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(Top) GMT's second mirror is prepared at the University of Arizona's mirror lab. (Bottom) The GMT will be made of seven 8-meter diameter mirrors. The fourth will be "melted down" in March.



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entrepreneur Richard Caris on Dec. 15 toward the project. Caris is founder and chairman of Interface Inc., a tech company that designs load cells commonly used in the oil industry.

Buell Jannuzi, director of the University of Arizona's Steward Observatory, said Caris' gift brought Arizona's total contribution close to \$35 million. He said Arizona is committed to raise \$60 million toward the GMT, but hopes to eventually double that figure.

Texas A&M and UT Austin have raised \$28.1 and \$50 million, respectively, as of September. A GMT partner's financial contribution ensures viewing rights on the telescope when it comes online in 2021 — a distinction both Texas universities said will ensure their astronomy departments remain competitive on the global stage.

Darren DePoy, physics professor and member of GMT's board of directors, said Texas A&M is closing in on the second half of its planned \$50 million contribution. An A&M Board of Regents meeting scheduled for Feb. 12 will hear a breakdown of how A&M plans to finance the telescope commitment.

"I approve of the commitment funding schedule, Dean Newton does, our understanding is both the provost and the president — Provost Watson and President Hussey — approve of the documents and would like to sign them," DePoy said.

Caris' winter donation capped a six-month funding windfall that has pushed the GMT close to a formal construction announcement, said Patrick McCarthy, GMT director. Several of the GMT's other partners were also able to raise their contributions, bringing the



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telescope's total commitment to approximately \$500 million.

"Our first [funding] target, the one that's critical towards building the telescope and building the whole facility, the partners and the board are essentially on the threshold of that target," McCarthy said.

While a formal construction announcement is not expected for a few months, preparation has already begun to transform part of the Chilean mountainside into an observatory. The site's remote location requires the GMT organization to build everything necessary to sustain a billion-dollar construction site. Housing and support structures for the 200 to 250 workers expected to build the telescope are under construction, as well as power lines and roads.

"We're establishing our beachhead on the mountain to begin the construction process sometime in this calendar

year," McCarthy said.

The GMT organization itself is expanding, McCarthy said the staff will grow from about 50 people to around 150 engineers, scientists and administrators who will take the telescope through construction and beyond.

And the GMT's fourth monolithic mirror will begin its "glass melt" phase in late March. The GMT's optical surface will eventually consist of seven 8-meter diameter mirrors, but its design can work with just four, a trait that might hasten its title as "world's largest."

"The fourth mirror is important because that really gets us to a place where we will have undisputedly the largest telescope on the planet," McCarthy said. "We can make the telescope work with only four mirrors if we needed to while we continue to make the rest of the mirrors, so we see it as an important milestone."

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awareness about personal health in the community," Bush said. "Also we have researchers who come and talk about cutting-edge research going on at the Health Science Center that they might want to learn about. Even though it may not pertain to them specifically, they can learn about it. I think the real impact is for people to be able to learn about their own health and take care of themselves or their loved ones."

Bill Krumm, a member of the community who attends the program's presentations, said the program helps prepare him to be his own healthcare advocate.

"I'm not saying anything against the doctor, but you have to be your own advocate," Bill said. "It's like when you go to the hospital for surgery or something, you should have someone

there as an advocate to make sure they've got shift changes and everything else. Knowledge is important and this is increasing our knowledge base. As we get older — I'm in my 70s — you want to know more because you become more of a user of the healthcare system."

While a goal of the program is to highlight the new Texas A&M Health Science Center building and faculty, Long said there is no correlation between attending this program and getting into medical school.

"I've had people email me saying they're interested in coming to medical school," Long said. "I just tell them, 'This is not a recruiting event, we don't discuss admissions, but if you're interested in medical school and want to learn about any of these health issues, there is probably something you can gain from it.'"

REGENTS CONTINUED

board is an honor.

"It's the perfect full circle from being a student to then coming back in a position to continue the advancement of what we probably all think is the greatest university in the country," Albritton said.

Albritton said he plans to get involved with the student body, which he said would be made easier because he has two daughters attending A&M and has had two sons graduate.

Texas A&M is a family tradition, Albritton said, and he is glad to be the first appointed regent who is the child of a former regent, Ford Albritton.

"To the best of anyone's knowledge this would be the first time a son has ever followed a father on the Board of Regents, which is very exciting and very humbling to me," Albritton said. "When I was at A&M my

father was a regent, and he got to hand me my diploma and my brother his diploma, and it appears that I will do the same thing for my two daughters."

Mahomes, managing partner of Mahomes Bolden PC, was the first African American to matriculate and graduate from Texas A&M as a member of the Corps of Cadets, according to the release.

"It is a great privilege to have been nominated by the governor," Mahomes said. "It is a great privilege to serve A&M and to sort of give back to a university I feel has given me so much and I look forward to the opportunity of serving."

Phil Adams, owner and President of Phil Adams Company, was appointed to the board by former Gov. Rick Perry in 2001 and reappointed in 2009, according to the press release.

Adams was unavailable for comment Thursday.

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