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NAME THE MAGELLI OFFICE OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, GIES COLLEGE
OF BUSINESS, URBANA

Action: Name the Magelli Office of Experiential Learning, Gies College of Business

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the naming of the Office of Experiential Learning at Gies College of Business in recognition of Dr. Paul Magelli and his many years of service and dedication to experiential learning at the University of Illinois. For years, Gies College of Business has used experiential learning as the vehicle by which engagement, mentoring, and value are delivered. Naming this office in Paul's honor has already garnered the blessing of the Magelli family, and the support of Gies faculty, alumni and employers. This recognition will honor a great leader and advocate for the University of Illinois and Gies College of Business.

The Office of Experiential Learning has provided essential opportunities for students to learn by doing. Students are able to enhance what they learn in the classroom by solving real-world problems outside the classroom. The Office designs and delivers these experiences as well as measures and monitors their impact to help the College tell a more compelling story externally to enhance corporate partnerships.

Business education at Illinois is more than a textbook. Students who have tackled real-world experiences are better able to solve complex problems, are more engaged in their careers, are more likely to thrive in life, and are more loyal to their alma mater. Naming this office in honor of Paul Magelli will provide long-term benefits that move the College toward its goal of being an innovator in business education.

The naming of the Magelli Office of Experiential Learning will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Paul Magelli, who passed away in 2016. Paul devoted much of his life to education. He earned three degrees from the University of Illinois, and then he returned to work at the university in various capacities from 1989 until his death at age 85. He served as an assistant dean of the MBA program, associate dean and director of budgets, and visiting professor of economics. His passion and mission were clear: to create an environment that ensured engaging, meaningful, hands-on experiences for every student. Under his leadership, the College established the Office for the Study of Business Issues in 1995, which later became Illinois Business Consulting. In 2004, Magelli was also instrumental in establishing what has become the Origin Ventures Academy for Entrepreneurial Leadership, another initiative that builds on the College's commitment to experiential learning through real-world entrepreneurial opportunities.

For thousands of alumni, faculty, and industry professionals, Paul Magelli's name is synonymous with experiential learning and its long and proud history at Gies College of Business. The Magelli Office of Experiential Learning is a fitting tribute to this outstanding educator and mentor, and it is also a reflection of the College's continued

commitment to innovation in learning by doing, a commitment that began with Paul Magelli.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.