



Item: CG: A-1a

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve naming of the Harvey Sandler and Lewis Katz Conference Room within the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Donation:**

Ricky C. Sandler has given to the FAU Foundation \$28,000 over the past two years and \$38,000 cumulatively.

**Gift Purpose:**

The purpose of this Gift is to provide recognition of the Donor's gifts to FAU's annual Phyllis Sandler Heart of Social Work event within FAU's Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work over the past two years. The Donor seeks to honor his late father, Harvey Sandler, through this Gift. Harvey Sandler was a long-standing and strong supporter of FAU and its School of Social Work is named for him. The Donor also seeks to honor Lewis Katz, the late father of his wife, Melissa Katz Sandler, through this Gift.

**Donor's Background:**

Ricky C. Sandler is the founder, chief executive officer, and chief investment officer for Eminence Capital, LLC, an asset management firm that was established in 1999. Recently, Mr. Sandler established the Ricky C. Sandler Family Foundation. Mr. Sandler has also served as a member of the board of directors for the University of Wisconsin Foundation.

Mr. Sandler is married to Melissa Katz. Mr. Sandler has three adult children from a previous marriage: sons, Justin Sandler (23), Jake Sandler (21), and, daughter, Jordyn M. Sandler (18).

Mr. and Mrs. Sandler reside in New York, NY.

**Honorees:**

**Harvey E. Sandler**

Harvey E. Sandler (1942-2020) was a hedge fund manager. Among his clients were media companies and media executives looking to diversify their portfolios. Mr. Sandler's three areas of interest were wireless telecommunications, entertainment content, and cable TV.

Mr. Sandler founded the firm Sandler Capital Management in 1980. He was the managing director and chief investment officer for the company. Prior to Sandler Capital Management, Mr. Sandler served as vice president in the Communications Industries Group from 1970 to 1979 and as a media analyst for Goldman Sachs & Co. in 1966.

In 1993, Sandler established the Harvey and Phyllis Sandler Foundation, Inc., a family foundation, which supports healthcare, higher education, and religious organizations

The Sandlers were active philanthropists in the local community; the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work was named for them at Florida Atlantic University.

**Lewis A. Katz**

Lewis A. Katz (1942-2014) was a lawyer, businessman, and philanthropist. He was born in New Jersey. Mr. Katz practice law and then became an owner and CEO of Kinney System Holding Corporation which, at the time, was the largest parking company in New York City that also had locations in south Florida. The company was acquired by Central Parking Corporation in 1998. In 2000, Katz invested in two sports organizations – the New Jersey Nets and the New Jersey Devils – until 2003 when the Nets and the Devils were sold. In 2002, while he owned the teams, Katz played a role in a television merger between the New York Yankees and the New Jersey Nets that created the regional Yankees Entertainment and Sports Network (YES Network). In 2012, News Corporation acquired almost half of the YES Network, which broadcasted the New York Yankees games. Katz was co-owner of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

In 1994, Katz established the Katz Foundation, a family foundation, that primarily supports higher and other education, health organizations, children, youth, and social services.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Cost of signage and installation - TBD

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Installation of signage: TBD

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