

**Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees**

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Resource: Lisa Vasquez  
Vice President of Advancement

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consideration of Approval of Facility Naming in Connection with a Major Gift

**DISCUSSION:** Board of Trustees Policy CLA (LOCAL) details the policy of the philanthropic naming opportunity program with assistance from the Collin College Foundation. The policy states that the Board has authority to name facilities to “honor a person who has made an exceptional contribution to the College District” or to “honor a substantial benefactor of the College District.” This program has been very attractive to major gift donors, and a major gift is presented for formal approval by the Board.

Mr. David Downs’ contributions to Collin College through service and advocacy are immeasurable. Additionally, incredible generosity in creating the David and Chris Downs Endowment plus a recent major gift have added to the impetus to recommend renaming the Materials Testing Lab at the Technical Campus. At Mr. Downs’ request and upon approval of the Board, the lab will be named in honor of David’s late father, Lonnie Downs. Therefore, the Materials Testing Lab (Room C110) at the Technical Campus is recommended to become the Lonnie Downs Materials Testing Lab.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT’S RECOMMENDATION** The District President recommends naming the Materials Testing Lab, Room C110, at the Technical Campus as the Lonnie Downs Materials Testing Lab in accordance with Board Policy CLA (LOCAL).

**SUGGESTED MOTION:** “Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves naming the Materials Testing Lab, Room C110, at the Technical Campus as the Lonnie Downs Materials Testing Lab.”