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Scripps and Pitzer Colleges Awarded \$2 Million Keck Foundation Gift to Renovate and Upgrade Equipment for Joint Science Center

CLAREMONT, CA (24 June 2019)— Scripps and Pitzer Colleges have received a combined total gift of \$2 million directed toward the purchase of equipment and the renovation of the Keck Science Center. The W.M. Keck Foundation has given \$1 million each to Scripps College and Pitzer College.

“We are grateful to the Keck Foundation for this gift and the support and confidence it demonstrates in the Science Department,” said Scripps College President Lara Tiedens. “We’re proud of the opportunities the Science Department offers to our students, and we look forward to its continued successes and accomplishments as we continue to strengthen the department.”

“The Keck Science Program is special in that undergraduate students participate in original research, the presentation of their findings at national venues, and publication opportunities either alone or with their professors before they even graduate,” said Pitzer College President Melvin L. Oliver. “We deeply appreciate the Keck Foundation for recognizing the department’s success in fostering future leaders in science and supporting the program’s growth.”

The Keck Science Department offers a strong, innovative, interdisciplinary program in the natural sciences to students of Scripps College, Pitzer College, and Claremont McKenna College, and it is the largest department in The Claremont Colleges consortium. The Keck Foundation has awarded more than \$4.7 million to Scripps since 1980 and \$4.9 million to Pitzer since 1982.

Scripps College was founded in 1926 by philanthropist and entrepreneur Ellen Browning Scripps, an international figure in the worlds of education, publishing, and women’s rights. Today, Scripps is a national top-ranked liberal arts college with approximately 1,000 students. The mission of Scripps College is to educate women to develop their intellects and talents through active participation in a community of scholars, so that as graduates they may contribute to society through public and private lives of leadership, service, integrity, and creativity. Students major in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, and science. They participate in undergraduate research and study abroad and global education programs, earn prestigious internships, and explore dual major opportunities.



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