


September 27, 2017

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees  
FROM: Susan Herbst   
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Peter J. Werth Residence Tower

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Next Generation Residence Hall on the Storrs campus the Peter J. Werth Residence Tower.

BACKGROUND:

NextGen Hall is located in the Hilltop area of campus adjacent to the campus athletic facilities. In addition to the residential spaces in the building, NextGen Hall is home to offices for Residential Life and First Year Programs & Learning Communities staff, as well as a variety of spaces that foster academic success, innovation, and community building. These spaces include the Learning Community Innovation Zone maker space, the Idea Lab, the NextGen Forum for programs and events, and dedicated community spaces for the students and faculty in each Learning Community.

Mr. Werth graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and mathematics, and he received a master's degree in organic chemistry from Stanford University. He holds an honorary degree from Southern Connecticut State University and the University of Connecticut. Mr. Werth is the founder and CEO of Chemwerth Inc., a full-service generic drug development and supply company based in Connecticut.

Mr. Werth is an avid Husky fan and season ticket holder for men's and women's basketball and football. He is a long-time supporter of the University of Connecticut. Most recently, the Werth Family Basketball Champions Center was named in honor of his single largest gift to the project. He has been an active donor since 2003, supporting overall program enhancements in the Division of Athletics.

Mr. Werth has pledged a gift consistent with the amounts recommended for naming this space under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

At its September 12, 2017, meeting, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.