

December 3, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Beekley Makerspace in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Beekley Makerspace, located in the new Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing building, "DeLuca Hall."

BACKGROUND:

The Makerspace is expected to be approximately 1,300 square feet and will be located on the first floor within DeLuca Hall in the new Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing building, currently under construction at 834 Bolton Road, Storrs. The space will be a first-of-its-kind hub for nursing innovation. Outfitted with technological capabilities and raw materials, students and faculty will be able to bring to life innovative healthcare solutions to complex patient care problems.

The Beekley Family Foundation has a strong history of engagement and philanthropic support for quality patient care and medical innovation across UConn and UConn Health, including providing support for the Beekley Imaging Center and Beekley Lab for Biosymmetrix at UConn Health. Most recently, the Beekley Foundation supported the nursing building project and UConn's new Nursing and Engineering Innovation Center, which provides opportunities for UConn students to pitch cutting-edge healthcare innovations.

The Beekley Family Foundation gift is consistent with the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

On November 12, 2025, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

RESOLUTION RE:
BEEKLEY MAKERSPACE IN THE ELISABETH DELUCA SCHOOL OF NURSING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Beekley Makerspace, located in the new Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing building, "DeLuca Hall."

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution was duly authorized by the Board of Trustees on December 3, 2025.

Bryan K. Pollard, Secretary

Date