



**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**TO NAME THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING & COMPUTER  
SCIENCE BUILDING**

***KAISER BORSARI HALL***

**WHEREAS, FRED KAISER AND GRACE BORSARI** have made a lead gift commitment of \$10 million to support the construction of an Advanced Technology Engineering and Computer Science Building at Western Washington University, the largest gift commitment in the history of the institution; and

**WHEREAS, FRED KAISER AND GRACE BORSARI** have been generous supporters of Western Washington University for over two decades, with over \$2 million in previous giving, including \$1 million to the Institute for Energy Studies to name the Alpha Technologies Electrical Engineering Lab, support for a professorship in the College of Business and Economics, scholarships in computer science, engineering, and advanced materials science, with a particular focus on women and students from diverse backgrounds, and annual support for intercollegiate athletics through the Viking Night auction; and

**WHEREAS, FRED KAISER AND GRACE BORSARI**, through their Bellingham-based company Alpha Technologies, built an internationally successful enterprise which has advanced the careers of numerous Western Washington University students and alumni through internships and employment; and

**WHEREAS, FRED KAISER AND GRACE BORSARI** have supported higher education throughout North America, providing scholarships at numerous universities, and a gift to name the Fred Kaiser Building for applied sciences at the University of British Columbia; and

**WHEREAS, FRED KAISER and GRACE BORSARI** have encouraged leaders in their companies to volunteer for board service on the WWU Foundation, as well as college and department advisory boards and committees at Western Washington University; and

**WHEREAS, FRED KAISER AND GRACE BORSARI** were recognized for their generosity and service to Western at the Commencement ceremonies of June 2013 with the President's Award, the University's highest community honor; and

**WHEREAS, GRACE BORSARI** was named Business Person of the Year by the Whatcom Business Alliance in 2019; and

**WHEREAS, FRED KAISER** serves as a Director on the US Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2019 session, the Washington State Legislature appropriated \$2 million in pre-design and design funding for a new engineering and computer science building, with a

budget proviso to provide an additional \$46 million for construction during the 2021-2023 biennium, with the WWU Foundation raising \$20 million toward the construction costs through private philanthropy; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$10 million gift from **FRED KAISER AND GRACE BORSARI** represents fifty percent of the total fundraising effort required of Western and will inspire others to give; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Advanced Technology Engineering and Computer Science building will be a tremendous asset to Western's current and future faculty and students, and greatly advance Western's strategic goals of Advancing Inclusive Success, Increasing Washington Impact, and Enhancing Academic Excellence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University, that the new Advanced Technology Engineering and Computer Science Building be named

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**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its meeting on December 12, 2019.

ATTEST:



Earl W. Overstreet II, Chair



John M. Meyer, Secretary