



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

Item: CG: A-1b

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: APPROVE NAMING OF UNIVERSITY ELEMENTS

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommend that the BoT approves naming of the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building Memorial Pavilion to be located immediately adjacent to the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building, the “Marta and Jim Batmasian Memorial Pavilion”.

A plaque will be installed in the “Marta and Jim Batmasian Memorial Pavilion”, referencing that this Gift is being made in recognition of the 1.5 million Armenians who were massacred between 1915 and 1923 in the Armenian genocide.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Donation:

Dr. Marta T. and Mr. James H. Batmasian are donating \$500,000 to name the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building Memorial Pavilion to be located adjacent to the Kurt and Marilyn Wallach Holocaust and Jewish Studies Building, the “Marta and Jim Batmasian Memorial Pavilion”.

Gift Purpose:

The purpose of the Donors in making this Gift is to provide unrestricted funding to meet the current and future needs of the Wallach Holocaust, Jewish Studies, and Human Rights Building and programs operating therein, including the development, design, and construction of the building.

Donor's Background:

Marta T. Batmasian and James H. Batmasian have extensive business interests. Additionally, in 2016, Mr. and Mrs. Batmasian established The James H. and Marta T. Batmasian Family Foundation, Inc., and they serve as directors/officers for the foundation. They also serve as directors for their sons' foundations, The Armen A. Batmasian Charitable Foundation, Inc. and The James G. Batmasian Charitable Foundation, Inc., both established in 2024.

Mr. and Mrs. Batmasian reside in Boca Raton. They have two sons, James Garo Batmasian and Armen A. Batmasian.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of signage and installation – TBD

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Installation of signage: TBD

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