

TO: Patrick Wolfe, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Matt Folk, President and CEO, Purdue for Life Foundation

DATE: August 22, 2023

RE: Request approval to rename the Veterans Success Center (VSC) to The Dorothy Stratton Veteran and Military Success Center

On behalf of the Purdue for Life Foundation and Purdue Naming Committee, I request approval to rename the Veterans Success Center (VSC) to The Dorothy Stratton Veteran and Military Success Center.

The Veterans Success Center provides holistic programming and services for Purdue University's military-connected students who are veterans, current service members, or family members. Currently more than 1,700 military-connected students using service-connected education benefits are served by the VSC.

This request honors Captain Dorothy Stratton who was Purdue's first full-time Dean of Women serving from 1933 to 1942 and founding director of the United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve during World War II. During her time at Purdue, Captain Stratton saw the enrollment of women students increase from 500 to more than 1,400. She was instrumental in the construction of three residence halls for women. She successfully advocated for a liberal science program for women in the School of Science and an employment placement center for Purdue women. She was also instrumental in establishing the Housemother's Training School that gave intensive training to several hundred fraternity and sorority housemothers from all parts of the country.

Additionally, adding "Military" to the organizational name to reflect a more inclusive space as veterans represent the smallest percentage in Purdue's overall military-connected student population. The largest population by the VSC is family members using benefits that are transferred from a veteran family member.

The naming committee and I believe renaming the Veterans Success Center (VSC) to The Dorothy Stratton Veteran and Military Success Center is an appropriate recognition of Captain Stratton's legacy and leadership to Purdue and the nation.

APPROVED:


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