

Resolutions of the University at Buffalo Council

March 27, 2023

**Viola Diebold Olympic Suite Naming**

- Whereas* Ms. Viola L. Diebold, was a longtime professor of physical education at the University at Buffalo; and
- whereas* Ms. Diebold was passionate about providing opportunities for women in sports throughout her lifetime; and
- whereas* she remained dedicated to UB as an emeritus faculty member; and
- whereas* Ms. Diebold remembered UB through a generous estate gift intended to support women's intercollegiate athletics programs; and
- whereas* her gift enabled the university to install artificial turf on the softball field, allowing the UB softball team to host home games that were not previously possible; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the philanthropic commitment of Ms. Viola Diebold, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Viola Diebold Olympic Suite for volleyball and softball coaching staff in the Division of Athletics; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.

## **Brittany R. Murchie Sports Performance Center Naming**

- Whereas* the Murchie family has long been dedicated to enhancing the experience of all students, demonstrating a strong commitment to higher education and the impact learning has on an individual's future; and
- whereas* the family recognizes the importance of providing robust amenities to student-athletes as they strive for success in both the classroom and in sport; and
- whereas* the Murchie family wishes to enhance the opportunities provided to the many student-athletes who represent the University at Buffalo; and
- whereas* the family desires to support the creation of a new strength and conditioning center to enhance the athletic skills of UB's student-athletes; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the philanthropic commitment of the Murchie Family, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Brittany R. Murchie Sports Performance Center; and be it further
- resolved* that this recognition be forwarded to the State University of New York System Administration for final review and approval by the SUNY Chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.

**Rudy Bruner Center for Urban Excellence, the Rudy Bruner Chair in Urban Excellence and the Rudy Bruner Collection Naming**

- Whereas* the Bruner Foundation, Inc., wishes to promote innovative thinking and conversation about the role of design in cities; and
- whereas* it seeks to share the stories of creative and inspiring urban development to increase understanding of the complex process of enabling beautiful, just and resilient places; and
- whereas* the Bruner Foundation desires to build on the work of the Rudy Bruner Award (RBA), initiated in 1985 as a national design award that has since recognized and documented 88 transformative places in the United States that have contributed to the economic, environmental and social vitality of their communities; and
- whereas* the foundation has accumulated knowledge through the RBA—including 37 years of investigating urban development in America—and serves as a resource for research, learning, discussion, advocacy and inspiring fresh ideas and solutions; and
- whereas* the Bruner Foundation wishes to offer a platform for ongoing inquiry and exchange about the built environment and cities, and to create a resource for those interested in urban development; and
- whereas* it desires to maintain an accessible, curated and active RBA Collection housed within the University at Buffalo Libraries that will run programs according to principles of the RBA Program, and that will remain open to new learning opportunities addressing its mission and vision; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the Bruner Foundation’s generosity, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Rudy Bruner Center for Urban Excellence, the Rudy Bruner Chair in Urban Excellence and the Rudy Bruner Collection; and be it further
- resolved* that this recognition be forwarded to the State University of New York System Administration for final review and approval by the SUNY Chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.

## **Dr. Mario Rocci Chair in Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Dr. and Mrs. Mario Rocci Scholarship Naming**

- Whereas* Mario L. Rocci Jr., BS '76, PhD '81, and Donna M. Rocci have long been generous donors to, and active supporters of, the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; and
- whereas* Dr. Rocci has also generously given his time and talent to UB as a member of the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences' Dean's Advisory Council; and
- whereas* in 2009, Dr. Rocci received the Willis G. Gregory Memorial Award for personifying the ideals of service and integrity as an outstanding alumni pharmacist; and
- whereas* upon earning his degree from UB, Dr. Rocci took a position at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, where he was part of a team of clinical pharmacologists conducting the first-in-man studies on drugs that have become therapeutic mainstays—including statins, ACE inhibitors and ulcer medications; and
- whereas* Dr. Rocci helped establish and lead, as CEO, Prevalere Life Sciences, which was later sold to ICON, and from which he retired after holding numerous prominent positions; and
- whereas* Dr. Rocci and Mrs. Rocci, understanding the importance of financial support in pursuit of one's higher education, have generously supported UB students in appreciation for the scholarship assistance Dr. Rocci himself received as a pharmacy student; and
- whereas* Dr. Rocci and Mrs. Rocci gratefully acknowledge that the world-class education he received at UB prepared him for a successful career with boundless opportunities; be it therefore
- resolved* that in deep appreciation for the philanthropic commitments of Dr. Rocci and Mrs. Rocci, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of both the Dr. Mario Rocci Chair in Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Dr. and Mrs. Mario Rocci Scholarship; and be it further
- resolved* that this recognition be forwarded to the State University of New York System Administration for final review and approval by the SUNY Chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees; and be it further
- resolved* that this resolution be permanently entered into the records of the UB Council.