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Office of the President  
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Members, Board of Trustees:

## NAMING OF UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS: RESIDENCE HALLS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the official renaming of the following residence halls:

Central Hall II -- **Herman Lee Donovan Hall**

Champions Court I -- **Frances Jewell Hall**

Champions Court II -- **Georgia M. Blazer Hall**

Limestone Park I -- **Sarah Bennett Holmes Hall**

Limestone Park II -- **Cleona Belle Matthews Boyd Hall**

Current Blazer Hall -- **Blazer Dining**

Background: Central Hall II, Champions Court I & II, and Limestone Park I & II, are part of the campus residence halls constructed by or under construction by Education Realty Trust. The Board of Trustees approved their current official names at their January 2013 and January 2014 meetings respectively. The proposed renaming will maintain the history and honor of individuals for which past central and north campus residence halls were named. The north campus changes are especially important to reflect the significance these women pioneers had in the development of the University's campus.

### Central Hall II as Herman Lee Donovan Hall

Donovan Hall on Rose Street was demolished to accommodate the construction of the new Academic Science Building. UK's fourth President (1941-1956), Donovan guided the University through World War II and desegregation. He focused much of his energy on post-war planning for UK which witnessed an influx of returning service men and women. Donovan pushed for the opening in 1955 of the northern Extension Center in Covington, the establishment of new academic programs, and made preliminary plans for the establishment of a Medical School. In retirement, Donovan published *Keeping the University Free and Growing*. Born in 1887 in Mason County, Kentucky, Donovan died on November 21, 1964.

### Champions Court I as Frances Jewell Hall

Frances Jewell, a native Kentuckian, was a graduate of Vassar College and Columbia University. Beginning as an instructor in the University of Kentucky English Department from 1915-1921, Jewell served as Dean of Women from 1921-1923. In 1923, she married UK President Frank LeRond McVey ending her official employment with the University. However, she became well-known across the state as an ambassador for UK and for opening up Maxwell Place for a variety of social and cultural events. Throughout her life, Frances Jewell McVey remained active in campus affairs. She also served as a trustee of Vassar College, a member of the Lexington Board of Education, the National YWCA board, the Frontier Nursing Service, and was a charter member of the Lexington Junior League and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

#### Champions Court II as Georgia M. Blazer Hall

Georgia M. Blazer served continuously on the UK Board of Trustees from 1939 to 1961. The original Blazer Hall was named to recognize Mrs. Blazer's long service to the Board and the Blazer family's support of the University. Mrs. Blazer was married to Ashland Oil Chair Paul Blazer.

The current Blazer Hall is no longer in service as a residence hall and will be razed in 2018. After the new Blazer Hall is dedicated the current Blazer Hall will be known simply as *Blazer Dining* until it is decommissioned.

#### Limestone Park I as Sarah Bennett Holmes Hall

The original Holmes Hall was dedicated on May 25, 1958 and named for Sarah Bennett Holmes, who served as the University of Kentucky Dean of Women from 1942 to 1957. In addition to her longstanding service to the University, Holmes staunchly defended the rights and welfare of women students. Holmes earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1929 and a master's degree in 1939 from the University of Kentucky. In 1944, Sarah Bennett Holmes was named state mother for Kentucky and in 1996, received the prestigious Sullivan Medallion.

#### Limestone Park II as Cleona Belle Matthews Boyd Hall

Cleona Belle Matthews, a native of Missouri, taught Greek and Latin at Park College Academy until she married Dean Paul P. Boyd in 1906 and they moved to Kentucky. The Boyd's had two children, Virginia and Martha. Cleona Boyd was a very active member of the University of Kentucky community. She was president of the UK Woman's Club for two years and was a member of the Board of Control of Women's Dormitories for 25 years. Because of her service to women's residence halls, the dormitory was named for Boyd around 1933.

The Advisory Committee on Naming University Property has reviewed the request and found it to be in compliance with Administrative Regulation 9:5 and recommends approval of these name designations. The President supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:      Approved      Disapproved      Other \_\_\_\_\_

