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Meryl Streep to create 2 scholarships for UMass Lowell students

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Actress Meryl Streep will create two scholarship funds for students at the University of Massachusetts Lowell when she visits the school next month, campus officials announced Wednesday.

The Meryl Streep Endowed Scholarship Fund will help English majors pay for their education.

Streep will also establish the Joan Hertzberg Endowed Scholarship to support students who excel in mathematics, officials said. The scholarship is named after Streep's former classmate at Vassar College who transferred to Williams College and went on to become valedictorian of the college's first graduating class that included women.

Hertzberg later earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and had a successful career as a therapist, author and teacher in the San Francisco area before she died in October.

Streep is scheduled to discuss her five-decade-long acting career at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell on Feb. 5 during an event called “A Conversation with Meryl Streep,” officials said.

UMass Lowell English professor and bestselling author Andre Dubus III will moderate the talk with the Academy Award winner, and Streep is also expected to answer questions from the audience.

Co-sponsored by the university’s English Department, Theatre Arts Program and College of Fine Arts, it will be the second event of the university’s “Chancellor’s Speaker Series,” school officials said.

The first talk featured author Stephen King and raised about \$100,000 for a scholarship fund he established for UMass Lowell students.

To learn more information about the event and to buy tickets, [click here](#).

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