

Naming Opportunity  
Kummer School of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development  
Missouri S&T

*Pursuant to CRR 110.081*, naming of academic units requires Board approval. The Missouri University of Science & Technology requests approval to name the June and Fred Kummer School of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development in recognition of June and Fred Kummer's extraordinary gift of \$300 million to the Kummer Foundation, formed for the exclusive benefit of Missouri S&T. Money from the Foundation will be used to fund the School.

The Kummer School of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development will be established as a new school within the university that will combine business-related academic programs with new programs related to innovation and entrepreneurship at the bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. levels.

June and Fred Kummer have been among Missouri S&T's most generous donors over the years. They provided the lead gift for the Kummer Student Design Center, which houses Missouri S&T's 19 student-run design teams. They also supported the expansion in the 1990s of Butler-Carlton Civil Engineering Hall and, in the early 2000s, of Toomey Hall, which houses S&T's mechanical and aerospace engineering programs. In recognition of June's passion for landscaping and gardening, the Kummerts provided a gift to name the Fred and June Kummer Garden at Hasselmann Alumni House.

A native of New York City, Fred Kummer's interest in construction and hotel management began early. His father was an engineer with a New York hotel company, and Kummer developed his business savvy in the hotel basement, where he and a high school classmate ran a printing press to create menus for restaurants in other neighborhood hotels. He attended City College of New York before transferring to Missouri S&T. While in college at Rolla, he worked for a St. Louis architectural firm that had a project there. He met a colleague, June, an architect and graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. He left the university in 1952 to join the Army, married June while in the service and returned to Rolla in 1954 to complete his degree.

Fred Kummer is a past member of the Missouri S&T Board of Trustees and the University of Missouri Board of Curators. The Kummerts are founding members of the Order of the Golden Shillelagh, an association composed of Missouri S&T's most loyal and generous donors. In 2011, Kummer was named to Missouri S&T's Alumni of Influence inaugural class in recognition of his business success and philanthropic contributions.

UM System President and MU Chancellor Mun Y. Choi and Chancellor Dehghani are in support of this naming.

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Recommended Action - Naming Opportunity, Kummer School of Innovation,  
Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, Missouri S&T

It was recommended by UM System President and MU Chancellor Mun Y. Choi  
and Missouri S&T Chancellor Mohammad Dehghani, moved by Curator  
\_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Curator \_\_\_\_\_, that the following  
action be approved:

to name the Kummer School of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Economic  
Development in recognition of Fred and June Kummer's extraordinary  
contributions to Missouri S&T.

Roll call vote:

YES

NO

Curator Brncic  
Curator Chatman  
Curator Graham  
Curator Hoberock  
Curator Layman  
Curator Snowden  
Curator Steelman  
Curator Wenneker  
Curator Williams

The motion \_\_\_\_\_.