

Galanis Family Arena dedication is Dec. 2

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Alfred University will dedicate the Terry S. Galanis Family Arena at McLane Center at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, the first time this year that the men's and women's basketball teams play a double-header at home, both against Fredonia State College teams. The women's team will play at 6, and the men's team will take the floor after the conclusion of the dedication.

The ceremony celebrates completion of a renovation of the main gymnasium at McLane Physical Education Center, made possible through a gift from Terry S. Galanis, Sr., a 1940 alumnus of Alfred University (AU); his son, Terry S. Galanis, Jr., a member of the AU Board of Trustees, and their families.

"Whatever I have achieved in life, I owe to Alfred University," said Terry Galanis, Sr., founder of Sealing Devices in Buffalo, when the gift was announced. He admitted that he "busted out of college after six months," but the late Murray Rice, professor of physical chemistry, "took me under his wing, got me back into school and helped me get through. I wish everyone could get as much out of their school as I got from Alfred University."

The project, which includes a new floor, new bleachers, and a new sound system, represents the first major investment in the gymnasium since it was built in 1971. The renovated facility will allow the men's and women's basketball programs and the women's volleyball programs to better compete for Division III athletes against the schools in the highly competitive Empire 8 athletic conference.

It will also be a more attractive facility for hosting major University events, including opening convocation, honors convocation and commencement.