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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 an Endowed Scholarship at the Jacobs School of
Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the State University of New
York at Buffalo**

Action Requested

The proposed resolution names the Mary E. Fracassi Alzheimer's Research Scholarship at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Resolution

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

Whereas, the Mary E. Fracassi Revocable Family Trust seeks to honor the legacy of Mary E. Fracassi and her lifetime dedication to advancing research aimed at the prevention and eventual elimination of Alzheimer's disease and dementia; and

Whereas, Ms. Fracassi demonstrated enduring commitment to the University at Buffalo through a generous estate gift designed to support pioneering research, compassionate care, and the training of future leaders in the fight against Alzheimer's and related conditions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by the Mary E. Fracassi Revocable Trust Family Trust, the Mary E. Fracassi Alzheimer's Research Scholarship is hereby approved at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Background

Mary E. Fracassi and her late husband Thomas spent part of their lives in Niagara Falls, NY. She wanted her estate to support research, care, and training focused on eliminating Alzheimer's disease and reducing the risk of dementia.