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NAME THE HERBERT M. AND CAROL H. RETZKY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, CHICAGO

**Action:** Name the Herbert M. and Carol H. Retzky College of Pharmacy

**Funding:** No new funding required

The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends for approval this proposal from the dean of the College of Pharmacy, the vice chancellor for health affairs, and the vice chancellor for advancement to name the College of Pharmacy the Herbert M. and Carol H. Retzky College of Pharmacy.

Established on September 12, 1859, as the Chicago College of Pharmacy, the college became part of the University of Illinois in 1896 and was renamed the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy. It became the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy in 1932, and in 1982 part of the University of Illinois Chicago. As one of the oldest colleges of pharmacy in the country, and the oldest academic unit in the University of Illinois System, the UIC College of Pharmacy has a successful history of excellence in educating pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists who are leaders in their fields across Illinois, the nation, and beyond. The college is among the top ranked pharmacy schools in the country and is ranked seventh for research.

It is proposed that the college be named in honor of Herbert M. and Carol H. Retzky, whose transformational financial contributions have, and will in perpetuity, enable the college to advance its mission of educating the current and next generation of pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, and pharmacy leaders; conducting impactful and cutting-edge pharmaceutical research; and providing innovative patient care and service to our local, state, national, and global communities. This support helps ensure that UIC remains a top college of pharmacy in the nation.

Herbert and Carol Retzky both had pharmacist fathers and grew up in pharmacies. Herbert graduated from the college in 1946, and Carol was granted an honorary degree in 2019. As a couple, they successfully owned and operated an independent pharmacy on the south side of Chicago, and then later in Oak Park. Working side-by-side, they provided invaluable service to these communities for decades. In retirement, Herb and Carol established a relationship with the UIC College of Pharmacy that led to major gifts over many years.

Herbert and Carol Retzky have provided significant support to the College of Pharmacy, by far surpassing any other individual philanthropic giving to the college, and the highest to UIC overall. This support includes contributions for:

* The Retzky Scholars Fund and the Retzky Career Development Fund
* The UIC Herbert and Carol Retzky Deanship Fund
* The Drug Discovery and Innovation Fund
* The Simulation Center Fund
* The Lester Weitzman Memorial Scholarship Fund
* The Herbert and Carol Retzky Scholarship Fund

This recommendation was forwarded from the dean of the College of Pharmacy after consultation with the vice chancellor for health affairs, with affirmative votes of the College of Pharmacy Faculty Executive Committee and of the full College of Pharmacy faculty, and with approval from the UIC Senate Executive Committee.

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 executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with this recommendation.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval. This action will be reported to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.