

**ILLINOIS STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES**

**Resolution No. 2023.05/30  
Authorization to Name  
Beth and Jay Mathews  
Innovation and Technology Room**

**Resolution**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees, as authorized by the Board of Trustees Governing Document, Section C, Policies, Subsection IV-C, Naming of Facilities, shall approve the naming of all facilities at the University; and

Whereas, the White Box Innovation and Technology Room in the newly constructed nursing simulation building is located in Normal, IL; and

Whereas, Beth and Jay Mathews have committed financial resources to Illinois State University; and

Whereas, the University Naming Committee has recommended, and Interim President Tarhule has endorsed the recommendations as described herein:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees in regular meeting assembled, approves the naming of one of the two White Box Innovation and Technology Rooms in the newly constructed Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center the “Beth and Jay Mathews Innovation and Technology Room” in recognition of financial support to Illinois State University.

Board Action on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote:       Yeas: \_\_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Postpone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Disapprove: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approve: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Board Action,   May 12, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary / Chairperson

**Board of Trustees  
Illinois State University  
Authorization to Name Beth and Jay Mathews Innovation and Technology Room**

Mennonite College of Nursing respectfully requests naming one of the two White Box Innovation and Technology Rooms in the newly constructed Mennonite College of Nursing Simulation Center as the Beth and Jay Mathews Innovation and Technology Room. This naming reflects and recognizes the generous financial commitment by Beth and Jay Mathews for the new nursing building.

Beth, '77 and husband Jay Mathews have been generous and engaged donors to the Mennonite College of Nursing for several years. Beth is a respected Nurse Practitioner and has worked closely with the faculty at Mennonite College on educating nurses in primary care settings. An official Redbird Bell Ringer in 2019, Beth believes in the values of Mennonite College and champions its role in addressing the nursing shortage.

The Mathews have not only financially supported the Mennonite College of Nursing's Innovative Leadership Academy for the past five years, but also attend many of its events, such as the annual Etiquette Dinner where they dine and converse with nursing students. The couple, who live in Champaign, often come to campus to take part in College and University programs, including the Lincoln Dinner and official alumni activities.

As members of the 1857 Society, the Mathews were recently featured in Illinois State University's STATE Magazine as influential Redbird Philanthropists.

Beth has been a zealous ambassador for the Mennonite College of Nursing, connecting development staff to others who may be interested in supporting the new Nursing Simulation Center.