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Donation to Fund USF Lecture Series

The University of South Florida-Lakeland will soon start a lecture series thanks to a donation from a Lakeland family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. "Sax" Saxena and their two sons, Anu and Jay, want to invite prominent speakers to the Lakeland campus for community and scholarly use.

The family gave \$10,000 to USF-Lakeland on Thursday and has pledged to endow the series for five years.

The Saxena family owns ASC Geosciences, a Lakeland-based consulting engineering firm.

"The Lakeland community will embrace the endeavor that USF has begun here locally, and we're the first of several organizations, many families, and individuals, I'm sure, that will help USF-Lakeland attract talent, enhance public knowledge and education, increase their awareness and increase the profile here of the Lakeland campus and the university in this community," Anu Saxena said.

Topics for the Saxena Family Endowed Lecture Series are expected to be wide ranging and will be announced in coming months. USF expects to kick off the series next spring.

For more information on the lecture series or on the Saxena Family Endowment, contact Executive Director of Development Dr. Al Sistrunk at 863-667-7024.