

### Connecticut State University System



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RESIDENCE VILLAGE & Grand Continue

for

# BERNICE CLARK NIEJADLIK

May 4, 2001

WHEREAS, Mrs. Niejadlik distinguished herself as an educator for over 60 years as a teacher, administrator, trustee, and volunteer advocate, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Niejadlik began her teaching career in 1930 following her graduation from Willimantic State Normal School in a one room school house in Pomfret, Connecticut, followed by service as a teacher from primary grades through secondary school, and

WHEREAS, She received her Bachelor's Degree in 1950 from Willimantic State College and her Master's Degree from the University of Connecticut with further study at UConn, Rhode Island College, and Clark University, and took positions as guidance counselor and director of guidance in Killingly and Waterford and as Director of the Quinebaug Valley Educational Research Center, and

WHEREAS, Her abilities and leadership resulted in further recognition as President of the Killingly Education Association and Connecticut Education Association, selection as a Director from Connecticut to the National Education Association, and as a representative of the NEA to the World Confederation of Organized Teaching Professions in Paris in 1964, and

WHEREAS Ella Grasso, Secretary of State, recognized Mrs. Niejadlik's outstanding service and requested that she expand her service to the college level and serve on the new Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State College System in 1965, a position she held until 1977, and

WHEREAS. Mrs. Niejadlik served as Vice-Chair of the Board from 1965 to 1967 and as Chair from 1967 to 1977 distinguishing herself as a tireless advocate for the System and its four campuses and winning the recognition of the state executive branch and legislature, government agencies, and the educational communities throughout the state, and

- WHEREAS, Mrs. Niejadlik demonstrated a particular fondness for Eastern Connecticut State becoming a charter member and chair of that institution's foundation board, a tireless advocate for the school's alumni association, and a generous benefactor of the University, and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Niejadlik also distinguished herself in the public domain as a professional and volunteer in numerous capacities, including service as secretary of the Killingly Water Pollution Control Authority, corporator of the Day Kimball Hospital, member of the Governor's Committee on Libraries, chair of the Board of Trustees of the Bugbee Memorial Library, boards of directors of the Windham County Office of Probation, Killingly Public Service Advisors Committee, and Killingly Crime Watch, and
- WHEREAS, The achievements of Mrs. Niejadlik have been recognized by numerous awards and citations including Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in the East, Recipient of the H. Wallace Brook Humanitarian Award from the Danielson Lion's Club (first woman recognized), the Eastern Connecticut State University Distinguished Alumni Award and President's Medal for Service, the naming of a scholarship fund in her honor at Eastern, and a Doctorate of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, from the Connecticut State University System in 1995, and
- WHEREAS, President David G. Carter has endorsed the nomination of Ms. Niejadlik, who passed away in December of 1998, as recommended by the Eastern Building and Facilities Naming Committee, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for The Connecticut State University System hereby designates the current Residence Village A at Eastern Connecticut State University to be known now and hereafter as Bernice Clark Niejadlik Hall.

A Certified True Copy:

Lawrence D McHugh, Chairman

William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

### **ITEM**

Requests for Naming Facilities at Eastern Connecticut State University

### **BACKGROUND**

The current policy on the naming of facilities was adopted in 1968 and has not been revised since that time. In September 2000, the ad hoc Committee on Naming Opportunities was formed to develop more substantive guidelines for naming to take advantage of potential opportunities to encourage gifts to the universities. In November 2000, this Committee imposed a moratorium on any new requests pending the completion of these guidelines but indicated they would consider exceptions to the moratorium in the interim on an individual basis. In April they reviewed an exception request from the President of Eastern Connecticut State University to name four facilities, the Support Services Center, Residence Village A, Residence Village B, and the Varsity Soccer-Lacrosse Field. The Committee lifted the moratorium to allow the naming request for the Support Services Center to go forward, however they indicated that additional information on the three remaining requests should be forwarded to the Development Committee for further consideration.

### **ANALYSIS**

Eastern Connecticut State University has requested that Residence Village A and B be named in honor of the former chairman of the Board of Trustees, Bernice Niedjadlik (deceased) and former trustee, Luva Mead Hoar respectively-both graduates of Eastern Connecticut State University. Although no gift is attached to the naming, in view of their extraordinary commitment to both the university and the CSU System for many years, it is appropriate to honor this request.

The President of Eastern Connecticut State University has also requested that the varsity soccer-lacrosse field be named in honor of former Coach Thomas Nevers. Mr. Nevers elevated the soccer program at ECSU to national prominence over his twenty-five year tenure at Eastern in addition to serving as Assistant and Associate professor of Health and Physical Education. It is therefore a fitting commemoration of this service that the varsity soccer-lacrosse field is named in his honor.

The President of Eastern Connecticut State University has endorsed the nominations of Mrs. Niedjadlik, Mrs. Hoar and Mr. Nevers as recommended by the Eastern Building and Facilities Naming Committee.

# CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the three requests for naming Residence Village A, Residence Village B, and the Varsity Soccer - Lacrosse Field at Eastern Connecticut State University for Mrs. Niedjadlik, Mrs. Hoar and Mr. Nevers respectively.



## Connecticut State University System



May 22, 2001

President David G. Carter Eastern Connecticut State University 83 Windham Street Willimantic, CT 06226

Dear President Carter:

After consultation with Chairman McHugh and Mr. Mengacci, your request to reverse the naming designations for Residence Village A and B from what was adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 4 is approved. Residence Village A will be known as Luva Mead Hall and Residence Village B as Bernice Clark Niejadlik Hall.

No further action by the Board is required and copies of this letter will be filed with the original resolutions for future reference.

Sincerely

William J. Cibes, Chancellor

cc: Larry McHugh, BOT Chairman Joseph Mengacci, Chair, Development Committee