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**MEMORANDUM**

**March 10, 2026**

**TO: Members of the Board of Trustees**

**FROM: Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor**

**SUBJECT: Naming of a Common Space at the State University of New York at Stony Brook**

**Action Requested**

The proposed resolution renames the LDS Center as the Bauman Center for Leadership and Service at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

**Resolution**

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Whereas**, Dallas W. Bauman, III, PhD dedicated nearly four decades of his distinguished career to the State University of New York at Stony Brook in student life and student services; and

**Whereas**, in March 1982, Dr. Bauman undertook a monumental transformation of SBU's residence hall operations, organizing fragmented services into a unified, efficient "Campus Residences" unit. He professionalized the Campus Residences staff, recruiting and developing highly qualified individuals with advanced degrees, establishing a gold standard for professional development within the SUNY system; and

**Whereas**, Dr Bauman is recognized nationally and is a Foundation Member of the American College Personnel Association and recipient of its Diamond Honoree and Lifetime Achievement Recognition; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of lifetime achievement and contributions to advance the mission of the university, the Bauman Center for Leadership and Service at the State University of New York at Stony Brook is hereby named.

### **Background**

Dr. Bauman served as an Assistant Dean, the first Director of Residence Life, and subsequently as Assistant Vice President for Campus Residences. He profoundly shaped the campus's residential landscape and student life.

The Center for Leadership and Service opened its doors in 2012, and is renowned for its role in supporting students' self-exploration, encouraging meaningful action and change, and fostering active, engaged citizenship within their communities. Dr. Bauman championed critical social justice initiatives; he was a driving force behind the "Stony Brook Strong" program, providing invaluable mentorship and support to first-generation and Pell-eligible students, fostering their academic success and personal growth.

Dr. Bauman's collaborative spirit led to the successful co-creation of the Undergraduate Colleges and the integration of academic and residential life through this program, significantly enhancing the first-year student experience.