

# MSU to hold in-person listening session Wednesday, Nov. 3, regarding proposal to name college of nursing in honor of Mark and Robyn Jones

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BOZEMAN – On its initiative, Montana State University is asking the state’s Board of Regents to approve naming its nursing college the Mark and Robyn Jones College of Nursing, Montana State University.

“The university is taking the initiative to propose the naming to recognize the incredible generosity of Mark and Robyn Jones,” said Waded Cruzado, president of MSU. “Mark and Robyn don’t seek the spotlight, and never asked for this recognition, but their actions will benefit generations of Montanans, and we feel it is only fitting that they are recognized.”

In August, the Jones made a \$101 million philanthropic investment in the university’s College of Nursing. It is the largest philanthropic amount ever given to a college of nursing and will be used to provide new facilities at each of the college’s existing campuses in Bozeman, Kalispell, Missoula, Great Falls and Billings. With additional space to grow its enrollment, MSU estimates it will be able to meet the state’s projected nursing shortage by 2030.

The Joneses are the founders of Goosehead Insurance, based in Westlake, Texas, and Mark currently serves as chairman and CEO of the company. Founded in 2003, Goosehead is a rapidly growing and innovative personal lines insurance agency that distributes its products and services through more than 1,800 offices in the United States with a market capitalization of \$5 billion.

The regents will consider the naming request at their Nov. 18-19 meeting in Missoula on the campus of the University of Montana. A full agenda for the two-day meeting will be available online here: [mus.edu/board/meetings/agendas-and-minutes.html](https://mus.edu/board/meetings/agendas-and-minutes.html).

An in-person listening session on the proposed naming will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in Room 230 of the Strand Union Building at MSU.

Public comments on the naming request can also be submitted by letter to University Communications, c/o Name Change Comments, P.O. Box 172220, Bozeman, MT 59717-2220 or by email to [msunews@montana.edu](mailto:msunews@montana.edu). Comments are due by Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Montana University System and MSU policies permit colleges to be named in honor of individuals. The MUS naming policy can be found here: <https://mus.edu/borpol/bor1000/1004-1.pdf>

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