

PROPOSAL: Renaming the New Valley Residence Hall “Valley Oaks”

Background

The name Golden Oaks for the new residence hall that will be opened fall 2026 was approved April 17, 2025. We are requesting that the name be changed to Valley Oaks upon further reflection and feedback received.

Valley Oaks emphasizes honoring the long-standing “Valleys” traditional identity within the University community. The new facility draws its name from the site’s architecture and natural surroundings, including prominent Red Oak trees and views of Valley Dining Center and Goldsworth Pond. Designed for 1,016 first-year residents across 688 units, the building features varied room types and graduated community spaces that reflect the University’s goal of offering differentiated, modern living experiences. The naming strategy intends to align first impressions with the building’s character while preserving tradition.

Recommended Action

It is recommended the Board of Trustees name the new residence hall “Valley Oaks.”