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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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

SUBJECT: Naming of a Nursing Scholarship at the School of Nursing at the State University of New York at Buffalo

Action Requested

The proposed resolution names the Joanne and William Conway Nursing Scholarship at the School of Nursing at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Resolution

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

Whereas the Bedford Falls Foundation is removing financial impediments to a rigorous, high-quality nursing education and strengthening the capacity of nursing programs to address the critical regional and national nursing workforce shortage;

Whereas the Bedford Falls Foundation recognizes that a well-educated nursing workforce is essential to ensuring safe, effective, and equitable patient care, and therefore prioritizes investments that expand access to accredited nursing education and clinical training; and

Whereas the Bedford Falls Foundation's investment in the University at Buffalo School of Nursing reflects its commitment to preparing future nurses with the knowledge, skills, and clinical competencies required to meet evolving health-care demands,

while empowering students to focus fully on their academic and experiential learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by the Bedford Falls Foundation, the Joanne and William Conway Nursing Scholarship is hereby named.

Background

William Conway Jr. and Joanne Barkett Conway founded the Bedford Falls Foundation Charitable Trust in 1997 to facilitate and grow their philanthropy. The Conways' vision is to empower individuals with the skills and opportunities to find fulfilling employment and to ensure access to safety-net services for the most vulnerable of populations. During her lifetime, Mrs. Conway was committed to health, wellness, sustainability, and climate action.

In addition to UB, the Bedford Falls Foundation supports nursing programs across the country. In Washington, D.C. and Nashua, NH, the Foundation supports health and human service organizations that stabilize at-risk populations by ensuring their basic needs are met and provides opportunities for sustainable, living wage employment.

This gift will create a non-endowed scholarship that supports undergraduate nursing students with unmet financial need.