# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

### **April 21, 2022**

**Item H.1.** Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the newly renovated Room 105 in the Ellender Memorial Library the "Marie Falgoust Faculty Staff Club."

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting approval to name the newly renovated Room 105 in the Ellender Memorial Library the "Marie Falgoust Faculty Staff Club."

The University recently moved the library archives to another location on the third floor of the library. The original archives space, Room 105 on the first floor of the library to the right of the main entrance, is now dedicated for the use of faculty and staff as per the administration of the University. Mrs. Falgoust has been a supporter of Nicholls for many years. She has assisted Nicholls in several capital outlay and renovation projects with her expertise for interior design. The dedication of this space to Mrs. Falgoust is a fitting tribute for her dedicated support and the service she provided to the University.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the newly renovated Room 105 in the Ellender Memorial Library the "Marie Falgoust Faculty Staff Club."



## **Nicholls State University**

H.1.

#### Office of the President

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March 30, 2022

## Via Electronic Transmittal Only

Dr. Jim Henderson University of Louisiana System President 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Nicholls State University requests consideration and approval of the following to be placed on the agenda for the April 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System:

Name area in Ellender Memorial Library-Marie Falgoust Faculty Staff Club.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Clune President

JC/apf

Enclosures

- c: Dr. Sue Westbrook, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Institutional Effectiveness & Enrollment Services
  - Mr. Terry Braud, Vice President for Finance & Administration
  - Mr. Jonathan Terrell, Athletic Director
  - Dr. Michele Caruso, Vice President for Student Affairs
  - Dr. Todd Keller, Vice Provost & SACSCOC Coordinator
  - Mr. Steven Kenney, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, CDIO & Title IX Coordinator
  - Ms. Paulette Mayon, Internal Auditor
  - Ms. Claire Bourgeois, Faculty Senate President
  - Ms. Renee Hicks, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness Access & Success
  - Ms. Monique Crochet, Executive Director of External Affairs



## **Nicholls State University**

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March 30, 2022

Dr. Jim Henderson University of Louisiana System President 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: Naming rights for room 105 in the Ellender Memorial Library

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Nicholls State University hereby requests approval to name the following newly renovated space, room 105 in the Ellender Memorial Library:

### Marie Falgoust Faculty Staff Club

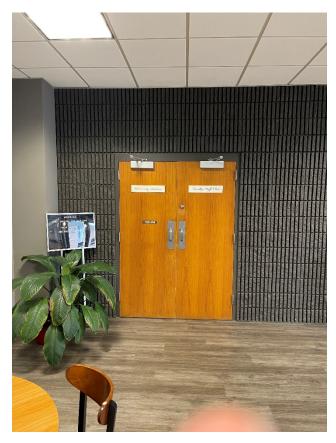
The University wishes to recognize the long-time support of Mrs. Marie Falgoust. The University recently moved the library archives to another location on the third floor of the library. The original archives space, room 105 on the first floor of the library, to the right of the main entrance, is now dedicated for the use of faculty and staff as per the administration of the University. Mrs. Falgoust has been a supporter of Nicholls for many years. She has assisted Nicholls in several capital outlay and renovation projects with her expertise for interior design. The dedication of this space to Mrs. Falgoust is a fitting tribute for her dedicated support and the service she provided to the University.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you and the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors approve this request and grant the University the authority to name the room in the Ellender Memorial Library the *Marie Falgoust Faculty Staff Club*.

Sincerely,

Jay Clune President

# **Executive Summary Attachment A**





# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

## **April 21, 2022**

**Item H.2. Northwestern State University's** request for approval to name an area in the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Building, Theatre-Dance Scene Shop the "*Phil Kidd Scene Shop*."

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting approval to name an area in the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Building, Theatre-Dance Scene Shop the "*Phil Kidd Scene Shop*," in honor of the late Phil Kidd, a former NSU faculty member.

The Mrs. H.D. Dear, Sr., and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts has submitted a proposal to officially name the NSU Theatre-Dance Scene Shop in the Fine Arts Building the "Phil Kidd Scene Shop." NSU's Facilities Naming Committee has unanimously approved this request to honor Professor Kidd, who died last year after a long battle with cancer. He had retired in 2020 from his position as Assistant Professor and Director of Technical Theater after 18 years of service to NSU.

Professor Kidd began his career at Northwestern as shop foreman for the NSU Theatre and Dance program. He designed sets for more than 30 theatre and dance productions and was technical director for numerous programs and productions over the years. He was an extraordinary teacher and mentor, and many of his graduates have become professionals in the world of technical theater and design. Others pursued careers in teaching and are often inspired by lessons learned in Phil's scene shop.

Professor Kidd was an outstanding faculty and staff member at Northwestern who earlier served with distinction in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to name an area in the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Building, Theatre-Dance Scene Shop the "Phil Kidd Scene Shop."





April 12, 2022

Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Request to Name the NSU Theatre-Dance Scene Shop in Honor of Phil Kidd

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Northwestern State University is requesting to submit the attached *Request to Name the NSU Theatre-Dance Scene Shop in Honor of Phil Kidd* to be placed on the agenda for approval at the April 2022 Board meeting:

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Marcus Jones

President

Attachment





February 23, 2022

Dr. Jim Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, La. 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

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He was an extraordinary teacher and mentor, and many of his graduates have become professionals in the world of technical theater and design. Others pursued careers in teaching and are often inspired by lessons learned in Phil's scene shop.

Phil Kidd was an outstanding faculty and staff member at Northwestern who earlier served with distinction in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

He had a huge positive impact on students whose lives he touched, and it would be appropriate to name the NSU Theatre-Dance Scene Shop in his memory.

With your approval, Northwestern will include this proposal on its agenda for the next ULS board meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Marcus Jones, President

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUSIANA SYSTEM

#### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **April 21, 2022**

**Item H.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's** request for approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to construct a Nursing and Health Science Building.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting Board approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission of August of 2021 by adding a project to construct a Nursing and Health Science Building. The original plan submission did not include this project.

The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated an already significant workforce shortage creating an urgent need to expand the number of graduates in key healthcare-related fields. This facility will allow Southeastern to increase the number of students and graduates for several existing healthcare-related degree programs that are growth constrained based on existing facilities. These programs include nursing (bachelors, masters and doctoral levels), mental health counseling, communication sciences and disorders, health science, health systems management, and social work. In addition to classrooms and laboratories, including simulation labs, as well as faculty/staff offices that support these degree programs, the facility will house a health clinic focused on rural health initiatives that will provide on-site clinical opportunities for students.

The project is projected to be 72,675 square feet which will consist of classrooms, class labs, simulation labs, clinical space, along with departmental and faculty offices, and will be located on the Main Campus in Hammond.

The Electronic Capital Outlay Request Tracking Systems (eCORTS) documents have been prepared and submitted as a late submission. The estimated cost of the project is \$31,913,000.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to construct a Nursing and Health Science Building.

March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson President, University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

Southeastern Louisiana University respectfully requests Board approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission of August of 2021 by adding a project to construct a Nursing and Health Science Building. The original plan submission did not include this project.

The Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated an already significant workforce shortage, creating an urgent need to expand the number of graduates in key healthcare-related fields. This facility will allow Southeastern to increase the number of students and graduates for several existing healthcare-related degree programs that are growth-constrained based on existing facilities. These programs include nursing (bachelors, masters and doctoral levels) mental health counseling, communication sciences and disorders, health science, heath systems management and social work. In addition to classrooms and laboratories, including simulation labs, as well as faculty/staff offices that support these degree programs, the facility will house a health clinic focused on rural health initiatives that will provide on-site clinical opportunities for students.

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Please place this item on the agenda for the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you for your consideration.

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John L. Crain President

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**April 21, 2022** 

**Item H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's** request for approval to name the campus plaza near Griffin Hall after long-time Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Carolyn Dural the "Carolyn Dural Plaza."

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting that the campus plaza near Griffin Hall be named after long-time Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Carolyn Dural – the "Carolyn Dural Plaza." Carolyn Dural was an alumnae and former staff member of the College of Liberal Arts where she served as assistant dean for the College since 2009 until her untimely death in 2019. Carolyn earned her B.A. in Sociology in 1980 and her M.A. in French in 1991, both at UL Lafayette. She was a French instructor from 1995-1998 until becoming the assistant to the dean. Once promoted to assistant dean in 1998, Ms. Dural assisted countless students in achieving their dreams. She also taught hundreds of faculty advisors how to help their students succeed. Carolyn was known to possess unlimited patience when it came to helping students understand their goals and dreams, further aiding them in their optimal path through their curriculum. A tireless worker, she often took work home on evenings and weekends and did not hesitate to take calls from and respond to student emails at any hour. When asked, Carolyn often replied that these were her students and she saw it essential to help them whenever they were in need.

Throughout her 25-year career at the University, Ms. Dural became known as one of the most knowledgeable and helpful advisors at the institution. Her mastery of student academic policies was unmatched. She frequently solved problems and clarified issues in meetings by explaining detailed policy and its history. She knew the rules, when and how to apply them – and to question them – and when exceptions were warranted. Most importantly, Carolyn put people first and had a passion for helping students in the best and most effective ways possible. Carolyn served as a moral compass for the College of Liberal Arts dean's office. She embodied the mission and spirit of the University, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew and worked with her and a consummate legacy on an entire generation of students. All of the students, faculty, and staff who knew her loved her. The plaza near Griffin Hall with the interlocking hearts sculpture is a fitting memorial to be named in honor of Ms. Dural and all she believed and accomplished while here at the University. The plaza, located at "the heart" of student activity, is the perfect monument to her.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name the campus plaza near Griffin Hall after long-time Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Carolyn Dural the "Carolyn Dural Plaza."

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March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

The University submits for the Board's approval a request of an honorific naming opportunity, naming a campus plaza after longtime Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Carolyn Dural.

Carolyn Dural is an alumnae and former staff member of the College of Liberal Arts where she served as assistant dean for the College since 2009 until her untimely time death in 2019. Carolyn earned her B.A. in Sociology in 1980 and her M.A. in French in 1991, both at UL Lafayette. She was a French instructor from 1995-1998 until becoming the assistant to the dean. Once promoted to assistant dean in 1998, Ms. Dural assisted countless students in achieving their dreams. She also taught hundreds of faculty advisors how to help their students to succeed. Carolyn was known to possess unlimited patience when it came to helping students understand their goals and dreams, further aiding them in their optimal path through their curriculum. A tireless worker, she often took work home on evenings and weekends and did not hesitate to take calls from and respond to student emails at any hour. When asked, Carolyn often replied that these were her students and she saw it essential to help them whenever they were in need.

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Dr. James B. Henderson Page 2 March 31, 2022

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Please place this item on the agenda for consideration at the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

E. Joseph Savoie

President

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Enclosure



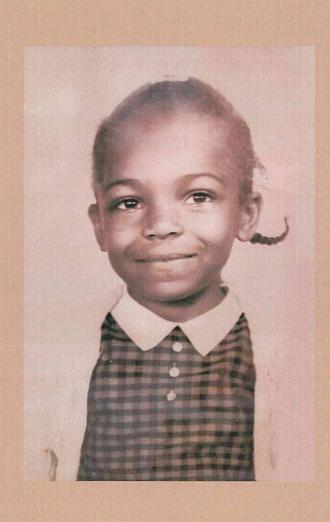
# CAROLYN DURAL

1958-2020



Light of the College of Liberal Arts

Soul of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette



Carolyn Dural earned her BA in Sociology in 1980 and her MA in French in 1991, both at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (formerly the University of Southwestern Louisiana).

She was a French instructor from 1995 to 1998. In 1998, she became assistant to the dean of Liberal Arts. In 2009, she was promoted to assistant dean.

During her twenty-five-year career at UL Lafayette, she helped countless students to achieve their dreams and taught hundreds of advisers how to help their students succeed. Directly and through them, she changed the course of tens of thousands of young peoples' lives.

# **TRIBUTES**

# Faculty and Staff

I met Carolyn Dural when she was a student taking French courses in the late 1970s. She eventually became a graduate student in our program, earning the MA in French in 1991. She taught French



With Donna Angelle and Mary Jane Broussard

during the first few years of my tenure as department head, and then went to work for David Barry in the dean's office. Throughout that time, she was a devoted and generous friend and colleague, a home-grown treasure. She worked with countless students, shepherding them (and us) through the complexities of degree plans. Her informal advising concerning

how everything really worked was as important as her formal advising. She came to know all the players and all the plays. Her moral compass was unfailing, and her problem-resolution skills were truly amazing. Working with her to get students through the system was sometimes like watching a magic trick. She had an uncanny knack for finding hidden solutions, because she always kept her eyes on the prize. She also had a knack for convincing everyone involved, up and down the chain of command, what was the right thing to do. And somehow, through it all, she maintained that gorgeous smile, that lightning-fast wit, and that sense of cool, which reassured us all even during what seemed to be impossible times. She was a perfectionist who realized that sometimes perfection is improvised. I will miss her in so many ways, including watching her escort her charges as they approached the stage for the College of Liberal Arts (COLA) graduation. *Bon repos, mon amie. Bien méritée*.

—BARRY JEAN ANCELET, Emeritus, Francophone Studies

I first met Carolyn Dural at new faculty orientation in 2002. From that moment, until our last chat in spring 2020, she has always been helpful, cheerful, and simply wonderful. Carolyn was the heart and soul of the UL Lafayette College of Liberal Arts and will be sorely missed.

—PHIL AUTER, Communication



As a newcomer at UL Lafayette, I only saw her twice and very briefly. A petite person with the demeanor of an Atlas holding the world. Her big smile radiated with: Welcome! I know.

—ELENA BABATSOULI, Communicative Disorders



From the first day I walked into the COLA office in Griffin, Carolyn always greeted me with kindness, a hug, a genuine smile, and candies!—oh, do I miss the red candies. I am a French native and it is clear to me her French was better than mine. As one of the first persons I interacted with at the COLA office, she naturally made me feel welcome here. Her unflinching willingness to untangle any complex courses/advising situations, while simultaneously following up on life stories, cracking a joke, laughing, and asking how I'm doing contributed to me feeling at home here at UL Lafayette. *Merci pour tout Carolyn. Tu me manques, mon amie.* 

—VIRGILE BEDDOK, Moving Image Arts



I did not know her personally, since I am new to COLA, but I always saw her smiling and willing to help anyone and everyone. I am sure we are going to miss her and her beautiful smile. Rest in peace, Ms. Carolyn.

—AHMED BEKHET, Modern Languages

I was both shocked and surprised to hear about Carolyn. She was a natural wonder. She had an excellent and slightly cynical sense of humor. She fully understood the baroque nature of the rules and regulations that govern UL Lafayette and knew how to make the system work. She helped countless students navigate their way to graduation. She was kind and fun, too. It was always nice to run into Carolyn. She will be very much missed. Now, if I run across a student with some complex and seemingly intractable set of problems or circumstances, I will have no idea who to ask.

—ISTVAN S. N. BERKELEY, Philosophy





Carolyn Dural was wise and wonderful. Her smile lit those dingy Griffin hallways, so much so that I would often think how much better my day was after running into her briefly, even just long enough to say hello. She was an amazing student advocate too. Some of my advisees may never have graduated had she not worked her magic. RIP, dear Carolyn. This is a photo I took of her in 2018.

> —RHONDA R. BERKELEY, English



Carolyn and I were lifelong friends but I can't tell you exactly when we met. It seems she was always there, both for me and for all those she served with wit and love. When my mother became paralyzed and could no longer drive, Carolyn bought her little Ford car and then took driving lessons to learn how to drive it. It was her first car.

I worked for years with Carolyn and Dennis Paul Williams and the inimitable Kathy Ball on their literary and music series that brought storytellers like Ernest Gaines to the Heymann Recreation Center and singers and musicians like Carol Fran and Stanley Dural to Lafayette Middle School. What I loved the most was how she could take you in—her smile, her body language, her leaning slightly into you as she gave you some of her smart-mouthed wisdom.



With Kathy Ball

She brought ease and consolation to many. I will continue in memory to lean on her and with her. She will live on in those leanings, in mine and in so many others. I loved her.

—DARRELL BOURQUE, Emeritus, English



The sweetest of hearts!

—PATRICK BOWMAN, Psychology



One of the neatest things for me at UL Lafayette, both before I retired and after, was walking across the campus and running into Carolyn. No matter what was going on in my life at the time, I always felt wonderfully restored after just a few minutes with her. She will be sorely missed. She was truly a unique person. I will miss her; I am grateful for every moment I had with her.

—SARAH BRABANT, Emeritus, Sociology



Carolyn was the most reliable, understanding, and helpful administrator I worked with at the university. I always felt she had my back. I'm sure my students feel the same way, even if they can't fully understand how much they owe their graduations to Carolyn. Beyond the daily grind, I am grieving the loss of a beloved friend of twenty years—and blessed to have enjoyed our chats in English and/or French.

—C. RAY BRASSIEUR, Anthropology



For years as an adviser, and for the past year as a department head, Carolyn was my go-to person for questions about advising and degree plans. She was always patient and helpful, even when I asked questions that I should have already known the answer to. I feel like her primary job was to help students make sure they could graduate, and she was great at this. In addition to being great at her job, she was warm, funny, and intelligent. She will be profoundly missed.

—AMY BROWN, Psychology



Honestly, I still do not have the words to express what Ms. Carolyn meant to me. She was my go-to for advising questions. As a colleague, she was my advocate and cheerleader. As an authentic, educated, short-in-stature-yet-bigger-than-life African American woman, she was my role model. In life and death, she will forever be my respected friend.

—С**нгізтіе м. снаrles**, Psychology





I learned of Carolyn's ultimate triumph yesterday. I was sitting in the parking lot at Ashley's eating a chicken schwarma plate while waiting for the Friday evening rush hour traffic on Johnston Street to slack up. As I read the notices and comments on KATC, my first reactions were shock, denial, sadness, and an overwhelming sense of loss. How could Carolyn have contracted *le maudit virus*? She wasn't vulnerable. Carolyn Dural had many qualities. Vulnerability as I understand it was not among them. How could she be GONE? How could she have left us? How could the powers that be fail to understand how much we need her?

Then my mind went back to the last time I had talked with her—in the parking lot at Griffin Hall, a few days before the university went into lockdown. I remembered her long years of struggle with serious health problems. OK, so maybe she was vulnerable. But that vulnerability was also her strength. The human race has fought a long struggle against



the forces of death, disease, and war. We have not struggled alone. We have been helped and guided by people like Carolyn Dural. In that instant, I understood. Carolyn had not succumbed to a virus, she had triumphed over it.

I first met Carolyn in 1991. We worked on a project together for what was then the Lafayette Natural History Museum. My relationship with the museum was just beginning. Carolyn was close friends at the time with the museum's original registrar, Kathy Ball, and with a talented member of the local arts community, Beth Verret. Both Kathy and Beth triumphed before Carolyn. I hit it off with the three of them instantly and we became friends. Already at that early date Carolyn was asking herself serious questions about the meaning





of her life and had embarked on a quest to find ways of being that transcended the petty, tribalistic squabbles that have increasingly disfigured and paralyzed our society.

In 1995, I came to UL Lafayette to pursue a doctoral degree in Francophone Studies. Carolyn and I

connected again. I was deeply impressed by the growth and depth I saw in her, and most of all by her deep joy. Carolyn was a scholar and intellectual giant, no doubt about it. But she was even more so a spiritual giant.

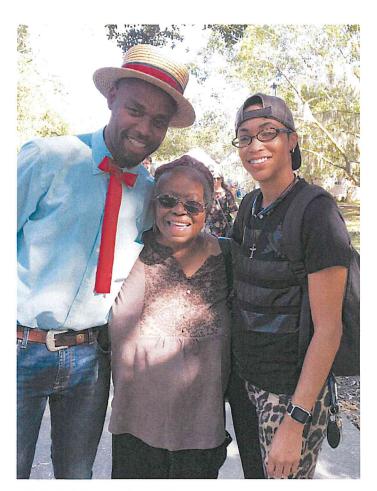
Shortly after we reconnected in 1995, I asked Carolyn what her secret was. How had she found such serenity? Her answer was to invite me to visit her home. It was an oasis of peace. Her extensive research into African diasporic cultures and her extensive personal collection of material culture reflected the quest she had been on throughout most of her adult life. She confided to me that she had totally renounced all forms of violent and predatory behavior and was seeking to live a completely nonviolent life.

A short time later, she started to lock her hair. Once I asked her about the locks. She replied, "Hair is simply an outward form of the inner journey we must make to find unity." As her locks grew, so did the spiritual force that was Carolyn Dural seem to expand. Finally, there was only a benevolent and joyful being there. From that deep inner ground, Carolyn was able to touch the hearts and lives of everyone she encountered. I watched in silent wonder as my friend was transformed over the years into a world-class spiritual leader. I never quite totally understood what was happening with Carolyn. I just knew that I was blessed every time she smiled.

Carolyn Dural was a gift that was freely bestowed on us. She grew to realize the full possible harmony and potential inherent in every human being. She did this in our midst, before our very eyes. She was a child of this community. Now she has passed from us with the same quiet dignity that she lived among us. Our friend, our sister, Carolyn is now among the Triumphant, among the Enlightened ones. *Au revoir chère amie et merci*.

—DEBORAH CLIFTON, Modern Languages and Lafayette Science Museum





With Cedric Watson and Desireé Champagne

I had such great respect and admiration for Carolyn. She was so knowledgeable and so "no-nonsense." I never saw her without that wonderful, beautiful smile that delighted all who encountered her. She is one of those who I have missed greatly since my departure from UL Lafayette. Rest in peace, dear Carolyn. You are so deserving.

—ELLEN COOK, former assistant vice president for Academic Affairs

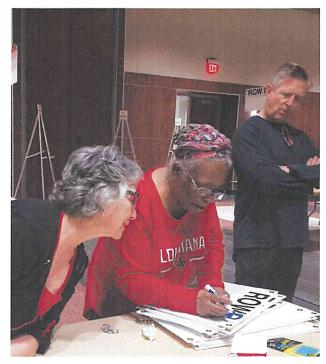


I find it difficult to write about Carolyn. It is hard to think about her as being gone. She was such a rock, such a presence. I think about the radiance of her personality, her moral conviction, her engagement, and her smile. She was a person who knew the score. When you were in a room with her or had a conversation, you felt her power, her conviction, her determination to make her world a better place. After I joined the dean's office, I relied on her daily, trusting that she knew what I didn't, how to fix any problem, and what it all meant, ultimately. She was so generous with her time and energy. As she struggled with health issues that would have overcome most people, I never once saw her despair or lose faith. She endured! Even as her challenges mounted, she came to work, after dialysis, after chemotherapy. We would say, "Carolyn rest, take it easy," "Don't come in," but still she did. Her work at the university focused on student success—was important to her, beyond personal considerations like health and how she felt.

Her departure leaves a hole in the universe, making the dean's office (and the university) a more lonely and less lovely place as we struggle with her absence daily. Yet, we will remember how she persevered day after day, student after student, challenge after challenge, to make our university and the lives of all the students, staff, and professors she encountered better. I doubt we'll meet her like again.

In memoriam, Carolyn Dural, for all time.

—PEARSON CROSS, Political Science



With Sally Donlon and Pearson Cross



Carolyn was one of the only black people I saw in a position of power during my time at UL Lafayette, and her presence there meant so much to me. Particularly in my last couple years, when I was doing quite a bit of administrative work, I came to see how she was quietly in control, how her compassion for the students had no limit, how she was such an effective problem-solver, and how her heart was honestly just that pure. I have thought about her often, wishing her well. I cannot believe or accept that she's gone now. I am sending all of my love and power to her family and to those who knew and loved her.

—JOANNA DAVIS-MCELLIGATT, assistant professor of Black Literary and Cultural Studies at University of North Texas / former associate professor of English at UL Lafayette





So many others . . . have expressed sentiments about Carolyn that certainly resonate with me and what I came to know of her. I remember the many talks we had on the second floor of Martin Hall out on the porch, the laughs and the solutions to all the ills we saw in the workplace and the world.

Those memories are even more precious today. She was a blessing to many, such a beautiful soul. I wonder if she ever greeted anyone without giving them that big, beautiful smile that she always seemed to have? I will miss being able to pick up my phone and get the "right" answer to a question that I have; her knowledge of policy and procedures at the university was unparalleled. The university has lost a gem and we all have lost a great colleague and friend. Fly high my friend . . . until we meet again.

—вовые в. DECUIR, University College



She truly made COLA special among the university colleges. She was always so thoughtful and considerate of other people's feelings. Every time she helped me sort out some university issue—and there were lots of those times—she would do so with kindness and patience and never once made me feel bad about asking. She had a great sense of humor as well and the rare ability to place it in conversations at the opportune time, in the right dosage, and without offending anyone. Somehow, we would invariably veer into using French, too, including a few words they don't normally teach you in school! *Adieu*, *Ms. Carolyn*.

—LUCIAN DINU, Communication



Carolyn Dural was my friend, my colleague, my mentor, and my sounding board on life. We worked closely together for nine years, and I learned far more from her than I could possibly have imagined the first day I walked into her office as a new employee and fellow assistant dean. There we sat, huddled among mountains of files and resource materials, as she "oriented" me to the university and to the College of Liberal Arts, which I believe she loved more than anything except her beautiful family. She knew everything, and what she didn't know—because it was new or beyond the COLA's scope—she knew who would know and she went there. Intrepid, steadfast, (seemingly) tireless, and hopelessly beleaguered by health issues, I never saw her let life get her down. We laughed, we cried, we got up early and worked hard, we griped, we hoped. Carolyn always saw the best in people, regardless of their current situation, and tried to help them live up to their own promise. She rarely spoke ill of anyone; if she did, you knew to give that person a wide berth. Through all the bureaucratic hassles, the political and social injustices, the personal challenges, Carolyn was the COLA's rock and lodestar. I will miss Carolyn madly—I already do—but I am so much the better person for having shared a little of my life with her. Rest in power, dear friend, and may "flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

—SALLY O. DONLON, College of Liberal Arts





With Sally Donlon

I was very sorry to hear of Carolyn's passing. I didn't know her well personally, but always remember her as a central part of our community and as an institution unto herself. She was there when I was an undergraduate at UL Lafayette and still there after I completed my PhD and began teaching here. More recently, I would pass her in Griffin many early mornings on the way to my office, and she always greeted me with her warm smile and the gentle kindness that she radiated. I will miss seeing her at work in her office, and I know that she touched the lives of uncountable students over the years. My condolences to her family and all those who knew her well. She was a very special person who will never be replaced or forgotten.

—MICAH DUGAS, Philosophy



Carolyn is pure love, light, and goodness. I earned my MS at UL Lafayette and returned years later as an assistant professor in the Department of Communication and then associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts. I never saw Carolyn without getting a warm, solid hug. How her eyes smiled. Always helpful, kind, and joyful. She's forever in my heart!

—SANDY DUHÉ, College of Liberal Arts



Carolyn was my first contact in the dean's office when I first joined the [Communication] faculty part-time in 1999. Afterward, she became much more than a wonderful colleague. She was my friend, mentor, sounding board, encourager, role model, and so much more. Carolyn loved students, faculty, and her work so much! She was always happy to field any question, no matter how small, no matter how many times I had asked the question before and then promptly forgotten the answer. She was patient, kind, compassionate, funny—all the best things a friend and coworker could hope for. Carolyn, I will miss you always and will strive to be to others what you were to me.

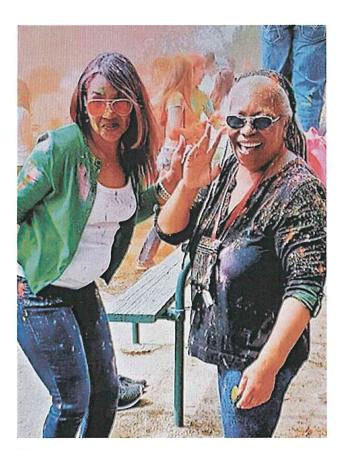
—ALICE C. FERGUSON, Advertising

Shortly after I moved to Lafayette, I was fortunate to become part of the music selection committee for Festival International de Louisiane. I was new here, and I struggled with the transition from Austin. Through the festival, I got to know Carolyn, who I thought was the coolest person ever. She was totally committed to the festival and to the culture of the region and had that beautiful smile. But most importantly, Carolyn helped me feel at home in this new place and I will be forever grateful.



—DR. SUSANNA P. GARCIA, Professor of Music (Retired), School of Music and Performing Arts





With her sister. Lena Dural Domingue

The loss of Carolyn Dural in the College of Liberal Arts is immeasurable. What a deep sadness has befallen all of us who loved her and loved working with her.

For years, she has been known for her prompt friendliness, generosity, and resourcefulness. Walking into her office gave one the feeling of laying down one's burdens, no matter what the burdens were—maybe a student in jeopardy of not graduating, or a mix-up with the registrar's office, or just simply the world collapsing in the way it does when problems seem insurmountable.



Carolyn was always able to find a path to lead you safely through to the other side. She might make a few phone calls, type an email, or do whatever was just the thing to make things right. She was amazing.

As coordinator of interdisciplinary humanities and a faculty member in the Department of English, I mostly went to Carolyn to find help for students. But I knew her much earlier when she was an instructor in Modern Languages and taught me in a French class. I didn't quite have the ear—or the mouth—to become an effective French speaker—but, by the time Carolyn finished teaching me, I could read the language. I always wanted to tell her what a great teacher she was—but refrained, afraid she might say something in French that I wouldn't understand and then she would think she hadn't been such a good teacher after all!

But she was an excellent teacher—and, in the classroom, in addition to drilling us on French verbs, she made us laugh with her funny examples and good-humored asides. Going to class was a pleasure. She was so pleasant, and she had about her this wonderful joie de vivre.

Whether you were in her class or in her office in the College of Liberal Arts, she put you at ease—that was the thing about Carolyn, she just put you at ease. Suddenly, you realized that in the big scheme of things, whatever problem you were having, it was piddly—and she, Carolyn, was going to help you fix it so you could move on to more important things. When you went to her, she became your champion—and the dragon you described became smaller and smaller with the shrug of Carolyn's shoulders, the wave of her hand, and her saying, "Oh, yeah, we can handle that."

A couple of years back I went to Carolyn's office with a freshman student from Pakistan. The student needed to take a second undergraduate degree in order to apply to graduate school and was having difficulty getting anyone to tell her which transfer credits would count toward a new degree.

My student was nervous—was she making the right decisions? Should she change majors? Carolyn sat down and spent an hour with us looking over transcripts, tallying electives, calculating hours. An overwhelming sense of peace fell over us. We knew that we were in good hands—that we were in the best hands we could possibly be in!

We watched Carolyn fill in blanks, check boxes, cross off classes, and do the magic that good advisers—carriers of the secret code—can do. Then finally Carolyn told the student that the College of Liberal Arts could accept such-and-such, and such-and-such, and—most



College of Liberal Arts Christmas Party with Sally Donlon and Pearson Cross

importantly—the college would be glad to have her as a student. Suddenly, all was well! We left smiling, and within the week, the student changed her major, moved to the College of Liberal Arts, and is now set to graduate this December.

It's just one example of the kind of mind and heart that Carolyn brought to her job.

As all of us are now busily preparing for the beginning of the fall semester, it's quite a blow to lose Carolyn Dural. The people who work in the College of Liberal Arts are known for their smiles and eagerness to assist. They're dedicated to helping students and faculty members succeed. But the office that Carolyn Dural leaves vacant—no one's going to be able to fill that. No one would even try.

My heart goes out to all the colleagues who have had the privilege of working alongside her in the same space and to her family and many, many friends. She was a treasure. The peace and ease she lent us when we were in her presence—that's what I'm going to remember about her, and, honestly, I can't think of a time when we've been more in need of that peace than now.

—LISA GRALEY, English



Carolyn brought joy to all who knew her. She had the best laugh, sincerest smile, and genuine warmth. She was always ready with a kind word and easy laugh; when you were around Carolyn, you were a better person. I cannot picture the dean's office without her in it, and Gen Ed meetings will never be the same. Her professional insights and institutional knowledge are unparalleled, but that pales in comparison to the lives she touched. Our collective hearts ache with her loss. May her warmth and joy live on in all of us.

—ALISE C. HAGAN, Institutional Assessment





With Sally Donlon

Carolyn was joy in the human form. She was always helpful to me as a young professor. I enjoyed spending time with her and Sally Donlon. Her willingness to help and get involved is something I won't forget and will continue to imitate in my own career.

—MASEY HAMMONS, former instructor, Communication, and former director, Forensics



I too had the privilege to work with Carolyn and count her as a friend. She was the assistant to the French cultural attaché then based at the French House on campus. When this office closed, she joined us at CODOFIL, where she was an ideal fit—flawless French, deep knowledge of administrative procedures, gentle manners, a cool colleague. It was a pleasure to be reunited with her when we both joined UL Lafayette. *Reste en paix, mon amie*.

—JACQUES HENRY, Sociology and Anthropology





With Sally Donlon and Griff Brownlee



Carolyn taught me how to be an undergraduate adviser. She was one of the most patient and generous people I have ever met; she would stay on the phone with me for as long as it took to work



through an advising question for an undergrad. She never stopped working for students, but you could also literally just drop into her office unannounced with a seemingly insoluble problem and within fifteen minutes she'd have fixed it. She would schlep across UL Lafayette's campus in tripledigit Louisiana summer heat to run advising sessions for new undergrads without complaint. She

would do all this, and a thousand other things besides, with a smile, a laugh, and a fierce conviction that the university's undergrads were worth this devotion—which they are. I learned so many invaluable lessons from her about advocacy for students, lessons I carry with me as I advise, teach, and mentor them. It is impossible for me to imagine the College of Liberal Arts and UL Lafayette without her.

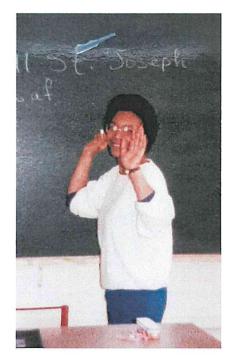
—ROBIN HERMANN, History





With Lisa Richardson and Leah Weiss





With her mother, Ella Cormier



With Cheryl Devall, Donna Christianson, Kate Bergh, Andre Alviso, and Lisa Richardson

Mark and I will miss Carolyn's smile and her genuine kindness to everyone. She taught one of our daughters as a freshman and introduced her to UL Lafayette. Carolyn was also a wonderful colleague to me as she helped advise countless exchange students from France who would spend a semester or two at our university for the past sixteen years I have known her. It is going to be



difficult not seeing her when we visit the dean's office in room 101, Griffin Hall. She has made our university and our lives better.

—ROSE HONEGGER, Division of Global Engagement, and MARK HONEGGER, English





Carolyn was the gentle, friendly soul of the College of Liberal Arts. She had an astonishing fund of knowledge and was always willing to share and explain, no matter how many times the same question was asked. Every time I saw her, we would have wonderful little conversations where her tolerance, intelligence, wisdom, and sense of humor somehow helped me see things in a better light (even if we both happened to be complaining). I will miss her a lot.

—CAROLINE HUEY, Modern Languages



When I would tell the folks in English, "I'm running downstairs to the dean's office, I'll be right back!" I knew it was a lie as soon as it came out of my mouth. I would not, in fact, be right back, because I would be sitting in Carolyn's office forever, talking about our students, our university, our lives. She was a fierce advocate for students, but also for me and for so many others. We lost a friend, and the world lost a light.

—SHELLEY INGRAM, English





With Sally Donlon and Arun Lakhotia



With Corey Porche



With Lisa Richardson and Rachel Verret

Carolyn was the first person in administration I really had any interaction with, when I became an undergraduate advisor in 2004. The way she guided me through the complex processes of advising made me feel both humbled by her encyclopedic knowledge of every issue that came up and also encouraged that she seemed to believe that I could learn it. Her always funny and sardonic wit, huge smile, and general coolness made it all actually seem fun. Working with her was one of the main reasons that I was attracted to administration.

Little did I know that I would eventually have the privilege of working with Carolyn for eight years in the dean's office. Carolyn has always been the moral compass of the dean's office. She had a deeper knowledge of the university's policies and the reasons behind them than anyone else on campus. More than that, she always knew right from wrong: she loved students, but she always knew exactly when people were sincere and when they were trying to get away with something. Decisions that turn on where you draw that line come up all the time in the dean's office, and we all always turned to Carolyn to know what the right thing to do was.

We'll miss all of those things, her personality, her honesty, her sometimes sardonic wit, her ability to cut to the core of an issue, her humor, her knowledge, her judgment, and of course her ineffable coolness. We are not sure what we will do without her, but I know for sure that as long as we are here in the dean's office (and probably long after), we will all hear her voice and her wisdom in our heads every time a tough question comes up. We love you and will miss you terribly, Carolyn.

—JORDAN KELLMAN, History and College of Liberal Arts



Fabrice Leroy, Carolyn Dural, Debbie Olivier, and Jordan Kellman



I got to know Carolyn over five years at UL Lafayette. She was always ready with a smile and time to chat and had a way of putting everything at ease. She helped me get many students out of a pinch. I loved the donuts with the dean mostly because it gave me a chance to talk to her. The university has lost a great advocate to all.

-MARANDA KLES, former assistant professor, Anthropology



I'll always remember Carolyn's smile and easy manner. She always made people feel welcome and put students at ease. Her knowledge of the system was encyclopedic—she was the Goddess of Graduation Requirements! Whenever you sent a student to see here, you knew they would be well taken care of. I will miss her.

—DR. KEITH KORCZ, Philosophy



She was a blessing to all people around her, with her love, patience, caring, knowledge, and encouragement. Whenever I had questions and problems at school, she was the answer and problem-solver. I miss her so much, but believe she is now with the love of God in Heaven.

—DO KYUN DAVID KIM, Communication



I will miss Carolyn's calm smile, wealth of knowledge, and friendly presence. She had so much peace inside and love in her heart for everyone, and it exuded everywhere she walked. Only recently I learned that she had major health issues. Yet, she was always happy, at peace, and available for everyone who needed her advice. What an inspiring role model for everyone she had been and will be!

—ASHOK KUMAR, Computer Science



Carolyn was always kind and happy. I will never forget her smile and the joyous way she said, "Hey cher," any time she visited Modern Languages. She touched my heart. You could tell she really cared about our students, and she always showed her appreciation to the COLA admins. I will treasure my little Friday afternoon visits with her in TJ Maxx. Her strength and courage amazed me. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to have one last conversation with her in June and to give her some good news! She was such a shining star! I will miss you, dearly, sweet Carolyn.

—REGINA LABICHE, Modern Languages



Back when Liberal Arts was still in Martin Hall, I would join Carolyn on her smoke breaks, where she would regale me with very funny takes on university doings as well as life in general; she was keenly aware of which end of the world should be up and which end actually was, and that grounding only made her laugh more powerful.

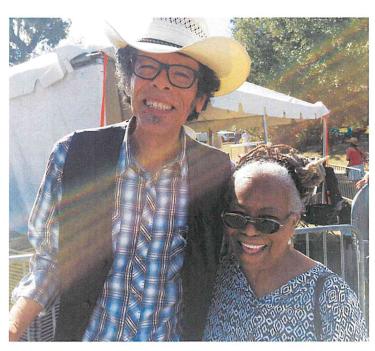
—JOHN LAUDUN, English



I would not have been able to survive without Carolyn. Every single time, when I had a question, she helped me—she helped me with the biggest heart and the nicest smile. Every single time, when I saw her, she gave me the warmest hug. She was absolutely one of the nicest people that I know. I miss her so much. I know everybody misses her very much. Rest in peace, Carolyn. We love you!

—SUN-A LEE, Child and Family Studies





With D'Jalma Garnier

Carolyn's voice will always stay with me. She spoke French fluently and would always begin every conversation with me in French ("Salut, toi!" followed by a hug). She had the most impressive work ethic. Even when she was courageously fighting serious health issues, she would come to the office every day and pour all her remaining energy into helping others. None of her coworkers could ever convince her to take a break. She was so generous and selfless. When the College of Liberal Arts' office was still in Martin Hall, she worked for years in a tiny back office, filled with files, on an antiquated computer from another century. It took me a semester to convince her to get a new one, because she knew that many other staff and faculty members had pressing needs and she wanted them to have priority over herself. Carolyn had more institutional knowledge than anyone at the university and was always willing to share her sound advice and her analytical mind. She was a wonderful adviser and helped many generations of students navigate through the complexities of their curricula with her usual kindness and fairness, but also with a steady commitment to the principles of a liberal arts education. Some of my best memories of my eighteen years at UL Lafayette are walking with her across campus, carrying boxes of brochures for orientation events, speaking about anything—from Frank Zappa's music to her favorite places in France—like two little kids.

—FABRICE LEROY, Modern Languages



The first time I saw Ms. Carolyn was at the 2017 College of Liberal Arts fall semester meeting. I was a new faculty. I am embarrassed to say that I was quite nervous about being in my first ever COLA meeting. I forget probably most things happened in the meeting by now, but I vividly remember Ms. Carolyn and her big and warm smile when my department head, Cheryl, introduced me to her. The magical power of her smile calmed me down and made me feel welcome. Ms. Carolyn will certainly be missed.

—MANYU LI, Psychology



With Felicia Brown



I miss Carolyn's hugs. Losing her amidst this unrelenting global pandemic made me miss her hugs in an even more unspeakable way. Her hugs, always coupled with her beautiful smiles, carried so much about her—warmth, acceptance, understanding, assurance, and comfort. I will forever be appreciative for the much-needed help she offered and the example she set as a giving person.

—HUNG-CHU LIN, Psychology



I can't tell you what this woman meant to me! She supported and guided me through everything I did while department head. She was a woman who I admired. Her dedication to her service and conviction in her beliefs steered her every action. She guided students by making them believe in themselves, and she showed faculty and staffers how to be respectful to the educational process. She always had a smile, and behind that smile was always a woman who could get things done. But most importantly, she was my friend, a person I could call anytime, and she would listen and understand. A person who I could tell anything to, and she would comfort me. I will miss her dearly.

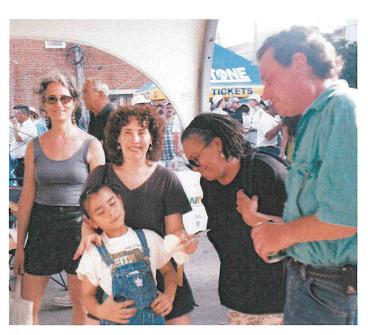
—CHERYL LYNCH, Psychology



Ah, Carolyn . . . They say you were the light and the soul of our world. To me, you were the anchor. A solid rock I could turn to when the waters were turbulent and the questions had no answers. I remember so many chats outside Martin Hall. It was hard when you moved to Griffin and you were so far away. But you were always there, a pool of peace and clarity giving answers and guidance. I always loved doing the preview days and summer advising, because you would be there, smiling, laughing, making the work a joy! I would grumble about it, and then . . . you would laugh and greet me, and I was glad to be there and glad to do my part to help the students. I shall miss you. But you are not really gone. Not when you live so clearly in the hearts of this community. No. Not gone. But so dearly missed.

—VALANNE MACGYVERS, Psychology





With Linda Handlesman, Leah Weiss, Rachel Verret, and Errol Verret

The dean's office is a lot less cool today. I loved running into Carolyn at Festival International de Louisiane. She always found a shady spot for her festival chair at a stage that she figured out would have great bands playing all day long, and it was a pleasure to talk with her outside her office. I guess I've known Carolyn for twenty-two years, since she first became assistant dean, but I can't remember what the college was like before her, and I can't imagine what it will be like without her. It was a great compliment to hear her tell me that she almost never had to revise students' degree plans from the English Department, and I was always happy to know that we weren't causing her extra work because she had so much on her plate, and when I needed her help, I knew she'd solve any problems I had with bureaucracy and forms (most of them, anyway, within reason). But mainly I just enjoyed hanging out in her office shooting the shit.

—JIM MCDONALD, English



I first met Ms. Carolyn when I was an undergraduate student getting advised at freshman orientation (a very long time ago). When I returned to the university to work years later, I was fortunate to work with her and get to know her a bit when she assisted our international students and exchange students with advising. She always had a big smile, a kind heart, and the willingness to help in any way that she could. I will always remember her fondly. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

—MEGAN MILLER, Division of Global Engagement



We are grateful for the gifts that Carolyn shared with the university community and each student who had the honor of meeting her. She has left a remarkable legacy at UL Lafayette.

—B.I. MOODY III COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FACULTY AND STAFF



Carolyn Dural was a very dear friend, mentor, the sunshine of the dean's office, and the brightest spot in my workday. Hearing her laugh and sing made me feel happy. I only had the honor of working with Carolyn for a short time of five and a half years. I admired and respected her strength, warming spirit, knowledge, goodness, and that she always saw the light at the end of the tunnel. I never heard her complain about her health issues; instead she used her energy to work at the office. Carolyn's life and work experiences were outstanding. She received inquiries from staff, faculty, students, and across campus and was eager to assist all. Former COLA students would stop by the office to thank Carolyn for helping them and let her know about their careers. She was so proud of them. Last summer, Carolyn was one of two loved ones young at heart and in age—that I lost because of complication related to COVID-19. The most heartbreaking part for me is being in the office waiting for her to walk in, to return. Even harder is trying to accept the harsh reality that Carolyn will not grace us with her beautiful smile and spirit again in this life. This has been one of the most difficult years ever but I know many, many other people young and mature also lost loved ones. It is hard to accept and understand why dear Carolyn, a treasure to all who knew her, was taken so soon. But she would expect us to live life to the fullest every day that we are blessed to be here.

—Susan R. Moreau, College of Liberal Arts



Carolyn joined the administration in 1998. It was my first year at this university. She was always my go-to person for questions about transfer credits. "Gracious" and "loving" are words that come to mind. She always offered "a cup of cold water" to students and faculty who went to her because she was approachable. She has stored up many blessings in heaven according to Matthew 10:42. I was just one among thousands who counted on her. I miss her.

—JOHN OLLER, former professor, Communicative Disorders



Carolyn was a highly valuable and respected member of the college and the university, and the effects of her passing are being felt by the staff, faculty, and students. I really miss her input, her knowledge and advice she provided me over the years working together. She was an expert in student advising and the university catalog. Faculty and staff contacted her constantly seeking her advice. Carolyn made many great contributions to the university and helped it move forward in numerous ways by serving on various committees and contributing to student organizations. She has so much dedication to her job that she made it a life commitment. Carolyn will be remembered for her laugh, her love for the university, her kindness and sincerity, and her general belief that everyone is good and means well.



With Debbie Olivier

I am thankful for the MANY wonderful years we had together not just as coworkers but as friends. I will always remember our long conversations and the times we just shoot the bull in her office, the walks at Girard Park after work and the times when we taunted each other, which amused a lot of peers when our office was in Martin Hall. She was always so much fun to be around.

The time we went to the Beer Festival was a lot of fun. Carolyn wanted me to taste all the beers, and I would ask if she was trying to get me drunk. She would say no with a grin. But I knew better, the grin was a dead giveaway. She always laughed at my jokes/remarks, although, in my opinion, they were lame. Her laughter always made me feel good inside. Carolyn was a great listener; she was my confidante. There were so many memories, and those memories will be cherished forever.

Carolyn was my most treasured friend. She was my rock, my inspiration, and my strength. I was truly lucky in life that I had found a best friend that I can call a SISTER.

Always on my mind. Forever in my heart.

—DEBBIE OLIVIER, College of Liberal Arts



Debbie Olivier, Tom Schoonover, Carolyn Dural, and Denise Jones



Carolyn was a wonderful friend and confidante. I could always go to her for advice and guidance in my role as the assistant dean in University College. She was always ready to listen to my concerns and give me guidance when I needed it most. She was a rock when I lost my son—when others were not so understanding and sometimes cruel, she was always there to comfort me. I had just returned from vacation when a friend came by and told me of her death. I was devastated. I will miss you forever and will always be grateful for our friendship and your support. My condolences to your family and all your many friends and admirers. Forever I will remember you and love you.

—SUE ANN OZBIRN, University College



Carolyn was always there to greet me (really, everyone!) with a smile. And she was willing to answer any and all of my advising questions with patience and kindness. Our college won't be the same without her.

—JESSICA PEARCE, Sociology



Carolyn was so kind and patient. She was so knowledgeable, and I never regretted reaching out for her help. She always made me feel valued and respected. I miss her very much and will think of her often.

—RICK PERKINS, Psychology



I did not know Carolyn very well, but I did have the good fortune of meeting her during orientation as an undergraduate in music. Through minoring in German (in Liberal Arts), she gave me her business card and encouraged me to contact her with any questions. She was always so gracious and helpful to me, and we would even speak in French. This was a great comfort to me, coming in as an overwhelmed homeschooler. Now, as I'm coming back to UL Lafayette as a faculty member, I would have so enjoyed reconnecting with her. This is just such a terrible loss for our community, and she will be greatly missed!

—NATHAN RABALAIS, Francophone Studies





I so enjoyed Carolyn's sense of humor and her warmth. She was sympathetic when she needed to be and honest when you needed her to be. I can't imagine going into the dean's office without her there. She was maternal to the students and often maternal to the faculty when they needed her to be. She knew how to do anything that needed doing with respect to

university operations, and when she didn't, she surely knew who did. But I will miss her mostly as a colleague and friend. I can't imagine a world without her, honestly. I will sorely miss her.

—DENISE ROGERS, English, director of the Writing Center





Carolyn had such a calm, warm, and loving presence. I was struck by how, after meeting her just once, she remembered my name and made me feel like a friend and equal. She treated everyone with such kindness and respect. Over the years, if my day needed brightening, I could always count on swinging by Carolyn's office for a dose of her warmth. Being in her presence was

to have your spirits lifted. I am fortunate to have known Carolyn and will never forget what a wonderful person she was. Thanks for the countless times you lifted my spirits and brightened my days, Carolyn. You will be missed more than you could have known.

—JESSE SALOOM, Philosophy



Ms. Carolyn was such a light in my life for the twenty-plus years I've been involved with UL Lafayette. As a young, scared, and confused college student, I sought Ms. Carolyn's help to find my way through several college curricula as I changed majors, traveled abroad, and grappled with an unexpected pregnancy. As a graduate student, Ms. Carolyn's support continued as I struggled to be a graduate student and a single mom. Throughout this period, and upon my return as a professor, Carolyn served as both a force and a rock in my life. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have known and loved her.

-EMILY K. SANDOZ, Psychology



Carolyn was always smiling; she always remembered my name, even when I was brand new at UL Lafayette. What a lovely, lovely person. Carolyn, I will miss your beautiful face and will remember your kindness to me for the rest of my life. You were truly an inspiration to me.

—AMI STEARNS, Criminal Justice



I first met Carolyn when I arrived to work at UL Lafayette in 2001 as a faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts. She instantly impressed me as an exceptionally knowledgeable, competent, and friendly person. As the years went on, I came to realize that even my wonderful first impression of her vastly underestimated both how important she was to the functioning of the college, and just how decent and amazing a person she truly was. I know some of the troubled students Carolyn patiently and empathetically helped over the years, [students] who would not have made it through college without her understanding and support. I also know some of the university's mostly highly successful students who she inspired and guided, who would not have achieved the level of leadership they did without Carolyn's mentorship. She was the kindest, sweetest employee at any level that I've met in my almost twenty years at UL Lafayette. She will be dearly missed by everyone and our college and university will never be the same without the positive light of her presence.

—RICK SWANSON, Political Science





I met Carolyn during my frequent visits to the office for SACSCOC [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges] meetings. I would pop my head in to say hello, and she never failed to make me smile. She had a natural knack for making people feel valued, and that is an unfortunately rare trait. She will be missed and will remain well-respected.

—THOMAS TOLLEY, Office of Student Engagement and Leadership



I greatly enjoyed talking to Carolyn Dural at the English Department Holiday Party on multiple occasions. When I asked her about her holiday plans, she mentioned how much she was looking forward to spending time with her family. We will miss her very much.

—JENNIFER VAUGHT, English



I met Carolyn when she was my student in French 201. I was there at the beginning of her distinguished academic career and was privileged to be able to watch her bloom into a capable young woman, indispensable to the workings of my college.

My favorite memory dates from fall graduation in 2001. I always sang for Liberal Arts graduations and was used to the protocol. In 2001, I had had foot surgery and was in a wheelchair, so I couldn't park in a neighboring parish and walk to the right door on my own, as I usually did. My chauffeur/husband wasn't allowed to get close enough to the front door to let me out, and in the days when not everyone had cell phones, communication was difficult. Time to begin the ceremonial procession drew nigh and we were still running around. I don't know how, but Carolyn met us at the front door, got me into the wheelchair and to the right place in time for "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the start of the ceremony. I remember how stressed I was—as we all were—and remember hearing her laugh as we found our places, giggling like two teenagers trying to break into the dorm after curfew! That wonderful laugh!

Professionally she was always there and serious enough to solve problems, but there were many laughs also, and conversations in the coffee lounge always brought smiles. She was a good student and a cherished colleague. She remains one of the best memories of my career at USL/UL Lafayette.

Most of us teachers measure the worth of our lives by the number of lives we have touched, the people we have helped. Carolyn made such a difference in our world. What a beautiful legacy.

-MAY WAGGONER, emeritus, Modern Languages



With Carline Berard



Carolyn was such a fun person. Every time I saw her, she had a big smile on her face. She is missed. Thoughts and prayers to her family, as well as her university family.

—SUZANNE WARD, Accounting



Carolyn was a welcoming presence for anyone lucky enough to meet her. She was a blessing. I will miss her.

—CHRISTINE WEILL, Communicative Disorders





I have waited some time before adding my thoughts to this [collection]. It takes some time to process that Carolyn has died. I have never known a more positive, thoughtful, and engaging person. Her laugh, her smile, her powerful personality, and amazing fund of knowledge has been an asset to the university and a treasure for all who

knew her. There is now a hole in the fabric of the UL Lafayette that will never be filled. But in your honor, dear Carolyn, I will think of you, I will smile, and I will laugh.

—DAVID YARBROUGH, Child and Family Studies

## Students



With Kim Meaux Arguelles

Ms. Carolyn was the first person I met on campus. I had to meet with her in Martin Hall to figure out what classes I was going to take for the fall 2014 semester. I was fifteen minutes early for my appointment, and I was nervous. When she came out of her office, she looked at me and said, "You are early." I told her the early bird gets the worm. She giggled and said, "Get in here, kid." We discussed the classes I was going to take, and I admitted to her that I was so nervous about the upcoming semester. I told her I was a single mom and struggled greatly, balancing being a parent and a full-time student. She said, "Kid, I am going to give you some advice. Surround yourself with people who want to succeed and who are goal-oriented like you. Having that support system will lessen the struggle." I took her advice. Before I left the office that day, I secured myself a student worker position in the dean's office.

It was the first day of the fall semester. After class, I went to the dean's office for my first day of work. Ms. Carolyn walked into the office shortly after I arrived. Ms. Debbie introduced me as the new student worker. Ms. Carolyn giggled and told me, "You are a smart kid."

From that point on, I heard Ms. Carolyn giggle thousands of times.

It is one of those types of giggles that made you want to laugh along. She had the best sense of humor and always looked on the bright side of things. She was a marvelous storyteller and would often captivate me with tales of her adventures. She was kind and generous with her time. She always gave sound advice and always told the truth. She had an abundance of compassion, wisdom, grace, resilience, humbleness,



courageousness, and a profound ability to connect with others. She handled anything that was thrown her way with confidence and professionalism. If a student came into the dean's office in distress, Ms. Carolyn would come out of her office before we could find the cause of distress, take the student into her office, and when that student emerged, they would have the biggest smile on their face. I've seen this happen hundreds of times. She loved her work and wanted every student to succeed.

At the end of the spring 2017 semester, I graduated, and my time working in the dean's office came to an end. I vividly remember my last day. I popped my head into Ms. Carolyn's office and told her I was leaving. She came out and walked me to the office door. I started to cry. I told her, "I do not want to go." Ms. Carolyn told me, "Kid, I would like more than anything to keep you here, but you still have more to accomplish. Don't worry; the dean's office will always be here if you need it." I hugged her tightly and thanked her for being there for me. She giggled and told me it was her pleasure. So, there I was being sent off from the University of Louisiana by the same person who welcomed me two and a half years ago. I was leaving the university a different person than when I first arrived on campus. Because of her, I now believed that I could accomplish anything, and nothing could stop me from succeeding. When I opened that glass door to leave Griffin Hall, I turned and looked at the dean's office one last time. Ms. Carolyn was still there, holding that door open. We both waved as I left the building. That moment felt like the momma bird was pushing the baby chick out of the nest to fly.

Ms. Carolyn was my mentor. She loved me and always shined a bright light on my abilities. She would often tell me that I am smart and can achieve anything I set my mind to do. I will forever walk through life with Ms. Carolyn in my heart. I love you, Ms. Carolyn, until we meet again.

—KIM MEAUX ARGUELLES, student worker, College of Liberal Arts



Ms. Carolyn was certainly the "Light of the College of Liberal Arts and Soul of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette." I remember meeting her twice, without any appointments, just dropping in at her office to discuss few problems, and remember sitting there for more than an hour. She was never in a hurry. Always available. There was this calmness about her . . . the way she talked, smiled—so motherly, so kind, and so loving. I can still see her walking in and out of Griffin at lunchtime. Rest in peace, sweet Ms. Carolyn. You will be so missed.

-FARYAL ATIF, English







With Katie Bercegeay



When I first transferred to UL Lafayette, I had to meet with Carolyn to discuss things I needed to know, look at what classes had transferred, etc. I was wary about it. A new university, new people, important people already reviewing my entire academic career. Anyone who has met me knows that I am regularly a bundle of anxiety. I only had the one meeting with Carolyn, but her kindness and warmth never left me. I remember that anxiety dissolving almost immediately once we began talking.

That one meeting was a small moment in countless other moments during my time at the university, but in that exact moment she provided me with assurance, kindness, and hope that I could succeed at something that I wasn't exactly sure I was good enough for. I count myself immeasurably lucky that I found myself sitting across from her that day. When I look back at the beginning of my education, she was there during my first steps, and when I look back at the end of (both!) my degrees from UL Lafayette, she was there as well. Our university was better for having someone as compassionate and insightful as Carolyn, and this is a loss too great to put into words.

I hope our words can provide some measure of peace to her family and friends in this trying time.

—COURTNEY BODIN, English

Thank you so much for all your support over my years at UL Lafayette. You helped set me on the right track for both of my degrees and for much of my life. To get to meet you and learn from you was a gift I can never truly repay. Rest in peace, Ms. Carolyn.

-DAN BOUDREAUX, Political Science, Journalism



One of the most helpful people I met in the Liberal Arts administration. She patiently answered all the questions this frustrated, frazzled undergrad had. UL Lafayette is a lesser place without her.

—SCOTT C. BROUSSARD, English



This is one of those losses that will rumble and draw us in for years



to come. Ms. Dural was such a light. She made me feel smart and inspired just by sharing space with me. Ms. Dural and I worked closely together in different capacities throughout my time at UL Lafayette. As a university tour guide and an orientation leader, I got the chance to watch her usher in new students and share her passion for the humanities. After a few times watching her and Dean Barry glide across that stage, my attention shifted away from her and onto the students. It was their first time being told they could ask the questions they wanted to ask. It was more than just growing

up; it was the expansion of hearts and minds in real time. Later, I co-taught freshman seminar with her. This was such a blessing. She was everything you wanted in a teacher. Kind and gentle, inquisitive, reflective, demanding. Students loved her and she was a model for me in how to be with people who want to learn. Even more, she was a model for how to be. Rest easy, Carolyn.

—TYLER P. CHOATE, Communicative Disorders



With Lisa Richardson



I had not heard about Ms. Carolyn's passing. What a tragedy. We are spoiled rotten having had someone like her in our lives, what a fantastic human Carolyn was. Thankfully, she will live on through the way she impacted us and many, many others. My favorite memory would have to be one time when I was on the phone with Carolyn when she was in the hospital, and in great detail we planned how I'd break her out of there and bring her back to the office to get back to work. That story is so reflective of the dedication she had for her job. I will play some of that funky African tribal music Carolyn used to play in her honor.

—CHRISTOPHER L COOPER, Economics, student worker, College of Liberal Arts and the Blanco Public Policy Center



When I got to UL Lafayette in 2015, she was the first adviser to help me schedule my classes during the summertime. Fast forward to my senior year: I need to schedule four classes during the summer session to graduate. She told me it was going to be hard, I told her I was going to pass every class. That semester I did the best I ever did. Such a kind and sweet woman. RIP Mrs. Dural and thank you for everything you did for me.

—ALFRED FELIX, Criminal Justice

When I was going into my last semester as a senior in Communications, I had some mix-ups with credits and some duplicate classes that my adviser never caught. I went from only needing twelve hours to needing twenty-one hours to graduate on time.

Mrs. Carolyn took me by the hand and truly helped me out. She helped me to figure out a new minor to switch to with the pre-reqs that I already earned. She took it upon herself to make calls and figure out a schedule where I wouldn't be overloaded while also working and doing an internship.

She really helped me out and I'm sure many other students as well.

—CODY GROCE, Organization Communications



Going back to school after twelve years away is never an easy thing. I was frightened, scared this wasn't my place to get an education anymore. Dean Dural showed me differently. She was warm, inviting, and so very open. Even months later, she stopped me to ask how my studies were going. I would not be where I am without Dean Dural. Rest well, Dean Dural, you changed lives.

—BRIANNE HENDRICKS, Communication, Journalism





With Rachel Verret



With Andre Alviso



With Leah Weiss and Rachel Verret



With Amelia Powell, Christine Balfa, and Peter Schwarz





With Rachel Verret



I went through some really tough times in undergrad and ended up having to withdraw from the university. Ms. Carolyn helped me with the official process so I didn't just flunk out. When I got myself together to start fresh in the next semester, I learned I'd missed the deadline for advising and couldn't schedule my classes because of the advising hold. I was always shy about asking for help and honestly embarrassed about my situation, but Ms. Carolyn had always been so nice and helpful. I went to her, and she took care of it for me. She also gave me some much-needed encouragement and advice. She was always willing to listen to us students and helped so many of us when she really didn't need to. I'll always remember her kindness and support. She will be missed.

—CONSTANCE MILTON, Political Science

I wanted to write to express my sympathy about Ms. Carolyn's death. I know you will hear from many people in the coming days who will all have kind words and reminiscences about her, and I wanted to add my voice to the chorus of appreciation.

In 2003, after a number of starts and stops to my undergraduate career, I decided to return to the university. I made an appointment to see Ms. Carolyn. She patiently waded through years and years of disappointing transcripts and found spots for every single class I had successfully completed. I didn't lose a single credit hour, though I was changing majors.

I know she had seen a lot of dropouts try to drop back in during her time, but she kept reminding me throughout the meeting that I was further along in my path toward a degree than I realized. She gave me confidence that this time, dropping back in would be different.

She was patient, thoughtful, and funny. She was exactly who I needed her to be at that moment—and I know there are probably hundreds of other students, and now graduates, who could say the same. Our university needs more Carolyn Durals.

—JAMES SAVAGE, Communications and Marketing





With Sonny Landreth

I spent one and a half years working across from Ms. Carolyn's office and enjoyed every second of it. She was my favorite kind of person—a true rascal. I remember cold Lafayette mornings when she would walk into the office, all bundled up in scarves and her signature sunglasses. She would take off the layers to expose her long, beautiful silver locks and would hop into whatever work was present that morning. She helped students when it wasn't necessary, including myself. Ms. Carolyn was the one who told me that



I could actually graduate early and answered any questions about coursework that I threw at her. She would often bring treats for us student workers and always smiled at us. She muttered Cajun French while racking the copier and poked her tongue out slightly, focusing her concentration. Carolyn Dural is the kind of person that when you met her, you could feel the wisdom radiate off of her. She was one of a kind, and I'll never meet a woman like her again. She really was too good for this world. Rest in power, Ms. Carolyn.

—MONET BRIGNAC SULLIVAN, student worker, College of Liberal Arts



Dean Dural was so kind and really did know everything. At orientation, I met with an adviser and tried to get transfer credits for my International Baccalaureate Diploma. The adviser was not familiar with IB and couldn't give me anything. I was devastated. When I met with Ms. Carolyn to declare a major the next semester, she saw that I could receive eighteen transfer credits from IB. Eighteen transfer credits! She gave them to me, and it changed my whole academic career for the better. May her memory be a blessing. Rest in power, Ms. Carolyn.

—CHARLIESE WEST, Sociology and Communication

## Other Remembrances

Carolyn was a friend; an esteemed colleague for many years at Festival International de Louisiane and the Summer Cultural Arts Series; my cheerleader when I returned to UL Lafayette to study French; and an occasional dance partner in zydeco clubs we went to "back in the day." Carolyn elevated everyone around her. I am a better person for knowing her and will always smile when I think of her. *Belle âme, merci Carolyn*.

---MEGAN BARRA







Carolyn was so very kind and caring. Her smile and gentle demeanor spread happiness to all who came into the office. She cared about the students most of all. She will be missed.

-MARIBEL DIETZ, Friend of the College of Liberal Arts

She was a gem, our Carolyn, such a beautiful spirit with a heart of gold. She had smarts and insight, for sure, but she also had a cool presence of calm that made her so approachable and down to earth. She just had a way of pointing out the obvious with wit and humor and the kind of laugh that made everything better. I met her through Beth Verret during



With Sonny Landreth

their tenure at the International Fest office, which, in my opinion, transformed the festival into a truly world-class event. It was great to see how they interacted with each other, both behind the scenes and away from the office. Like sisters and close friends rolled into one, they were deeply connected. Though it's hard to believe they are both gone now, it's easy for me to believe they are together. Who knows what grand plans they are cooking up now? Maybe some things written in the stars come from the dreams of angels.

-SONNY LANDRETH





With Warren Zevon, Lisa Richardson, Beth Verret, Billy Ware, and Roger Bell (seated)



With Lisa Richardson

"Caroleeeeen!" I'd shriek whenever she called. Then that sly, smokey voice and smiling laugh on the other end of the line. The minute I walked into the old Festival International office—Beth rocking newborn Rachel with one foot while writing a grant with both hands,

Carolyn peering over her glasses, giving me the once over and saying, "OK, girlie, let's get to work"—I knew I would be fast friends with both these women. I wanted to grow old with them. Carolyn was comfortable with everyone—didn't matter how famous you were or not—and therefore made everyone feel comfortable. She was the best Tantie to all kids in her orbit, including my son Andre. She was always game for a night out or an adventure. So many dances at El Sido's, Hamilton's, Richard's, crazy New Orleans nights. If Carolyn was there, you knew you were in the cool, happening place. She was a brilliant French teacher and beautiful speaker. She translated all the obscure and hard to hear lyrics from scratchy recordings from the UL

Lafayette archive for *La Musique de la Maison*, the Cajun and Creole ballad CD we worked on. Patient, creative, and persistent as always. My favorite, though, was her colorful cussing en français, best ever. I can hear her: *Putain de merde! Mais, quel con, ce mec!* Glad I wasn't on



With Andre Alviso

the receiving end. Sometimes she was infuriatingly private. I knew her but was also aware I didn't know the half of it. It felt like she didn't want to burden people with things like her health issues. It was an honor to be trusted when she let me in. She was beautiful, opinionated, accepting, the ultimate b.s. detector, complicated, fierce, and generous. I loved her. Miss you, my friend.

-LISA RICHARDSON



With Lisa Richardson and Peter Schwarz

I got to know Carolyn when we were both working at Festival International in 1993 and 1994. She and Beth Verret had such contrasting personalities and working styles, but they were so good together. Carolyn kept her cool, stayed on course, and didn't let the festival chaos

get to her. She was an especially effective liaison with our international and French-speaking performers. She helped artists like D'Gary and Rossi feel like they were home and amongst family, and this no doubt inspired the uniquely passionate performances that these legends gave to us in Lafayette. The last time I caught up with her was by chance at Festivals Acadiens just a few years ago. She gave me a warm hug, no different than any other day at the office together, and we picked up just where we'd left off. I really admired her and I can't believe she's gone. Wherever she is now, I bet she's backstage, the music is unimaginably good, and she doesn't have to speak English.

—PETER SCHWARZ



For the price of a few frappés at Borden's, Carolyn gave me inestimable help on my first book, *The Kingdom of Zydeco*. Her warmth was only matched by her sharp, incisive humor. We'd swap stories, which was generous of her, because her stories were always the best ones. And we'd laugh. That's what I remember most. Love to her family, friends, and colleagues. Love to you, Carolyn.



With Michael Tisserand

-MICHAEL TISSERAND



For all those we love for whom tomorrow will not be another day, we send the sweet prayer of resting in peace.

from *The Wind Done Gone*ALICE RANDALL

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

#### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

#### **April 21, 2022**

Item H.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of nine naming requests.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Gate A at Cajun Field - "David & Karen Daniel Family Gate A"

David Daniel was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on a football scholarship and graduated in 1978 with a degree in business marketing. David started in the investment business with E.F. Hutton in 1987 and later began Summit Financial in 2003 within Legg Mason Wood Walker. David is married to Karen Daniel. His first gift to UL Lafayette was in 1985 to the B.I. Moody III College of Business alumni chapter and today he supports athletics. David and Karen have pledged \$500,000 for a philanthropic naming in perpetuity to benefit the capital renovation project at Cajun Field.

#### Parking Lot B at Cajun Field - "Blake & Jenny Bourque Parking Lot B"

Blake Bourque graduated from UL Lafayette in 2005. He is a former football athlete, having played as running back from 1999-2002. Blake is founder, lead coach, and consultant for Core Academy, which is the first sales and leadership training academy dedicated to serving only diagnostic lab and medical sales professionals. Jenny Patout Bourque is the daughter of Gulf Coast Bank President/CEO Paul Patout. While this is the Bourques' first gift to the University, Gulf Coast Bank and the Patout family are long-time supporters of Ragin' Cajuns athletics. As partners in the RCAF Capital Campaign for the Cajun Field renovation project, Blake and Jenny Bourque have pledged \$100,000 for a philanthropic naming in perpetuity.

#### Parking Lot D at Cajun Field - "Terry J. Delhomme Lot D"

Terry J. Delhomme is a 1980 alumnus of UL Lafayette, graduating from the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration with a degree in accounting. His long-time support of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette includes an endowed scholarship, *Delhomme, LeBlanc & Associates, LLC First Generation Scholarship in Accounting*, to assist first-generation students majoring in accounting. He participated in matching programs, including the Louisiana Board of Regents scholarship matching program in order to provide a generous endowment for the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration. As a partner in the Cajun Field capital renovation project and an avid athletics fan, Terry has pledged \$100,000 for a philanthropic naming for the useful life of the facility.

# Ragin' Cajuns Athletic Foundation (RCAF) Office Suite - "Noah G. Brandon RCAF Office Suite"

Noah G. Brandon is the CEO of Unitech Training Academy and an alumnus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette graduating from the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration in 2008 with a degree in management. While a student at UL Lafayette, Noah was active in Pi Kappa Alpha. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette played an integral role in Noah's development as a young man. Noah stated: "As I progress in my career and life, a cornerstone of my belief system will always be to give back and support the people and organizations that have played a role in my success. I am proud to be able to support the endeavors of the Ragin' Cajuns Athletic Department as it grows into prominence." A recent graduate of the Leadership Institute of Acadiana's Leadership Lafayette Class 34, Noah also serves on the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters Acadiana and the Louisiana Association of Private Sector Colleges. As a partner in the RCAF Capital Campaign for the renovation project at Cajun Field, Noah has pledged \$100,000 for a philanthropic naming for the useful life of the facility.

#### "Victory Bell Tower" (with McDonald's logo and name below) at Cajun Field

E.J. Krampe III is President and CEO of MacLaff, which operates 45 McDonald locations in south Louisiana and was started by his father, Ed Krampe. The Krampes and MacLaff, Inc. are long-time, loyal supporters of Louisiana Athletics. Together with the University, they share a common goal in creating opportunity, health, and well-being for those who call the Lafayette and Acadiana-area community home. The Krampes and MacLaff, Inc. are Distinguished Donors of the University and their continued generosity and support ensure high-quality programs for student-athletes. MacLaff, Inc. joins fellow donors as partners in support of the Cajun Field renovation project, pledging \$1,000,000 for a philanthropic naming of the Victory Bell Tower in Cajun Field's south end zone for 10 years.

# Cajun Field's west concourse for First Horizon Bank, and its athletics administrative offices - "First Horizon Athletics Administration Offices."

First Horizon is a lead donor to the Cajun Field renovation project. Their support brings the University closer to a consistent national prominence as a Division 1 athletics program. Their partnership helps promote a culture of excellence for student-athletes and coaches and bolsters the University's reputation, in turn, enhancing student enrollment efforts for the University and economic growth and stability for the Lafayette community and broader State of Louisiana. First Horizon is an employer of UL Lafayette students, interns, and many alumni. First Horizon serves as official sponsor of Louisiana Athletics through a partnership with Ragin' Cajuns Sports Properties. Involvement and partnership of employees and board members – like Bill Fenstermaker, former UL Lafayette Foundation Board Chair and current First Horizon board member; Jerry Vascocu, Ragin' Cajuns Athletic Foundation (RCAF) Board of Directors; and Jerry Prejean, previous RCAF board member – unite both organizations in a shared mission investing in and supporting the future of education, workforce, and economic development. As leaders in the RCAF Capital Campaign for the Cajun Field renovation project, First Horizon has pledged \$2,000,000 for a philanthropic naming for a period of 10 years.

## Club Level at Cajun Field - "McElligott Club at Cajun Field"

UL Foundation Board Trustee Bill McElligott is Secretary and Treasurer of Macro Companies, a versatile fuel and transportation provider and one of the largest emergency fuel suppliers in the U.S. Macro Companies was founded in 1929 and is in its third generation as a family-owned business. They are generous supporters of both the University and Louisiana Athletics, having previously supported a philanthropic naming opportunity for the H.O. Roy Room, Ragin' Cajuns Store at Russo Park Stadium in memory of Col. O. Roy. More recently the McElligott family, through Macro Companies, made a \$1,000,000 gift to support the new Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration. Macro Companies has pledged \$3,000,000 for a philanthropic naming to benefit the Cajun Field capital renovation project. The naming term will be for the useful life of the facility.

### The Soccer and Track Facility - "Home Bank Soccer and Track Facility"

Home Bank has been a loyal supporter and long-time donor of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in academics and athletics. Current CEO of Home Bank, John Bordelon, is an alumnus of the University, former football student-athlete, and life-long Ragin' Cajun. He helped to establish the Ragin' Cajuns Athletics Foundation (RCAF) and is a former board chairman. He was also Alumni Association president and more recently honored as Outstanding Alumni. Home Bank was chartered in 1908 as Home Building and Loan, Home Bank, N.A. and is the oldest financial institution in Lafayette Parish. Home Bank has expanded to serve much of the southern markets in South Louisiana and Western Mississippi. Home Bank has been a contributor to the University and Louisiana Athletics for over three decades. Home Bank has pledged \$1,000,000 for a philanthropic naming for a period of 10 years to benefit the capital renovation project at Cajun Field.

# The Assistant Coaches' Office (Recruiting Staff) at the Donald & Janice Mosing Student Athlete Performance Center - "Donated by Louis Hebert, in loving memory of Donna T. Auzenne"

Louis Hebert wishes to memorialize his wife, Donna T. Auzenne, who graduated in Petroleum Engineering in 1981. She passed away suddenly in July 2020. Mrs. Auzenne was the first African American female to graduate in petroleum engineering from UL Lafayette. Throughout her career in petroleum engineering, Donna inspired and mentored countless women in her industry. Through her involvement in the community, she hoped to cultivate a new outlook for women in STEM careers. Previously, Louis supported UL Lafayette with the establishment of the *Donna T. Auzenne Endowed Memorial Fund for the Society of Women Engineers*. Mr. Hebert and Mrs. Auzenne are long-time and generous supporters of Louisiana Athletics. Louis Hebert has pledged \$50,000 for a philanthropic naming opportunity benefitting the Cajun Field capital renovation project for the useful life of the facility.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's nine naming requests as follows:

- (a) Gate A at Cajun Field, "David & Karen Daniel Family Gate A"
- (b) Parking Lot B at Cajun Field, "Blake & Jenny Bourque Parking Lot B"
- (c) Parking Lot D at Cajun Field, "Terry J. Delhomme Lot D"
- (d) Ragin' Cajuns Athletic Foundation (RCAF) Office Suite, "Noah G. Brandon RCAF Office Suite"
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Université des Acadiens

March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

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Please place this item on the agenda for consideration at the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

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President

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Dear Dr. Henderson:

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Noah Brandon is CEO of Unitech Training Academy and 2008 B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration alumnus. The University played an integral role in Noah's development and he expressed his believe in giving back to the people and organizations who have played a role in his success. Mr. Brandon has pledged \$100,000 to name the RCAF Office Suite for the useful life of the facility, benefitting the Cajun Field renovation project.

Please place this item on the agenda for consideration at the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

E. Joseph Savoie

President

Université des Acadiens

March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

The University submits for the Board's approval a request to name the Victory Bell Tower at Cajun Field for MacLaff, Inc.

E.J. Krampe III is president and CEO of MacLaff, Inc. which operates 45 McDonald locations in and around south Louisiana. The Krampe Family and MacLaff, Inc. are loyal, longstanding supporters of the University and share in a vision of opportunity, health, and well-being for those in the Acadiana community. MacLaff, Inc. has pledged \$1,000,000 for a 10-year naming opportunity of the Victory Bell Tower in Cajun Field's south end zone, ultimately benefitting the Cajun Field renovation project.

Please place this item on the agenda for consideration at the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

E. Joseph Savoie President

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Université des Acadiens

March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

The University submits for the Board's approval a request to name Cajun Field's west concourse for First Horizon Bank and its athletics administrative offices: *First Horizon Athletics Administration Offices*.

First Horizon is a lead donor to the Cajun Field renovation project. They are an employer of UL Lafayette students, interns, and many alumni. UL Lafayette and First Horizon are united in a shared mission investing in and supporting the future of education, workforce, and economic development. The commitment and partnership of First Horizon is evident through the involvement of employees and board members across the organization. First Horizon's pledge of \$2,000,000 is for a naming opportunity for 10 years of both the West Concourse at Cajun Field and the Athletics Administration Offices. Their support benefits the Cajun Field renovation project.

Please place this item on the agenda for consideration at the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

E. Joseph Savoie

President

Université des Acadiens

March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

The University submits for the Board's approval a request to name the Club Level at Cajun Field the *McElligott Club at Cajun Field*.

Bill McElligott is the secretary and treasurer of Macro Companies, his family-owned business founded in 1929. McElligott and Macro Companies are both supporters of the University and Louisiana Athletics. Previously they established a naming opportunity for the H.O. Roy Room at Russo Park and more recently made a \$1,000,000 gift to support the new Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration. Macro Companies has pledged \$3,000,000 for a naming opportunity of the Club Level at Cajun Field for the useful life of the facility, benefitting the Cajun Field renovation project.

Please place this item on the agenda for consideration at the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

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E. Joseph Savoie

President

Sincerely,

Université des Acadiens

March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

The University submits for the Board's approval a request to name the Soccer and Track Facility the *Home Bank Soccer and Track Facility*.

Home Bank has been a contributor to Louisiana Athletics for over three decades. Their current CEO, John Bordelon, is an alumnus of the University, former football student-athlete, and lifelong Ragin' Cajun. He helped to establish the Ragin' Cajuns Athletic Foundation, is former board chairman, and was recently honored by the UL Lafayette Alumni Association as Outstanding Alumni. Home Bank has pledged \$1,000,000 for a naming opportunity of the Soccer and Track Facility for a period of 10 years. Their gift is in support of the Cajun Field renovation project.

Please place this item on the agenda for consideration at the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

E. Joseph Savoie

President

Université des Acadiens

March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

The University submits for the Board's approval a request to name the Assistant Coaches Office (recruiting staff) at the Donald and Janice Mosing Student-Athlete Performance Center in memory of Donna Auzenne: *Donated by Louis Hebert, in loving memory of Donna T. Auzenne.* 

Louis Hebert and his late wife Donna have been generous supporters of Louisiana Athletics. Louis' gift in support of the Cajun Field renovation project is made in memory of his late wife. Donna graduated in Petroleum Engineering in 1981 and was the first African American female to graduate in petroleum engineering at UL Lafayette. He has pledged \$50,000 for a naming opportunity of the Assistant Coaches Office (Recruiting Staff) at the Mosing Student-Athlete Performance Center for the useful life of the facility. His support benefits the Cajun Field renovation project.

Please place this item on the agenda for consideration at the April 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

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E. Joseph Savoie President

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

### **FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **April 21, 2022**

**Item H.6.** University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to accept donation of the synthetic field turf, installed on the ULM Baseball field surface, from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

University of Louisiana at Monroe is requesting Board approval to accept the donation of the synthetic field turf, installed on the ULM Baseball field surface, from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc. The turf is the main playing surface at Warhawk Field located at 322 Warhawk Way. In 2021, University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc. managed and facilitated the installation of the new synthetic turf. The turf was provided through a contribution from the Convention and Visitors Center Bureau and private donations, and the University will incur no debt based on this donation. The turf is valued at approximately \$1,300,000.

A copy of the survey and location of Warhawk Field is attached. Also, a copy of the State of Louisiana Act of Donation form between ULM and University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc. is attached.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to accept donation of the synthetic field turf, installed on the ULM Baseball field surface, from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to sign any and all documents related to the donation.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.
- **AND FURTHER**, that University of Louisiana at Monroe will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.



### Office of the President

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March 31, 2022

Dr. James B. Henderson, President University of Louisiana System 1201 Third Street, 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Henderson:

I respectfully request approval to accept donation of the synthetic field turf, installed on the ULM Baseball field surface, from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Berry, D.B.A.

President

### STATE OF LOUISIANA

### PARISH OF OUACHITA

### **ACT OF DONATION**

**BE IT KNOWN**, that on the dates hereinafter set forth, before the undersigned Notaries Public, duly commissioned in and for their respective States and Parishes hereinafter named, and in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, personally came and appeared:

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MONROE FACILITIES, INC., a Louisiana non-profit corporation domiciled in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, whose mailing address is 700 University Avenue, Library Suite 623, Monroe, LA 71209-2000, herein represented by Dan W. Robertson, duly authorized pursuant to resolution of its board attached hereto, hereinafter referred to as "Grantor",

who declared and acknowledged that in conjunction with its role as a support organization for University of Louisiana at Monroe, Grantor does hereby irrevocably give, grant, alienate, confirm and donate, inter vivos, in full ownership, unto:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM, a public constitutional corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana, whose mailing address is 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, acting herein on behalf of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, which Board is represented herein by Dr. Ronald L. Berry, University of Louisiana at Monroe President, hereinafter referred to as "Grantee"

the synthetic field turf installed on the ULM Baseball field surface in 2021, on the University of Louisiana at Monroe campus located at 322 Warhawk Way, in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, described to wit:

### See Exhibit "A" attached hereto

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above-described property unto said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever.

AND NOW, hereby personally appears Dr. Ronald L. Berry, in his capacity as President of University of Louisiana at Monroe, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, who, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses and Notary accepts the said donation made unto the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System aforesaid and acknowledges due delivery and possession of the above-described property so donated to it.

	<b>ED</b> in the presence of the undersigned competent and attesting gether with the said parties, and me, Notary, on this
WITNESSES:	GRANTOR UNIVERISTY OF LOUISIANA MONROE FACILITIES, INC.
Printed Name:	By: Dan W. Robertson, President
Printed Name:	
P:	Notary Public rinted Name: Charles Herold Notary ID No.: 16329
Co	ommission Expires: At Death

### STATE OF LOUISIANA

### PARISH OF OUACHITA

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WITNESSES:		GRANTEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
Printed Name:		By: Dr. Ronald L. Berry, President University of Louisiana at Monroe
Printed Name:		
-	Notary I	
	Printed Name: C	harles Herold

Printed Name: Charles Herold Notary ID No.: 16329 Commission Expires: At Death

# CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MONROE FACILITIES, INC.

BE IT KNOWN, that on this day of, 2022, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified to act as such personally came and appeared, University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc., a Louisiana non-profit corporation, who stated the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by a specially called and legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation held on March 22, 2022.
<b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> that Dan W. Robertson, President, is hereby authorized and empowered for and on behalf of this corporation to donate the movable property (synthetic field turf on ULM Baseball Field) described on Exhibit "A" located in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.
<b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that Dan W. Robertson, President, is hereby fully authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents, containing such terms and conditions as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.
As Secretary of this corporation, the undersigned does hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution mentioned and passed in the preamble to this instrument and that said resolution has not been canceled or rescinded.
WITNESS my hand, as the Official Act of this Corporation on this day of, 2022.
Secretary Printed Name: Wynn Lawrence
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, Notary Public, on this day of, 2022.
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Notary Public
Printed Name: Charles Herold
Notary ID No.: 16329
Commission Expires: At Death



## LEGEND

EXISTING FINISHED GRADE SPOT ELEVATION

EXISTING FINISHED GRADE TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOUR

CONCRETE PAVED SURFACE

STONE SURFACE MANHOLE

WATER METER

WATER VALVE

FIRE HYDRANT SURVEY CONTROL POINT

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**GUY WIRE** CHAIN-LINK FENCE

COMMUNICATION LINE

UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC OVERHEAD ELECTRIC

# VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL DATUMS

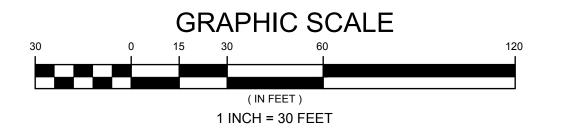
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### SURVEY NOTE:

SURVEY PERFORMED FOR TOPOGRAPHIC AND MAPPING PURPOSES ONLY AND NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ESTABLISH ANY PROPERTY LINES AS PART OF THE SURVEY.

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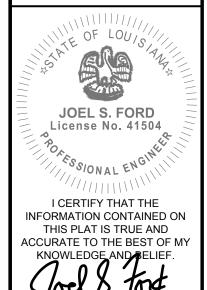


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# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

### FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

### **April 21, 2022**

**Item H.7. University of New Orleans'** request for approval to name the limited area of green space and adjacent patio under the front entrance of the Earl K. Long Library the "Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio."

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The University is requesting approval to name the limited area of green space and adjacent patio under the front entrance of the Earl K. Long Library the "Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio." This naming is requested in memory of the late Virginia Rosanne Amato and in recognition of the significant economic, financial, and charitable contributions of John and Virginia Amato to the State of Louisiana, the City of New Orleans, and the University of New Orleans.

Following the untimely passing of their daughter Virginia, John and Virginia established the Virginia Rosanne Amato Memorial Scholarship in her memory at the University. The scholarship is offered in honor and remembrance of Virginia Rosanne Amato, who died in an accident while studying abroad in 1996 at the age of 20.

The Virginia Rosanne Amato Memorial Scholarship is available to female students registered at UNO who have completed at least one year of college. The scholarship is intended to acknowledge hard work, ambition, and motivation on the part of the recipient, not simply academic success. The scholarship provides in-state tuition, fees, and a book stipend at UNO to the recipient for the number of full-time semesters remaining until scheduled graduation. This scholarship is advertised in the Spring and awarded in the Fall.

Mrs. Amato explains, "Virginia's life was of the finest quality, and we are proud to be her parents. Her presence impacted many people. Now we would like to honor her memory by using resources available in her Foundation, which was established at the time of her death, to provide a positive impact in others' lives. Virginia was extremely focused and self-driven; she was adventurous and strong, overcoming personal fears to achieve the goals that she had set for herself. We want to extend the Virginia Rosanne Amato Memorial Scholarship to other women with those qualities of motivation, ambition and fortitude."

In July 2021, the Virginia Rosanne Amato Foundation expanded its support of scholarships by creating the James Russell Theriot Scholarship in Science available to a male student registered at UNO majoring in science. The scholarship provides in-state tuition, fees, and a book stipend at UNO to the recipient for the number of full-time semesters remaining until scheduled graduation.

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John G. Amato is an attorney and the former general counsel for Freeport McMoran Inc. and Virginia is Secretary and Treasurer of The Virginia Rosanne Amato Foundation. Over the years, Mr. Amato's philanthropy and volunteer efforts have extended to many organizations in the community including American Italian Renaissance Foundation (Treasurer), Junior Achievement of Greater New Orleans Education Foundation (Director), Touro Infirmary, Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge, Loyola University, Tulane University, Jesuit High School, Louisiana Bar Association, and United Way of Greater New Orleans.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval to name the limited area of green space and adjacent patio under the front entrance of the Earl K. Long Library the "Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio."



March 30, 2022

James B. Henderson, PhD President University of Louisiana System 1201 North Third Street Suite 7-300 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio

Dear Dr. Henderson:

On behalf of the University of New Orleans, I am requesting that the attached proposal for dedication of a limited green space on the University of New Orleans campus as *the Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio* be submitted to the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors for its consideration and approval.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions regarding this matter. You may reach me via email at jnicklow@uno.edu.

Sincerely,

John W. Nicklow, PhD

President

To: University of Louisiana System President James B. Henderson and members of the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors

Date: March 29, 2022

Re: Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio

### 1. Summary

The University of New Orleans requests that the limited area of green space and adjacent patio under the front entrance of the Earl K. Long Library be dedicated as the Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio in memory of the late Virginia Rosanne Amato and in recognition of the significant economic, financial and charitable contributions of John and Virginia Amato to the State of Louisiana, the City of New Orleans and The University of New Orleans ("University"). Following the untimely passing of their daughter Virginia, John and Virginia established the Virginia Rosanne Amato Memorial Scholarship in her memory at the University. The scholarship is offered in honor and remembrance of Virginia Rosanne Amato, who died in an accident while studying abroad in 1996 at the age of 20.

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of Greater New Orleans Education Foundation (Director), Touro Infirmary, Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge, Loyola University, Tulane University, Jesuit High School, Louisiana Bar Association, and United Way of Greater New Orleans.

### 2. Budget Note

Not applicable. The cost of any plaques or other expense related to the naming will be paid for with non-state funds.

### 3. Related Documents

This proposal is in compliance with University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors: C-VI Facilities Planning