

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA



RESOLUTION FOR THE NAMING OF THE HOTEL SIMULATION DESK IN HONOR OF THE STATLER FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Statler Foundation was created from the estate of hotelier Ellsworth M. Statler following his death in 1928;

WHEREAS, the Statler Foundation supports research work and trains employees for the benefit of the hotel industry;

WHEREAS, Ellsworth Statler, a self-made millionaire who worked his way up from bellhop to industry legend, founded the largest premier hotel chain of his day;

WHEREAS, the Statler Scholarship of Excellence was established in 1997 and is awarded to students who demonstrate a high degree of academic performance and aptitude in studying the hotel management field;

WHEREAS, the IUP Hotel, Restaurant, Tourism, and Event Management program has been providing an exceptional education to students who are interested in pursuing a career in the field, offering specialized knowledge and skills for managing businesses within the hospitality industry;

WHEREAS, the program consistently enrolls more than 100 majors annually, making it the largest undergraduate hospitality program in the commonwealth;

WHEREAS, Ellsworth Statler once said that the hotel industry is vital to America's growth, and he wanted to open the road to success to ascending generations in the hotel industry through education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania recognizes the commitment, vision, and philanthropic support of the Statler Foundation by naming the university's hotel simulation desk in its honor.

Approved this 7th day of March, 2024.

Samuel H. Smith, Chair
IUP Council of Trustees