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Lavines Donate $10 Million to Basketball Teams

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Courtesy of Jeannie and Jonathan Lavine

Jonathan Lavine ’88CC, ’23HON, his wife and partner Jeannie Lavine ’23HON, and their family, daughters Allison Lavine ’16CC and Emily Lavine Rosin ’18CC and son-in-law Nathan Rosin ’18CC, recently donated $10 million to the men’s and women’s basketball programs.

The gift, one of the largest in the history of the Columbia Athletics department, provides support for both teams and endows the women’s head coaching position, now known as the Lavine Family Head Coach of Women’s Basketball. Megan Griffith ’07CC, who has led the women’s squad since 2016, now assumes that title.

Jonathan Lavine, a former varsity Lions golfer and the chair of Bain Capital, is emeritus chair of the University Trustees and a recipient of the College’s Alexander Hamilton Award and the John Jay Award. Jeannie Lavine is the cofounder and trustee of the Crimson Lion/Lavine Family Foundation, which she and Jonathan established to support a wide variety of philanthropic causes.



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