

Recommend 0

## Kents Hill School Receives Alfond Foundation Grant

Kents Hill School is the beneficiary of a \$3.5 million matching grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation, the largest commitment of financial support in the School's 191-year history.

The grant, in addition to matching funds raised by the School, will allow Kents Hill to construct a new dining facility on its historic campus. "With the support of the Harold Alfond Foundation Kents Hill will be able to complete a project that will have a direct and positive effect on our entire community," said Patrick McInerney, Head of School. "Our community is grateful for the Foundation's support and all of the generous donors who came together to help make this a reality."

Kents Hill's new dining facility will be located near its current dining hall on the south side of campus. Designed by Stephen Blatt Architects of Portland and to be built by Peter Warren Construction of Freeport, the 14,700 square foot building will modernize the dining experience.

Based on many of the local college facilities, Kents Hill's building will implement a contemporary design and take advantage of the beautiful western views toward Mt. Washington. To further promote the importance of the arts, the facility will include an art gallery for student works. Groundbreaking for the new building will be part of the 191st Commencement ceremony festivities and held at 5 PM, Friday, May 22.

The foundation may make an additional \$2.5 million available as it considers Kents Hill's progress in fund raising and strategic planning throughout the next year.

The Harold Alfond Foundation furthers the legacy of Harold Alfond by investing in education, healthcare, youth development, and other philanthropic charitable causes that hold the promise of making enduring transformative contributions to the community and State of Maine. Harold Alfond ensured that his philanthropy would continue by committing nearly all of his wealth to the Foundation, which continues to support charitable causes in the State of Maine.



The new Dining Commons will be constructed next to Masterman Union.



The path through the stand of tall pines between Reed and Wesleyan Halls will lead to its front door.



Large windows frame spectacular views of the hills beyond Kents Hill.