dreams* campaign has raised over \$70 million.

Notable guests in attendance included PBA supporters and donors, including **Sheila Rinker, Buddy and Connie Raney, Frances Fisher, Gil Kemp, Leigha and David Rinker, Dave and Suzanne Frisbie, Penny Murphy, Patrick and Amy Moody, Sally Alice Smith, and Bill and Mary Frances Walde**. Also in attendance were **Clara Acero** and **Grace McCafferty** of the Kingdom Charitable Trust, **Barbara Bremer** and local government leaders, including City Commissioner **Gregg Weiss**, Lake Worth Beach Mayor **Betty Resch**, and Palm Beach Gardens City Council member **John Kemp**.

For additional information or to discuss naming opportunities call PBA's Development team at 561.803.2777 or visit development@pba.edu.



FIRST ROW: Sheila Rinker and Hayden Hutchison; Dr. Debra Schwinn with Buddy and Connie Raney; **SECOND ROW:** Tim Sotos, Wayne Cotton and Jim Jenkins; Kerry and Tom McCaffrey; **THIRD ROW:** Dr. Terriel Byrd and Deretta Cotton; Denise and Curt Brown with son Brady; **FOURTH ROW:** Sara and Jim McCann; Karl Watson, Sr. and Karl Watson, Jr.