



RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05

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

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

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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

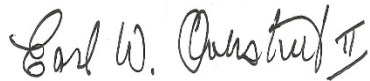
WHEREAS, the new Advanced Technology Engineering and Computer Science building will be a tremendous asset to Western's current and future faculty and students, and greatly advance Western's strategic goals of Advancing Inclusive Success, Increasing Washington Impact, and Enhancing Academic Excellence;

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