



## **Workgroup for Building and Facility Names**

Monday, October 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom

### **Workgroup Members Present**

1. Jennifer Gentry
2. Brad Hodgson
3. Sherry Johnson
4. Kim Lewis
5. Charlie Spiro
6. Beverly Steele
7. Nancie Williams
8. Liv Heggoy, Workgroup Chair

### **Workgroup Members Absent**

1. Mary Barton
2. Chris Coutts
3. David Gray
4. John Hill

Heggoy referenced the “Principles for Renaming Decisions” document (attachment 12) that had been shared with workgroup members by email. She noted that the workgroup reviewing the name of the college and the campuses is also using this document as one tool to help guide their conversations and review of names.

The following LFCC facilities and spaces were discussed and reviewed:

- Bob G. Sowder Library (attachment 1)
- Rose Loeb Center (attachment 2)
- Harvey Pearson Student Success Suite (attachment 3)
- Barkman Family Conference Room (attachment 4)
- Fauquier Health Simulation Lab (attachment 5)
- Fauquier Bank Board Room (attachment 6)
- Oak View Bank Fabrication Lab (attachment 7)
- Katherine Johnson Classroom (attachment 8)
- Meridian Student Lounge (attachment 9)
- Wise Nursing Skills Lab (attachment 10)
- Andrew Stofan Engineering Lab (attachment 11)

Preliminary information about these facilities and spaces was shared with the workgroup in advance of the meeting to serve as a starting point for discussion. The information is enclosed as attachments 1-11.

## **Attachment 1**

### **Bob Sowder**

Bob Sowder is a successful self-made realtor and owns several farms, commercial and rental properties. He also breeds and raises thoroughbred horses. He resides with his wife, Janet, in Catlett.

Attached is a donor profile written by LFCC several years ago as well as a piece that is framed inside the entrance to the Barn.

Sowder, a farmer and real estate developer, was part of the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce when the need for space and a building was requested for an institution of higher learning. Many residents of the county could not afford the traditional four-year university and were traveling more than 40 miles to the closest community college.

In 1988, Mr. Sowder donated a building (barn) and 2.5 acres of land on Route 29 south of Warrenton to the LFCC Educational Foundation for the purpose of establishing an off-campus site to make higher education more accessible to Fauquier County residents. In addition, he also funded a \$90,000 renovation of the building and helped raise over \$130,000 in operational expense funding and support from IBM for furnishing the building.

According to an article in the Fauquier Times, Mr. Sowder said that he made the donations after having spent eight years taking community college courses at night, “after having been a dropout.” “I would like to repay my community in some way,” Sowder had said.

Additionally, a sale of property was made to Fauquier County in which Mr. Sowder designated 50 acres be set aside for LFCC to establish a community college campus. In 1996, the Virginia General Assembly appropriated money to construct what is now Wolk Hall on the land that now houses Fauquier Campus.

The Bob G. Sowder Library was dedicated on October 22, 1999 in memory of his mother, Goldie Settle Sowder.

In 2009, Sowder received the VCCS Chancellor’s Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. When asked his reason for giving, he explained, “It’s a way of paying back. There’s nothing like having people in the community come up and say, ‘thank you,’ for making their education possible or their lives better.”

In 2017, LFCC had a community reception to celebrate the completion of the renovations to the barn. At the event, Mr. Sowder made another donation to support the Hazel Hall campaign. Enclosed are links to the newspaper articles about this event.

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[https://www.fauquiernow.com/fauquier\\_news/article/fauquier-sowder-gives-lfcc-20000-toward-hazel-hall-project-2017](https://www.fauquiernow.com/fauquier_news/article/fauquier-sowder-gives-lfcc-20000-toward-hazel-hall-project-2017)

[https://www.fauquiernow.com/fauquier\\_news/article/fauquier-sowder-gives-lfcc-20000-toward-hazel-hall-project-2017](https://www.fauquiernow.com/fauquier_news/article/fauquier-sowder-gives-lfcc-20000-toward-hazel-hall-project-2017)

<https://lfcc.edu/2017/01/27/news/original-donor-for-lfccc-fauquier-campus-continues-his-generosity/>

### LFCC Service and Philanthropy

Mr. Sowder served on the Lord Fairfax Community College Education Foundation Board from 1989-2007.

In addition to the early donation of the Barn and property, Sowder and his wife have been very generous donors to the LFCC Foundation for many years, supporting the LFCC Fauquier Dollars for Scholars campaign, the Building Community Campaign (for the Middletown community cultural center), and the Hazel Hall building campaign. He established the Bob G. Sowder Endowed Scholarship and the Bob G. Sowder Emergency Fund at LFCC for students that are residents of Fauquier County.

He donated 6.1 acres of land in Catlett to the LFCC Foundation in 2012.

### Community Philanthropy

In addition to his contributions to LFCC, Mr. Sowder has also contributed heavily to the surrounding area. Examples include:

Contributed first building lot to allow formation of the Prince William Education Association

Donated to and raised funds for the Bealeton Branch Library

Provided free office space to start the Piedmont Mediation and Arbitration Group, Fauquier Jaycees, and an organization lobbying for tax reduction for the elderly and low-income property owners

Contributed parcels of land to the Fauquier Boys and Girls Club, the 4-H Fair, and a local church

## **Attachment 2**

### **Rose Loeb Student Center (in Wolk Hall)**

Rose Loeb was the wife of Jesse Loeb, a resident of Warrenton, Virginia, and a highly successful Northern Virginia real estate investor.

Mr. and Mrs. Loeb were supporters of local Warrenton charities, but when Jesse died in 1990, Rose decided to aggressively pursue the couple's dream of seeing their wealth benefit the Fauquier County community. She created the Jesse and Rose Loeb Foundation to ensure that upon her passing, her estate would continue to be utilized for the goal of helping charities and organizations in Fauquier, Virginia.

Read more about the Loeb Foundation here: <https://www.loebfoundation.org/>

In 1996, she was awarded the LFCC College Board Medallion of Recognition. Rose died in 2001 at the age of 100.

The Loeb Foundation has been one of the LFCC Foundation's most generous donors for many years.

## **Attachment 3**

### **Harvey Pearson Student Success Suite (in Wolk Hall)**

Harvey Pearson served as Fauquier County Clerk for more than 40 years. A northern Fauquier native and Warrenton resident, Pearson lobbied state legislators to fund the establishment of the Fauquier Campus in the late 1980s. Pearson is a 1950 graduate of the Pamplin Business School at Virginia Tech. He attended college on the GI Bill after serving in World War II, flying 55 combat missions over Italy as a B-17 bomber waist gunner. Now retired, Harvey devotes much of his time to cattle farming with one of his sons.

On March 21, 2017, Pearson thought he was attending an update on Hazel Hall at the Fauquier Campus, but the college and his friends surprised him by announcing the designation of the “Harvey L. Pearson Student Success Suite” at the Warrenton campus.

[https://www.fauquiernow.com/fauquier\\_news/article/fauquier-lfcc-fauquier-campus-honors-harvey-pearson-2017](https://www.fauquiernow.com/fauquier_news/article/fauquier-lfcc-fauquier-campus-honors-harvey-pearson-2017)

Friends and family members made donations to reach the fundraising goal, in order to name this space on the Fauquier Campus. Here are photos from the surprise dedication:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/lfccedu/albums/72157678341935533>

## **Attachment 4**

### **Barkman Family Conference Room (in upcoming Hazel Hall)**

Joel D. Barkman is the president, CEO, and founder of Golden Rule Builders Inc. He and his wife Patricia have been strong advocates for LFCC and its emphasis of providing quality workforce training and academic programs in Fauquier County.

They made a \$250,000 gift to the LFCC Educational Foundation. Here are photos from the gift announcement:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/lfcedu/albums/72157681805359970>

Mr. Barkman's Catlett-based company has been building custom homes, as well as renovating existing houses, for more than 30 years. He was named the 2090 Builder of the Year by the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association (NVBIA) and the 2010 Business Person of the Year by the Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce.

Much of Mr. Barkman's free time is devoted to serving on building industry and community committees, including the Balanced Growth Alliance, the Business Advisory Council, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association Council and the Custom Builders Council, as well as on the boards of Good Life Ministries and New Horizons Ministries. He is also known for his "Ask a Builder" column in "Times Community News." As a leader in the green building movement, he frequently uses the column to educate on responsible building practices, sustainable design, healthy living, and environmental stewardship.

The Barkmans, who are active members of Dayspring Mennonite Church, have five children: Blyss, Dawn, Devin, Victoria, and Charity. Dawn is an LFCC graduate and Devin also attended LFCC.

Joel Barkman has been on the LFCC Foundation Board since spring 2020. He received the LFCC Medallion of Recognition in 2019.

## **Attachment 5**

### **Fauquier Health Simulation Lab (in upcoming Hazel Hall)**

The gift to name the simulation lab in Hazel Hall was a result of a naming opportunity.

Fauquier Hospital initially opened its doors as a 20-bed hospital on February 26, 1925. Purchased for \$14,000, Fauquier Hospital was occupied in the "Garner House," as it was known, and was located at 32 Waterloo Street in Warrenton. It wasn't until April of 1956 when "hospital hill" was chosen as the new location for the hospital.

In November of 2013, Fauquier Health partnered with LifePoint Health and is now a 97-bed acute care hospital offering surgical services (including robotics), a 24-hour Emergency Department, extensive medical imaging capabilities, an Intensive Care Unit and more. The Fauquier Health system offers patient care for a variety of specialty services, including a new Center for Cancer Care, Orthopedics and Spine, a Cardiac Catheterization Lab, robotic-assisted surgery, and a Center for Weight Loss. The fourth floor of the hospital is devoted to its Family Birthing Center and Intermediate Care Nursery.

Fauquier Health also encompasses the Fauquier Health Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, The Villa at Suffield Meadows assisted living facility, the Wellness Center and the Wound Healing Center, and the Sleep Center.

Fauquier Health consists of approximately 1,100 staff and 220 physicians.

Fauquier Health and the Fauquier Health Foundation have generously supported many initiatives at LFCC for many years, including nursing equipment, salary support, and seed money for a new health advisor position.

In 2016, the Fauquier Health Foundation became the PATH Foundation.

## Attachment 6

### **The Fauquier Bank Board Room (in upcoming Hazel Hall)**

The Fauquier Bank has supported various college events and scholarships. The gift to name the board room was a result of a naming opportunity.

Established in 1902, The Fauquier Bank (TFB) was, until its recent merger with Virginia National Bank, an independent community bank offering a full range of financial services for commercial and retail customers, including internet banking, insurance, wealth management, and financial planning, through its banking offices located in Fauquier and Prince William Counties.

With the upcoming merger, TFB's headquarters in Warrenton will close, and the institution's name will disappear.

[https://www.fauquiernow.com/fauquier\\_news/article/fauquier-bank-for-decades-resisted-merger-overtures-2020](https://www.fauquiernow.com/fauquier_news/article/fauquier-bank-for-decades-resisted-merger-overtures-2020)

<https://investor.tfb.bank/press-releases/news-details/2020/Virginia-National-Bankshares-Corporation-and-Fauquier-Bankshares-Inc.-Announce-Strategic-Merger-of-Equals/default.aspx>

[https://www.fauquier.com/news/the-fauquier-bank-to-merge-with-virginia-national-bank/article\\_1b05e3e6-0429-11eb-8259-2b9a7b10eb4a.html#:~:text=The%20Fauquier%20Bank%20is%20currently%20headquartered%20at%2010%20Courthouse%20Square%2C%20Warrenton.,-Coy%20Ferrell&text=Pending%20approval%20from%20regulators%2C%20The,The%20Fauquier%20Bank's%20holding%20company.](https://www.fauquier.com/news/the-fauquier-bank-to-merge-with-virginia-national-bank/article_1b05e3e6-0429-11eb-8259-2b9a7b10eb4a.html#:~:text=The%20Fauquier%20Bank%20is%20currently%20headquartered%20at%2010%20Courthouse%20Square%2C%20Warrenton.,-Coy%20Ferrell&text=Pending%20approval%20from%20regulators%2C%20The,The%20Fauquier%20Bank's%20holding%20company.)

## **Attachment 7**

### **Oak View Bank Fabrication Lab (in upcoming Hazel Hall)**

The gift to name the fabrication lab was a result of a naming opportunity.

In September 2007, a group of prominent business people wanted to establish a financial institution that would serve the community in which they live. Oak View National Bank was created by the group.

With the recent merger of The Fauquier Bank and Virginia National Bank, the 11-year-old Oak View National Bank is the only full-fledged bank headquartered in Fauquier County.

## Attachment 8

### Katherine Johnson Classroom (in upcoming Hazel Hall)

Several donors have pooled funds for this naming opportunity in the new Hazel Hall.

Katherine Johnson was the most recognized of the African American “human computers” — female mathematicians who worked at NASA and its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), from the 1930s until the 1980s. Johnson was most proud of the calculations that she contributed to the Apollo 11 mission to place the first human on the moon. But it was her role producing and checking the trajectory equations for astronaut John Glenn’s pioneering Project Mercury orbital space flight in 1962 that established her professional reputation.

Wider fame for Johnson came in 2016 with the publication of the group biography *Hidden Figures*, and the release of the film based on it. Asked about the challenges of being black in a segregated workplace, or of having upended the no-women policy in her division’s research meetings, she was most likely to reply, “I was just doing my job.”

Ms. Johnson died in February 2020 at the age of 101:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/katherine-johnson-hidden-figure-at-nasa-during-1960s-space-race-dies-at-101/2020/02/24/fd5058ba-5715-11ea-9000-f3cffee23036\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/katherine-johnson-hidden-figure-at-nasa-during-1960s-space-race-dies-at-101/2020/02/24/fd5058ba-5715-11ea-9000-f3cffee23036_story.html)

A gifted mathematician who always followed her curiosity, Johnson became a powerful symbol of the often-unheralded contributions that women and minority ethnic groups have made to science, technology, mathematics, and computing over the course of the twentieth century. Although her fascination with numbers was obvious from childhood—she recalled counting dishes, stars, steps, everything—the possibility of deploying her talent as a professional mathematician was anything but.

Born Katherine Coleman in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, she and her three siblings were sent away by their parents to be educated, because there was no local school beyond sixth grade for those who were called ‘colored’ students in the pre-civil-rights-era United States. Teachers allowed her to skip several grades in school, and she was just 14 when she entered the historically black West Virginia State College to study mathematics. There, she became the top student of acclaimed topologist William Waldron Schieffelin Claytor, the third African American to earn a PhD in math. Neither pupil nor teacher knew where, or even if, she would be able to put this rigorous training to work; prior to the World War II, women with mathematics degrees were most often required to go into classroom teaching.

Johnson graduated in 1937 and spent two years teaching in West Virginia’s segregated public schools. In 1939, she was hand-picked by the president of West Virginia State College to be one of the first black students to be allowed to study in the graduate program at West Virginia University in Morgantown. After one semester, however, she left to get married, and spent the next 13 years raising a family and teaching in public schools in neighboring Virginia.

In 1952 she applied to work at NACA’s research outpost in Hampton, Virginia, then called the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory. She began her career in the all-black, all-female West Area Computing Unit, helmed by mathematician Dorothy Vaughan. Vaughan soon sent her to fill an

opening in the Flight Research Division, a group that specialized in tests on actual airplanes rather than wind-tunnel simulations. For five years, Johnson was part of an engineering team that investigated phenomena such as wake turbulence, leading to improved safety for military and commercial aviation.

The Soviet Union's launch of the Sputnik satellite in 1957 ignited the space race and spurred the transformation of NACA into the space agency. The Flight Research Division diverted its attention to spacecraft, and by 1958, Johnson had contributed to "Notes on Space Technology," the agency's first comprehensive reference document on space flight. By 1959, she had prepared a trajectory analysis for a crewed suborbital flight. The following year, she co-authored the research report "Determination of Azimuth Angle at Burnout for Placing a Satellite Over a Selected Earth Position," laying out the equations that would form the basis of that crewed orbital space flight piloted by Glenn.

Her named credit on the report was a first for a woman in her division, and positioned her to play a part in a mission that enabled the United States to draw even with the Soviet Union—one of the pivotal moments of the space race. In the days leading up to Glenn's flight, the astronaut asked Johnson to hand-check the trajectory equations that had been input into the IBM 7090 computer. The flight forever linked a black female mathematician to one of the United States' most glorious achievements. Johnson later contributed calculations to the parking orbit of Apollo 11's command and service module during the first crewed moon landing. She spent the latter years of her career working on the Space Shuttle.

After retiring from NASA in 1986, she regularly visited classrooms to enchant students with the wonders of mathematics and the benefits of pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Even as the popularity of *Hidden Figures* turned her into something of a celebrity, Johnson, with characteristic understatement, sought to deflect the attention.

## **Attachment 9**

### **Meridian Student Lounge**

The gift to name the fabrication lab was a result of a naming opportunity.

Meridian Financial Partners is a financial management company headquartered in Warrenton, Virginia. Sarah Yakel and Nathan Gilbert are the founding partners. Yakel served on the LFCC Foundation board for 6 years, including one year as chair.

<https://meridianfinancialpartners.com/>

## **Attachment 10**

### **Wise Nursing Skills Lab (in upcoming Hazel Hall)**

The gift to name the nursing lab was a result of a naming opportunity. The Wise Foundation wishes the lab to be called the Wise Nursing Skills Lab.

Based in Marshall, Virginia, the Wise Foundation was founded in 1999 by stepbrothers Lewis Pollard and Lewis Wiley. Pollard's mother and Wiley's stepmother, Molly Wiley, was a philanthropist related to Florida railroad and oil titan Henry Flagler, the namesake of Flagler College in St. Augustine. The Wise Foundation has been a generous donor to LFCC, supporting a variety of initiatives to support the Fauquier Campus and a scholarship for students at the Fauquier Campus with a documented disability.

## **Attachment 11**

### **Andrew Stofan Engineering Lab (in upcoming Hazel Hall)**

The gift to name the board room was a result of a naming opportunity. Stofan's daughter, Ellen R. Stofan, and her husband, Timothy Dunn, of The Plains, Virginia made the gift.

Andrew J. Stofan was a rocket engineer who worked for NASA in a number of roles, including director of the NASA Lewis Research Center and director of NASA's Space Station program. Stofan, who was widely respected within NASA, was named associate administrator for space station in June 1986 and is credited with breathing new life into the program by implementing major management and technical improvements. He successfully guided the program through a very difficult review period with Congress and led a major cost review that led to a new two-phase plan.

Stofan retired from NASA in 1988 with 30 years of service. Afterward, he worked for Martin Marietta Astronautics as vice president of Advanced Launch Systems and of Technical Operations. In 1991, Stofan became president of Analex Corporation in Cleveland. The company, which was established and run by retired NASA employees, provided engineering and management services for Lewis. Stofan subsequently served as director of Electro-Optical Systems at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company.

Stofan's many awards include the NASA Exceptional Service Medal in 1975, NASA Distinguished Service Award in 1981, the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive in 1982, and the Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive in 1985.

Ellen Stofan is the former chief scientist of NASA and served as principal advisor to NASA Administrator Charles Bolden on the agency's science programs, planning, and investments. She resigned from NASA in December 2016 and is now the John and Adrienne Mars Director of the National Air and Space Museum. She is the first female Director of the museum and began her tenure in April 2018.

## Principles for Renaming Decisions<sup>i ii</sup>

### Initial considerations related to people's names:

- Attitudes about people can change over time
- People's reputations are constantly being reassessed
- Names and addresses are an everyday reminder of people's history
- What is the harm caused by retaining the name?
  - Does the honoree's behavior compromise the college mission, including the commitment to intellectual integrity and diversity and inclusion of all members of our LFCC community?
    - Answer will depend on the following:
      - Nature of the conduct at issue
      - Prominence and role of the named feature in daily life at the college
      - Degree to which the name interferes with teaching, learning, working, or living in the community
- What are potential harms of renaming?
  - Should not be based on particular beliefs or opinions
  - Should not inhibit free inquiry and discussion
  - Names may have a positive value for employees or students or alumni; renaming could be seen as disrespectful of their views

### Relevant Factors to be considered:

- Behavior especially deserving of honor
- Centrality of the person's offensive behavior to his or her life as a whole
  - Strongest case for renaming is made when honoree's offensive behavior is inextricably connected with his/her public persona
  - Was the relevant legacy significantly contested in the time and place in which the namesake lived?
  - Weaker case where honoree's offensive behavior is:
    - Not publicly known
    - Not a central or inextricable part of his/her public persona – especially when the behavior was conventional at the time of the behavior – and – when other aspects of the person's life and work are especially praiseworthy
- Relationship of the honoree to the College's History
- Harmful impact of the honoree's behavior
  - Strongest case for renaming when the morally repugnant behavior of an honoree has a significant negative effect on the core mission of pursuing knowledge and receiving an education

- Community identification with the honoree
  - Weaker case for renaming when the honoree is part of a valuable, positive tradition, or identification shared by a large number of community members and/or alumni
- Strength and clarity of the historical evidence
- The College’s prior consideration of the issue

### Concepts of History (included in the Yale report)

Robin Winks, the former master of Berkeley College, who served on the Yale faculty from 1957 to 1999, wrote that there are “two different concepts of history.”

- History is a record of things from the past that should not be forgotten
  - Removing an item from the historical record is like lying
  - Removals are akin to the infamous “Great Soviet Encyclopedia”, in which history became whatever the leaders wanted it to be at any moment in time
- History is a commemoration and memorialization of the past
  - Commemoration conveys honor and pride and can also convey mourning and loss
  - Commemoration expresses values, such as a change in the way a community memorializes its past offers a way to recognize important changes in the community’s values
- Winks argues both conceptions matter:
  - A college should not erase the historical record
  - A college should decide what to commemorate and what to honor, subject always to the obligation not to efface the history that informs the world in which we live

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<sup>i</sup> Factors and considerations adapted from Yale University’s Report of the Committee to Establish Principles on Renaming: [https://president.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/CEPR\\_FINAL\\_12-2-16.pdf](https://president.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/CEPR_FINAL_12-2-16.pdf), as well as the Yale News articles written about the committee’s work: <https://news.yale.edu/2016/12/02/report-outlines-principles-renaming-campus-buildings>.

<sup>ii</sup> Factors and Considerations also adapted from Stanford University’s Advisory Committee on Renaming Principles: <https://news.stanford.edu/2018/02/23/renaming-committee-seeks-input-university-community/> and the Principles and Procedures for Renaming Buildings: <https://campusnames.stanford.edu/>