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WELDON'S MAKE \$15 MILLION GIFT

William Weldon '71, chairman of Quinnipiac's Board of Trustees, and his wife, Barbara '71, have made a \$15 million gift, the largest in Quinnipiac's history, to support the initiatives outlined in the university's strategic plan, positioning Quinnipiac as "The University of the Future." President Judy D. Olian announced the gift during her inauguration speech May 1. "Through this gift, Barbara and Bill are infusing our future with promise, energy and confidence," she said. "We are all indebted to them for their unwavering commitment to Quinnipiac over many years, for their leadership and vision, for lifting our collective sights, and for their personal friendship." Weldon is the retired chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson. "Quinnipiac changed our lives. We are delighted to be able to contribute to our alma mater to embolden its future and to help the university continue to create opportunity for future generations," the couple said in a statement. In April, Weldon was inducted into the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, which honors individuals who have succeeded despite adversities, and who have remained committed to higher education and charitable endeavors. Weldon has been a pivotal force in shaping QU's strategy and success. His commitment to improving the quality of life for veterans with physical and mental disabilities led the university to establish the Weldon Chair in Rehabilitation Medicine at its medical school.