



**Resolution of the University at Buffalo Council
June 3, 2019**

John and Editha Kapoor Hall

- Whereas* The University at Buffalo Council approved a resolution on April 8, 2008, endorsing the naming of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences building the “John and Editha Kapoor Hall” in honor of alumnus John N. Kapoor ; and
- whereas* the University at Buffalo is dedicated to bringing the benefits of its research, scholarship, creative activity and educational excellence to global and local communities in ways that impact and positively change the world; and
- whereas* groundbreaking research, transformative educational experiences and deeply engaged service to its communities are the defining objectives of the University at Buffalo; and
- whereas* Insys Therapeutics, founded by former CEO John N. Kapoor, developed Subsys, a highly addictive opioid that is 80 times more potent than morphine; and
- whereas* the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Subsys only to manage breakthrough pain in adult cancer patients; and
- whereas* on May 2, 2019, Dr. John N. Kapoor was found guilty of a racketeering conspiracy whereby Insys paid doctors to prescribe the opioid medication Subsys to non-cancer patients and then lied to insurance companies to ensure the fentanyl-based painkiller was covered by the insurance companies; and
- whereas* opioids were involved in a record 47,600 overdose deaths in the United States in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and
- whereas* these illegal actions by Dr. John N. Kapoor are wholly contrary to the University at Buffalo’s values, to our culture of excellence and integrity, and to our mission to bring the benefits of our education and research to local and global communities so that we may positively impact the world; and
- whereas* the University at Buffalo Naming Policy states that all naming agreements allow for modification of the naming if a future action or event occurs that will cause irreparable injury to the university’s image, reputation, or ability to pursue its mission; be it
- resolved* that, in accordance with the University at Buffalo Naming Policy, the naming of the “John and Editha Kapoor Hall” is hereby revoked on the basis that the actions of John N. Kapoor are wholly inconsistent with the mission and values of the University at Buffalo and undermine the accomplishments and reputation of the University; and be it further
- resolved* that this naming revocation be forwarded to the SUNY chancellor and subsequently to the SUNY Board of Trustees for consideration and action; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.



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Keller Family Foyer

- Whereas* the Keller Family wishes to enhance the opportunities provided to the many student-athletes who represent the University at Buffalo on the fields and courts of play; and
- whereas* they recognize that robust resources and amenities are critical to student-athletes as they train and strive for success in their academic and athletic pursuits; and
- whereas* the Keller Family has long been dedicated to enhancing the experience of all students, and has demonstrated their dedication to the ideals of higher education and the impact learning has on an individual's aspirations; and
- whereas* in their commitment to broadly benefitting UB student-athletes in their quest for academic and athletic excellence, the Keller family desires to direct support to the creation of a new strength and conditioning center; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the Keller family's generosity, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Keller Family Foyer within the Murchie Family Fieldhouse; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.



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Murphy Family Seminar Room

- Whereas* Dr. Timothy F. Murphy and Mrs. Vicki Murphy want to help continue the success of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and the dynamic educational opportunities and experiences provided to students; and
- whereas* they recognize the critical role that research pursuits and robust facilities play in enabling the Jacobs School to achieve its mission-based goals; and
- whereas* they wish to provide support to enrich the activities of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute as it strives to improve health and reduce health disparities in our community while creating impactful research opportunities for faculty and students; and
- whereas* they also desire to financially support medical education, specifically amenities and facilities utilized in the day-to-day learning that takes place in the Jacobs School, highlighting the invaluable nature of philanthropy directed toward emerging capital needs; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for Dr. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy and their support of medical education, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Murphy Family Seminar Room within the Clinical and Translational Research Center; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.



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Dr. Hopkins- Norton Medal

- Whereas* L. Nelson Hopkins, MD, FACS, SUNY Distinguished Professor and the former longtime chairman of the University at Buffalo Department of Neurosurgery, is a renowned physician-scientist who has transformed the treatment of cerebrovascular disorders; and
- whereas* Dr. Hopkins has redefined the field of vascular neurosurgery in stroke management and lesion stenting such that his innovations in endovascular surgery serve as the benchmark for therapeutic endovascular intervention; and
- whereas* Dr. Hopkins, as an exceptionally dedicated mentor, has trained a new generation of neurosurgeons in catheter-based technology for minimally invasive surgery; and
- whereas* among his numerous contributions to patients locally and globally, he fostered the creation of the University at Buffalo Canon Stroke & Vascular Research Center and collaborated with experts to design the Gates Vascular Institute; and
- whereas* in furthering this commitment, he recruited the necessary partners to bring to life the Jacobs Institute, which is dedicated to accelerating the development of next-generation vascular medicine technologies; and
- whereas* Dr. Hopkins has enriched the experience of the UB community by demonstrating his dedication to the greater good throughout his distinguished career; and
- whereas* the University at Buffalo Council concurs that he embodies Charles P. Norton's characterization of an individual whose accomplishments "dignify the performer and Buffalo in the eyes of the world"; be it therefore
- resolved* that the UB Council wholeheartedly and unanimously recommends Dr. L. Nelson Hopkins for selection as the 2019 University at Buffalo Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medalist; and be it further
- resolved* that the UB Council marks his permanent place of prominence in its endeavors and traditions by presenting to him the University at Buffalo Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' Commencement Ceremony on May 3, 2019; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council, and that a copy be presented publicly to Dr. Hopkins.