

**ILLINOIS STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

Resolution No. 2023.05/29
Authorization to Name Pam and
Dan Kelley Family Student and
Staff Work Room

Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Trustees, as authorized by the Board of Trustees Governing Document, Section C, Policies, Subsection IV-C, Naming of Facilities, shall approve the naming of all facilities at the University; and

Whereas, the simulation center student and staff work room in the newly constructed Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center is located in Normal, IL; and

Whereas, Pam and Dan Kelley have committed financial resources to Illinois State University; and

Whereas, the University Naming Committee has recommended, and Interim President Tarhule has endorsed the recommendations as described herein:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled, approves naming the student and staff work room in the newly constructed Nursing Simulation Center the “Pam and Dan Kelley Family Student and Staff Work Room” in recognition of financial support to Illinois State University.

Board Action on: _____
Motion by: _____
Second by: _____
Vote: Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

Postpone: _____
Amend: _____
Disapprove: _____
Approve: _____

ATTEST: _____ Board Action, May 12, 2023

Secretary / Chairperson

Board of Trustees
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Mennonite College of Nursing respectfully requests naming the simulation center student and staff work room in the newly constructed Nursing Simulation Center, as the Pam and Dan Kelley Family Student and Staff Work Room. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous financial commitment by Dan and Pam Kelley for the new nursing building.

Graduating in 1970 from Illinois State University with a degree in Agriculture, Dan Kelley has been a longtime and well-respected leader in agribusiness. He is the former Chairman of the Board and President of GROWMARK, Inc., a local agriculture supply and grain cooperative. Over the years Dan has received numerous awards and accolades for his work, including receiving the Director of the Year award from the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. Dan, with his two brothers and son, currently operates a grain farm in Normal.

Dan has been a proud Redbird leader as well, serving on Illinois State University's Alumni Association Board including as President. He has been an active member on ISU's Foundation's Board of Directors since 2015 and he and Pam led our very successful *Redbirds Rising* Campaign as committed Campaign Co-Chairs. As Dan noted at the launch of the campaign, "Redbirds Rising presents an exciting opportunity for those who love Illinois State to invest in its future." Through his generous philanthropic gifts to the University and commitment of time, Dan has certainly made his own substantial investment in ISU's future.

Dan and his wife Pam have a personal desire to make sure there are well-educated nurses, and so have been donors to Illinois State University's Mennonite College of Nursing for many years. They know how important a nurse can be after their daughter became gravely ill and was cared for by well-trained, compassionate nurses. Dan eloquently shared his family's story at MCN's Centennial Celebration in 2019.

The Kelley's have pledged funds to support a space for the nursing students and staff who will be working in the new Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center. This space will be a dedicated area for the student "labbies" and staff to plan simulation scenarios, review upcoming assignments and collaborate.