



EXECUTIVE

August 6, 2021

**PHILANTHROPIC NAMING REQUEST FOR
1LT ERIC D. YATES CADET LOUNGE IN DIDDLE ARENA**

REQUEST: Approval of the philanthropic naming of the ROTC Cadet Lounge as the 1 LT Eric D. Yates Cadet Lounge located in Diddle Arena Room 1508 in recognition of a generous gift from 1LT Eric Yates' parents, David and Kathy Yates, family and friends.

FACTS: 1LT Eric D. Yates died on Sept. 17, 2010, as a result of the detonation of an improvised explosive device near his patrol in Afghanistan. Yates served in the Army's 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky. Yates earned a bachelor's degree from WKU in 2008 with a double major in Social Studies and History and he received his commission through WKU's Reserve Officers' Training Program (ROTC). A native of Rineyville, Ky., he is survived by his parents, David and Kathy Yates.

At WKU, more than 200 students from a wide variety of academic fields take Army ROTC courses on campus each year. Students who complete the Army ROTC program earn commission as Army officers. Becoming a permanent part of the University in 1919, the Army ROTC program at WKU is one of the oldest in the state.

This philanthropic naming request is recommended in recognition of 1LT Eric D. Yates' leadership in WKU's ROTC program and his valiant service to his country.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences will cover the cost of the sign for the area.

RECOMMENDATION: President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the philanthropic naming of the ROTC Cadet Lounge as 1 LT Eric D. Yates Cadet Lounge in Diddle Arena Room 1508.

MOTION: Approval of philanthropic naming of the ROTC Cadet Lounge as 1 LT Eric D. Yates Cadet Lounge in Diddle Arena Room 1508.

**PHILANTHROPIC NAMING REQUEST FOR
TED HORNBACK W-CLUB ROOM IN DIDDLE ARENA**

REQUEST: Approval of the philanthropic naming of the Ted Hornback W-Club Room located in Diddle Arena Room 2009 in recognition of generous gifts from W-Club members.

FACTS: Vernon Theodore “Ted” Hornback (’29) was born on March 7, 1906, in Sonora, Ky. He was an alumnus, student-athlete, coach and administrator for WKU. As a student-athlete on the Hill from 1925-1929, Hornback lettered in three sports – basketball, football and baseball—and he remains the only athlete in WKU Basketball history to lead the Toppers in scoring in all four years of his varsity career. Prior to returning to WKU in 1938, he was a teacher and spent nine seasons coaching at the high school level.

Hornback was an assistant coach for legendary basketball coach E.A. Diddle from 1938 through Mr. Diddle’s retirement in 1964. In those 26 seasons, Diddle and Hornback guided their Hilltopper teams to a 515-198 record, won 20 conference championships and made 11 national championship tournament appearances, including a runner-up finish in the NIT in 1942 when that event was the premier national championship in college basketball.

In 1965, Hornback became athletics director and founded the Hilltopper Hundred Club, which is now known as the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, the original and current fundraising organization for WKU Athletics. Hornback also served as the WKU men’s tennis coach from 1938 through his retirement in 1976, posting a 376-71 record and guiding his teams to 28 conference championships. In addition to several other athletic recognitions, he was inducted into the WKU Hall of distinguished Alumni in 2000.

Coach Ted Hornback was the heart and soul of the Alumni W-Club and its contacts with Hilltopper alumni letter winners from the time he returned to the Hill in 1938 through his retirement in 1976. He died on July 21, 1997, at the age of 91.

This philanthropic naming request is recommended in recognition of Ted Hornback’s outstanding contributions as a student-athlete, coach and role model for the WKU athletic program.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: The W-Club will cover the cost of the sign for the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the philanthropic naming of the Ted Hornback W-Club Room located in Diddle Arena Room 2009

MOTION: Approval of philanthropic naming of the Ted Hornback W-Club Room located in Diddle Arena Room 2009

**REQUEST TO RENAME NORTHEAST HALL IN HONOR OF
MARGARET MUNDAY**

REQUEST:

Approval to change the name of Northeast Hall to Munday Hall in honor of WKU's first African-American student, Margaret Munday ('60).

FACTS:

On September 15, 1956, following the desegregation of Kentucky's higher education institutions, Margaret Munday of Auburn, Ky., made history as the first African-American student to enroll in classes on the Hill.

Munday's enrollment at WKU helped to usher in an era of social and educational change that paved the way for others to follow. After graduating with a degree in music from WKU in 1960, Munday taught school at the all-black Johnstown School in Olmstead, Ky. In 1964, she became the first black teacher at Auburn High School and eventually taught at every school in the Logan County School System.

Munday retired from teaching in 1995 after more than 30 years as a music and chorus teacher, during which time she received several state and regional music association awards. Munday was honored by WKU's Society of African American Alumni in 1999 and was also inducted into WKU's Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2012.

The renaming of Northeast Hall in honor of Margaret Munday will create the first building named after an African American on WKU's Campus.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

Central funding will be used to cover the cost of updating building and wayfinding signage.

RECOMMENDATION:

President Timothy C. Caboni recommends the Board of Regents waive provision III.b.4 of [WKU Policy 7.1000](#) and rename Northeast Hall as Munday Hall in honor of Margaret Munday.

MOTION:

To rename Northeast Hall as Munday Hall in honor of Margaret Munday.