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## Shaw gets \$5 million donation

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Wall Street multimillionaire John Mack and his wife will give Raleigh's Shaw University \$5 million to establish a new scholarship fund.

The gift is notable for a school with a \$10 million endowment. University officials said it was one of the biggest gifts from nonalumni since the school's inception in 1865.

Mack, the chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley, became interested in the historically black college after working with Shaw President Clarence Newsome on the Duke University Board of Trustees, according to Newsome. Both men are former Duke University football players.

"I told him about the kind of students we have at Shaw and how deserving they are," Newsome said. "And at a certain point he expressed an interest in coming to the campus."

John and Christy Mack agreed to give the money after visiting Shaw last month and meeting students and professors, according to June Costa, the university's vice president for Institutional Advancement. Newsome said he thought it was the first time either of the Macks had set foot on the school's campus near downtown Raleigh.

Costa said the Macks met with a variety of students, including ones who had "two jobs, spoke two languages and [are] trying to stay in college." That may have resonated with John Mack, the son of a Mooresville grocery wholesaler who completed his final semesters at Duke by going to classes during his lunch breaks from a job clerking at a securities firm.

Mack could not be reached for comment Saturday.

In a prepared statement issued by Shaw, Mack said that he and his wife gave the money to help keep "education within reach." Mack's donation will finance scholarships for students who show aptitude for science, technology, engineering or math and otherwise might not be able to afford college, according to the school. The first Christy and John Mack scholarships will be given to students entering Shaw in the fall, Costa said.



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