



## New York couple gives \$200K to CEI

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Bob and Su Robotti are giving \$200,000 to the College of Eastern Idaho.

"We are fortunate to be on the receiving end of such generosity and are so thankful to Mr. Robotti and his family," CEI President Rick Aman said in a statement. "We acknowledge the level of trust that comes with a gift of this size and we look forward to the opportunity to bring recognition to the Robotti family with projects across the campus."

Bob Robotti was a longtime business associate and friend of Bill Maeck and his family. Robotti is president and chief investment officer of Robotti Securities LLC, a New York City-based broker-dealer business. He also is on the board of trustees for Pace University.

Maeck, a local scientist and investor who graduated from the former Eastern Idaho Technical College decades ago and who has given millions to various local philanthropic causes, died in February. Before he died, Maeck gave \$1.73 million to his alma mater to make major upgrades to CEI's nursing and science programs and to build a new testing center.

Maeck's gift inspired the Robottis' gift. While the college hasn't allocated Robottis' gift yet, CEI said in a statement that it would likely be used to supplement Maeck's.

"If Bill saw something as a worthwhile investment, it was obviously worth investing in," Robotti said.