UPDATE: Medical school now honors both of Kalamazoo's medical pioneers

KALAMAZOO, MI -- This afternoon, Western Michigan University has said it will be announcing a "major new development" for its medical school.

WMU President John Dunn, Kalamazoo community leaders, the heads of both area teaching hospitals and the founding dean of the medical school all will be taking part in a community celebration/press in Room 4010 of WMU's College of Health and Human Services Building, just off Oakland Dr.

The Gazette will be live-blogging the event, which is scheduled to begin at 1:15 p.m.

The university has chosen the same location it used to announce a $100 million anonymous gift three years ago. That gift served as the foundation for the medical school, which will welcome its first 50 students in the fall.

The WMU School of Medicine is being developed in collaboration with Kalamazoo's two teaching hospitals, Borgess Health and Bronson Healthcare. Its W.E. Upjohn Campus in downtown Kalamazoo is currently undergoing a $68 million renovation and expansion. The 350,000-square-foot facility was donated by MPI Research of Mattawan. The medical school's facilities also include the WMU School of Medicine Clinics on Oakland Drive.

Check back here in the Comments section this afternoon for live coverage of the announcement.