

## Resolutions of the University at Buffalo Council

March 9, 2026

### **President Satish K. Tripathi 2026 Chancellor Charles. P Norton Medalist Selection**

- Whereas The University at Buffalo has been fortunate to have many visionary leaders guiding its progress throughout its 180-year history; and
- whereas each of these leaders has played a distinctive role in establishing UB as the premier public research university that it is today;
- whereas UB’s 15<sup>th</sup> president, Satish K. Tripathi, stands apart for leading the university through a transformative era marked by exceptional productivity and progress; and
- whereas Tripathi is UB’s first internationally born president and the longest-serving president since UB joined the State University of New York system in 1962; and
- whereas throughout his 15-year tenure, he has been instrumental in extending UB’s local and global reach; expanding its research portfolio and increasing its sponsored research expenditures; enhancing the educational experience for a generation of students; dramatically modernizing the university’s infrastructure across its three campuses; and cultivating unprecedented levels of philanthropy among UB’s alumni and friends;
- whereas these achievements—encompassing every facet of the university’s enterprise—have significantly elevated UB’s national and international stature and rankings, bringing great renown to UB and contributing to the university’s designation, in 2022, as a New York State flagship;
- whereas Tripathi is widely regarded as a humble, thoughtful and principled leader who has shepherded UB through periods of both remarkable progress and significant challenge with the steadiness and assuredness that are his trademarks; and
- whereas the UB Council concurs that President Tripathi embodies former UB Chancellor 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 the UB Council wholeheartedly and unanimously recommends President Satish K. Tripathi for selection as the 2026 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 Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal at its annual commencement exercises for UB’s class of 2026; 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 President Tripathi.

### **Dr. Steven A. Guttenberg Scholarship**

- Whereas Steven A. Guttenberg, BA '65, DDS '69, MD, is a distinguished graduate of the University at Buffalo's College of Arts and Sciences and School of Dental Medicine, as well as a longtime donor and deeply engaged supporter of the university; and
- whereas upon earning his bachelor's degree in psychology and his doctor of dental surgery degree from UB, Dr. Guttenberg pursued advanced medical and surgical training, earning his medical degree from the University of Health Sciences Antigua and completing his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC; and
- whereas over the course of an exceptional 50-year career, Dr. Guttenberg became a nationally recognized leader in oral and maxillofacial surgery and founded The Washington Institute for Mouth, Face and Jaw Surgery, a premier center offering a full spectrum of surgical, reconstructive and cosmetic services; and
- whereas Dr. Guttenberg has been honored for his professional excellence and service, including receiving the School of Dental Medicine's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2022 and the Continuing Dental Education Award from the District of Columbia Dental Society; and
- whereas in retirement, Dr. Guttenberg remains committed to advancing dental education and research by establishing an endowed scholarship to recruit and support talented students, thereby strengthening the pipeline of skilled oral health care professionals to meet the evolving needs of the oral health-care field; be it therefore
- resolved that in deep appreciation for his support, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Dr. Steven A. Guttenberg 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.

## **Joanne and William Conway Nursing Scholarships**

- Whereas The Bedford Falls Foundation is dedicated to 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; and
- whereas the Bedford Falls Foundation recognizes that a well-educated nursing workforce is essential to ensuring effective, equitable patient care, and therefore prioritizes investments that expand access to accredited nursing education and clinical training; and
- whereas the Bedford Falls Foundation seeks to support nursing students by reducing financial barriers that can delay or disrupt academic progress, ensuring that talented and committed students—regardless of financial circumstance—can pursue and complete their nursing studies; and
- whereas the Bedford Falls Foundation’s investment in the University at Buffalo School of Nursing reflects its commitment to prepare 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; be it therefore
- resolved that in deep appreciation of the support of the Bedford Falls Foundation and its founders, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Joanne and William Conway Nursing Scholarships; 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.

**Svein Øie and Barbara Woodruff Scholarship in UB's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences**

- Whereas Svein Øie, PhD '75, and Barbara E. Woodruff have been longtime donors to, and engaged supporters of, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University at Buffalo; and
- whereas Dr. Øie earned his PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from UB in 1975 and went on to devote 22 years to the University of California, San Francisco, as a faculty member, where he held leadership roles in the School of Pharmacy and achieved national recognition for his research in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics; and
- whereas in 2000, Dr. Øie was appointed the 10th dean of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, where his transformative tenure expanded the college's statewide presence and strengthened its academic reputation such that, upon his retirement in 2018, he was recognized in the U.S. Congressional Record for his service and contributions to UGA and the pharmacy profession; and
- whereas Dr. Øie and Ms. Woodruff have extended their commitment to advancing pharmacy education by establishing an endowed scholarship at UB to support first-generation pharmacy students, who often face significant financial and systemic barriers, and to ensure that exceptional talent is not lost to economic constraints; be it therefore
- resolved that in deep appreciation for their support, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Svein Øie and Barbara Woodruff Scholarship in UB's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; 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. Angelo Anthony Montagna Chair in Chemical Engineering Naming**

- Whereas Angelo Anthony Montagna, PhD '70, is an esteemed graduate of the University at Buffalo's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences who has made significant contributions to chemical manufacturing and materials science throughout his career; and
- whereas upon earning his PhD in chemical engineering from UB, Dr. Montagna embarked upon a distinguished career as a chemical engineer and researcher with Exxon Research and Engineering Company; and
- whereas during his decades-long tenure at Exxon, Dr. Montagna became a prolific inventor, specializing in catalyst development and process engineering and developing numerous patents for innovations in catalysis, chemical processes and materials science, particularly in refining and petrochemical applications; and
- whereas following his industrial career, Dr. Montagna transitioned to academia as a lecturer in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Houston, where he used his extensive real-world experience to educate and inspire future engineers; and
- whereas in retirement, Dr. Montagna remains deeply committed to advancing chemical engineering education and research by supporting efforts to attract and retain world-class faculty, recognizing that such an investment fosters academic excellence and leadership in innovation; be it therefore
- resolved that in deep appreciation for his support, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Dr. Angelo Anthony Montagna Chair in Chemical Engineering; 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. Burt H. Rubin Fund for Athletics Naming**

- Whereas Burt H. Rubin, BA '74, has been a dedicated and engaged supporter of the University at Buffalo's Division of Athletics for more than five decades; and
- whereas Dr. Rubin played an integral role in the men's hockey program while pursuing his BA in Anthropology at UB—serving as manager, trainer and assistant coach during the era when the team first achieved varsity status—and he credits this experience with providing him with a family atmosphere that shaped his time at the university; and
- whereas following his graduation from UB, Dr. Rubin earned his BS and doctor of chiropractic degrees from the National University of Health Sciences (formerly National College of Chiropractic) and became a board-certified chiropractic orthopedist, specializing in spinal rehabilitation and advanced manipulation techniques; and
- whereas in recognition of his professional achievements, Dr. Rubin was honored as Alumnus of the Year by the National University of Health Sciences in 2018; and
- whereas Dr. Rubin remains committed to advancing UB's Division of Athletics by establishing a fund that supports critical capital improvements and strengthens the university's ability to attract top student-athletes, faculty and staff; be it therefore
- resolved that in deep appreciation for his support, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Dr. Burt H. Rubin Fund for Athletics; 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.

## **Broadview Federal Credit Union Scholarship**

- Whereas Broadview Federal Credit Union is committed to enhancing lives and strengthening communities by providing solutions that put people first and investing resources that benefit its accountholders, employees and the communities it serves; and
- whereas Broadview Federal Credit Union recognizes that access to higher education is a powerful driver of economic mobility, opportunity and long-term community well-being; and
- whereas Broadview Federal Credit Union seeks to support students by reducing financial barriers that can limit academic progress, ensuring that deserving students, regardless of financial circumstance, have the opportunity to pursue and complete their education; and
- whereas Broadview Federal Credit Union's investment in the University at Buffalo's Student Scholarship Fund reflects its commitment to expanding educational access, empowering students to focus on learning and helping them reach their academic and career goals; be it therefore
- resolved that in deep appreciation of Broadview Federal Credit Union's generosity, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Broadview Federal Credit Union 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.

**Broadview Credit Union Stadium, the Broadview Credit Union Arena and the Broadview Athletics Village Naming**

- Whereas Broadview Federal Credit Union has demonstrated a deep commitment to the communities it serves in New York State by forging meaningful partnerships and investments in priority areas including food insecurity and hunger, health and wellbeing, homelessness and affordable housing, safe communities and individual well-being; and
- whereas the University at Buffalo puts its students' well-being at the heart of all of its endeavors, including its work to foster student success and student engagement through participation in NCAA Division 1 athletics in the Mid-American Conference; and
- whereas UB supports approximately 400 varsity student-athletes, each competing on one of the university's 16 men's and women's teams; and
- whereas universities must provide increasingly sophisticated athletics facilities to provide student-athletes with a state-of-the-art environment for conditioning, training and competing, while also meeting the needs of the broader university community; and
- whereas Broadview Federal Credit Union recognizes that UB's athletics program provides a rewarding experience for UB's student-athletes, enriches the overall university experience for UB's students and the entire UB community, and creates deep pride across Buffalo and Western New York; be it therefore
- resolved that in deep appreciation of Broadview Federal Credit Union and its sponsorship of UB Athletics, the UB Council hereby endorses the naming of the Broadview Credit Union Stadium, the Broadview Credit Union Arena and the Broadview Athletics Village; 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.