



Item: CG: A-1

## COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

**SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS**

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### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend that the BoT approves naming of the Head Athletic Trainers Office within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence the "Kelli and Richard Staller – Head Athletic Trainers Office".

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Donation:**

Kelli and Richard Staller are donating One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for a recognition opportunity by naming the Head Athletic Trainers Office within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

**Gift Purpose:**

The gift will be used to assist with the planning, financing, constructing, equipping and administering of the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence. In its continued pursuit of excellence, Florida Atlantic University is constructing this complex at the heart of its Boca Raton campus to allow student-athletes to excel in the classroom and on the field, as well as to benefit students in all academic programs.

This initiative exemplifies FAU's drive to enhance its stature and visibility nationally and internationally.

The Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence will play a central role to elevate FAU's academic standing and will benefit students in all academic programs, including those not associated with athletic programs.

**Donor's Background:**

Dr. Richard J. Staller owns Advanced Dentistry South Florida, a state-of-the-art dental practice located in Delray Beach. Dr. Staller is a general and restorative dentist who has been practicing for more than 35 years. Originally from suburban Philadelphia, Dr. Staller now resides in Highland Beach, Florida, with his wife, Kelli Carter Staller '06. At FAU Kelli received a BBA in management and marketing.

Dr. Staller is a Fellow of the Academy for Sports Dentistry. He has served as a team dentist for the U.S. Olympic Team. Dr. Staller is currently the official volunteer team dentist for Florida Atlantic University Athletics. He is also one of the founders of FAU's football program. Dr. Staller earned his undergraduate degree from Villanova University and his DDS, with honors, from the Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. After a year of private practice and service as a staff member at a hospital in Philadelphia, Dr. Staller moved to Florida in 1982. He is on staff at Delray Medical Center and West Boca Medical Center, where he performed the latter hospital's first operating room general dentistry case.

Dr. Staller is a member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. He is also a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, the International Congress of Oral Implantologists, and the International Academy for Sports Dentistry.

Dr. Staller is president of the Florida Study Group (which promotes excellence in the practice of dentistry). He has served as president of the Boca Raton Roundtable and as a member of TAG (Together Against Gangs), a task force studying gang violence. Dr. Staller is a member of the Council of 100 and has also served as a trustee of the Florida Symphonic Pops and as a member of the board of directors for JARC in Boca Raton.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Cost of signage and installation - TBD upon completion of construction of the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Installation of signage: TBD upon completion of construction of the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence

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