

**Recommended Naming**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve naming the university foundry the "Maxine and Don Schwartz Foundry."

**BACKGROUND**

In support of the *Rowing, Not Drifting 2030* strategic plan, and with the hope to support and sustain the future of bronze sculpting and the university's foundry, generous donor and UNC alumnus, Rock Jenkins '84, and his sisters made a \$50,000 cash gift to establish the Maxine and Don Schwartz Foundry and Sculpture Program fund. This fund provides discretionary funds to support the university's foundry facilities, equipment, and the overall programmatic needs of the university's sculpture program, including student support and scholarships if needed. At a time when many universities are actively discontinuing their sculpture programs due to the rising cost of materials and the need for space, this is a critical and much-needed investment in this unique, one-of-a-kind program.

In recognition of this generous commitment, staff propose naming the university foundry located in the Arts Annex the "Maxine and Don Schwartz Foundry" in honor of Rock Jenkins' mother, Maxine, and stepfather, Don Schwartz; both are now deceased. Maxine was a talented artist and sculptor, together with her husband, Don, they built and ran the bronze foundry in north Greeley for 25 years. Having made many memorials throughout Colorado, including the Benjamin Eaton statue in Eaton, the couple's pride was the Bittersweet Park Veterans Memorial in Greeley. The bronze soldier depicted there is Joe P. Martinez, the first Hispanic American to win the Medal of Honor in World War II. A second sculpture of Pvt. Martinez can be seen in Liberty Park in Martinez's hometown of Ault, Colorado.

Per Section 1-1-601 of the Board Policy Manual, the Board of Trustees has the authority to name facilities.

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