NAME THE HERBERT AND CAROL RETZKY SIMULATION CENTER,  
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, CHICAGO

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Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the naming of the simulation center at the College of Pharmacy in recognition of Herbert and Carol Retzky’s generous pledge of $1.0 million to support the renovation of the dispensing laboratory, located in what is currently known as “2 North” at 833 South Wood Street. This gift will cover at least 51 percent of the cost of construction and renovation expenditures, with the balance of the cost covered by institutional funds. Dr. and Mrs. Retzky have supported the College of Pharmacy since 2003 and have previously provided the largest monetary gift in the history of the College, which established an endowed chair in Pharmacy Practice and provided for the first named deanship at UIC.

The dispensing simulation center will be reconstructed to open up and modernize the space for first-year students in the College of Pharmacy. Two existing primary walls will be removed and replaced with movable walls that will transform the way the College can use the space, allowing it to be fully opened or partitioned off. It
expands our seating capacity from 120 to 172, meaning the College of Pharmacy can offer its Intro to Pharmacy Practice to the entire population of P1 students at one time, eliminating a section of the class. This will free up space in the College for other use. The dispensing laboratory simulation area will relocate to the opposite end of the enlarged space, better positioning it for teaching to expanded number of students the room will accommodate. Renovation of the 5,280 square feet of space will begin immediately following graduation in May 2019 and will be completed by September 2019 to ensure that the space will be ready for use in the fall semester.

The naming of the Herbert and Carol Retzky Simulation Center will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Retzky who passed away in October 2017. Dr. Retzky was an alumnus of the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy class of 1946. The field of pharmacy has played an important part in both of their lives with their fathers being pharmacists and pharmacy owners, and themselves owners of pharmacies in Chicago since 1957, serving as leaders in their community and within the profession of pharmacy. Although Mrs. Retzky received an undergraduate degree in the performing arts, she was a pharmacy technician in the family business and would have been a pharmacist had she had her father’s support.

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.