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**TO:** Dr. Monty Sullivan  
LCTCS President

**THROUGH:** Joseph F. Marin <sup>JFM</sup>  
Vice President of Operations

Dr. Chandler LeBoeuf <sup>WCL</sup>  
Governmental & Public Affairs Officer

**FROM:** Tarie Roberson <sup>TR</sup>  
Director of Advancement

**DATE:** July 26, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Authorizing Naming Rights for Delgado Community College


## FOR BOARD ACTION

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Board authorize naming rights for Delgado Community College, which is in accordance with Board Policy #4.003, Naming of LCTCS Facilities. Delgado Community College requests the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors authorize the naming of the Leon Giorgio Forum, a general meeting room (Room 5000) on the top floor of the Delgado Community College Ochsner Center for Nursing and Allied Health Building (Center). This is being requested in honor of the Delgado Foundation President, Mr. Leon Giorgio, who was principally responsible for the coordination of the \$20 million donation for the Center.

**Background:** The proposed naming would acknowledge Mr. Leon Giorgio's ongoing support of Delgado, especially his pivotal role in securing financial support for the new Center on the City Park Campus. Mr. Giorgio was also most recently instrumental with Ms. Gayle Benson's \$1 million donation for the forthcoming Athletic Field House, as well as the Endymion Garden \$500,000 donation, which are also on the main campus. Mr. Giorgio has demonstrated his personal commitment to increasing student access by donating the funds to establish the College's First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship. Over the last ten years, Mr. Giorgio has helped raise \$1.4 million for Delgado students by championing the Foundation's signature annual fundraiser, The Roast of the Town.

Mr. Giorgio is a dedicated and treasured civic leader for the city and state. Mr. Giorgio serves as Board Chair of the Delgado Foundation, a post that holds special meaning for him because of his passion for community and technical college education that began with his involvement with the college 25 years ago. He is the Co-founder and CEO of Select Properties, which has been involved in extensive real estate activities throughout the New Orleans area for over four decades. He has served on the boards of numerous civic, academic and business organizations, including the LCTCS Board of Supervisors, Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, which he co-founded 25 years ago, the Ochsner Foundation, the Metropolitan Crime Commission, First NBC Bank, and Greater New Orleans Inc. He has chaired the Jefferson Business Council and the Southeast Regional Coalition of Business Councils and is one of the longest-standing members of the Regional Planning Commission's board. This recommended honor reflects Mr. Giorgio's unwavering commitment to the LCTCS and to Delgado, and is within the spirit of the new Center, which will serve a critical role in addressing the state's nursing and healthcare worker shortage. The proposed Leon Giorgio Forum overlooks the campus and the city to which Mr. Giorgio has dedicated his lifelong efforts. In accordance with LCTCS Policy #4.003, Naming of LCTCS Facilities, and Delgado's corresponding Naming Policy #AD-4310.2, a portion of a facility or designated area may be named in honor of an individual with whom a substantial contribution

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has been made to the College. This recommendation has the support of Chancellor Steib, College stakeholders, and the Delgado Foundation.

**Fiscal Impact:** The fiscal impact is limited to the cost of signage, which will be paid for by the College.

**History of Prior Actions:** The Board has approved similar naming policies for a number of LCTCS Colleges.

**Benefits to the System:** Given Leon Giorgio's stature and importance, naming the Leon Giorgio Forum would enrich the significance of the Center during its opening and dedication year. The honor will also recognize his role in securing significant workforce investments for the System and the College, and especially helping to elevate the LCTCS in its role as a primary provider of the state's next generation of nurses and allied health professionals.



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**Approved for Recommendation to the Board**  
**Dr. Monty Sullivan, President**

August 9, 2023  
**Date**

**VICE CHANCELLOR FOR BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS**

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**MEMORANDUM**

June 26, 2023

**To:** Joseph Marin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer  
Louisiana Community and Technical College System

**From:** Ronald Russo, Vice Chancellor for Business and Administrative Affairs

**Re:** Recommended Board Agenda Item: Naming of the Leon Giorgio Forum in the Delgado Community College Ochsner Center for Nursing and Allied Health

***Recommendation:***

Delgado Community College is requesting authorization from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors to honor Delgado Foundation President, Mr. Leon Giorgio, who was principally responsible for the coordination of the \$20 million donation for the Ochsner Center for Nursing and Allied Health. The College requests to name the Leon Giorgio Forum, a general meeting room (Room 5000) on the top floor of the Center, in his honor.

***Background:***

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**College Impact and Benefits to the System:**

Given Leon Giorgio's stature and importance, naming the Leon Giorgio Forum would enrich the significance of the Center during its opening and dedication year. The honor will also recognize his role in securing significant workforce investments for the System and the College, and especially helping to elevate the LCTCS in its role as a primary provider of the state's next generation of nurses and allied health professionals. The fiscal impact is limited to the cost of signage, which will be paid for by the College.

**History of Prior Action:** N/A

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

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# Authorizing Naming Rights for Delgado Community College

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