



# **EXECUTIVE**

**August 7, 2020**

**Jody Richards Hall – Regents Room and via Zoom**

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**PHILANTHROPIC AND HONORARY NAMING REQUESTS FOR THE  
CLIFF TODD CENTER**

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**REQUEST:**

Approval of philanthropic namings in the Cliff Todd Center:

- The Mike Simpson Family Board Room and the Kim Eisert Simpson Garden in recognition of gifts from Mike and Kim Simpson.
- The Harvey Johnston Family Living Room in recognition of a gift from Harvey and Sarah Johnston.
- The Carol H. Wedge Dining Room in recognition of a gift from Denny and Carol Wedge.
- The Susan Page and John D. Minton, Jr. Family Wing and the Roger M. and Hattie Collins Sullivan Page Garden in recognition of a gift from John and Susan Minton.
- The Downing Room in recognition of gifts from various friends and family members of Dero and Harriet Downing.

Approval of honorary namings in the Cliff Todd Center:

- The Cherry Room in recognition of Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry, first President of the College Heights Foundation.
- The Garrett Room in recognition of Dr. Paul Garrett, President Emeritus of the College Heights Foundation.
- The Thompson Room in recognition of Dr. Kelly E. Thompson, President Emeritus of the College Heights Foundation.
- The Mary C. Sample Room in recognition of Mary Sample, former Executive Secretary of the College Heights Foundation.

**FACTS:**

Mike and Kim Simpson, of Bowling Green, Ky., are both graduates of WKU. Mike is a WKU alumnus who received a Bachelor of Science in 1985 and a Master of Arts in 1993. Kim received her Bachelor of Science degree from WKU in 1985 and retired from Bowling Green Independent Schools. Mike has served as a member of the College Heights Foundation Board of Directors since 2000 and he has served as Chair since 2011. He is Owner of Horton Hill, LLC and Owner/President of Chandler Property Management in Bowling Green.

Harvey Johnston, of Bowling Green, Ky., has served as a member of the College Heights Foundation Board of Directors since 2011. Johnston is graduate of Sewanee and is an Attorney and Partner of Reynolds Johnston Hinton Law Firm in Bowling Green. He is also an Adjunct Professor at WKU in Real Estate Law. He and Sarah are very involved with the arts and cultural organizations in Bowling Green.

Carol Wedge, of Bowling Green, Ky., served as a member of the College Heights Foundation Board of Directors from 2002 to 2019 and served as Vice Chair from 2015 to 2019. Carol is a University of Alabama graduate and her husband, Denny, is a 1961 graduate of WKU. Carol

was a teacher and active member in numerous boards and committees in the Bowling Green community. She passed away on September 24, 2019.

Chief Justice John Minton and Susan Page Minton, of Bowling Green, Ky., made a gift-in-kind of real estate located at 1703 Chestnut Street, now known as the Cliff Todd Center. John is a WKU alumnus who received a Bachelor of Arts in 1974 and serves as Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court. His father served as President of WKU in 1979-1980. Susan Page Minton is a graduate of Centre College. They are very active in the Bowling Green community.

The Downing Family has had a connection with WKU since 1939. Three members of the Downing family, Dr. Dero Downing, Mr. Alex Downing and Dr. Donald Smith, have served the College Heights Foundation and are graduates of WKU. Dr. Dero Downing, President Emeritus of Western Kentucky University and former Chairman of the Board of the College Heights Foundation, served as President of WKU from 1969 to 1979 and Chairman of College Heights Foundation from 1979 to 1999. Alex Downing served as Treasurer of the College Heights Foundation from 1996 to 2012 and as President from 1999 to 2012.

Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry, Founder and first President of Western Kentucky University, served the University from 1906 until his death in 1937. Dr. Cherry was also the first President of the College Heights Foundation from its founding in 1923 until 1937.

Dr. Paul Garrett, WKU's second President, served the University from 1937 until his death in 1955. Dr. Garrett also served as President Emeritus of the College Heights Foundation from 1937 to 1955.

Dr. Kelly E. Thompson, President Emeritus of Western Kentucky University, served in this role from 1955 to 1969. He was also President Emeritus of the College Heights Foundation where he served from 1955 to 1979.

Mary Sample, of Bowling Green, Ky., was a WKU alumna who received a Bachelor of Science in 1957 and Master of Arts in 1959. She began her employment at WKU in 1962 and served as Executive Secretary of the College Heights Foundation Board of Directors from 1987 to 2014 and as Treasurer from 1982 to 1995. Upon her retirement a conference room was named in her honor in the previous Foundation Building and this naming is being relocated to the Cliff Todd Center. She passed away in November 28, 2016.

#### **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:**

The College Heights Foundation will cover costs associated with signage for each room/area.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the philanthropic and honorary namings for the Cliff Todd Center.

#### **MOTION:**

**To approve the philanthropic and honorary namings for the Cliff Todd Center.**