

February 25, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Lisa Lavorato '85 Exercise Lab

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Exercise Lab located on the 5th Floor in the Nursing Research Center of DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing located on the Storrs campus the "Lisa Lavorato '85 Exercise Lab."

BACKGROUND:

The proposed Exercise Lab is planned as a 670 sq. ft. space in the Nursing Research Center in DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing located on the Storrs campus. It is expected to be equipped to provide an ideal setting for hands-on training, clinical evaluations, and scientific studies related to physical activity, health, and wellness.

The late Lisa Lavorato graduated with a bachelor's in nursing from the School of Nursing in 1985. She spent much of her career at Stamford Hospital as a critical care certified registered nurse, and then as a nurse educator. Lisa was passionate about helping others and learning about the latest advances in nursing. Physical fitness was a core component of her life. Lisa passed away in 2021 at the age of 58. Her noble career and interests inspired her family, Julie and Vincent '79 Cavaliere, to name the Exercise Lab in her honor. Through their gift, their beloved sister's memory lives on to serve and inspire future nurses.

The Cavalieres have pledged a gift amount consistent with the amount recommended under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

On February 18, 2026, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.

RESOLUTION RE:
LISA LAVORATO '85 EXERCISE LAB

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Exercise Lab located on the 5th Floor in the Nursing Research Center of DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing located on the Storrs campus the "Lisa Lavorato '85 Exercise Lab."

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution was duly authorized by the Board of Trustees on February 25, 2026.

Bryan K. Pollard, Secretary

Date