



Item: CG: A-1a

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE, 2, 2020

SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend that BoT approves the naming of a conference room within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence the "Drs. Alan B. Aker and Ann Kasten Aker Conference Room".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Donation:

On or about June 10, 2015 Alan B. and Ann Kasten Aker donated Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) (the "Gift") for a recognition opportunity within the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence.

Gift Purpose:

The Donors' Gift was to support the Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence. Construction of the SF Complex has been completed and the parties now wish to affirm the naming opportunity provided to Donors within the Schmidt Family Complex. In its continued pursuit of excellence, Florida Atlantic University constructed 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:

Alan B. Aker and Ann G. Kasten Aker are ophthalmologists and the founders of Aker Kasten Eye Center and Premier Eye Care.

Alan Aker earned his medical degree from New York Medical College and his undergraduate degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He served as chief resident during his residency at North Shore University Hospital and later served as director of the hospital's residency program.

Ann Aker earned her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and her undergraduate degree from Cornell University. She completed her residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital.

They are both members of the American College of Eye Surgeons.

The Akers reside in Gulf Stream, Florida.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of signage and installation - TBD

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Installation of signage: TBD

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