



PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

Office of the Chancellor

To: Gary J. Lehman, Chairman
Purdue University Board of Trustees

From: Kenneth C. Holford, Chancellor
Purdue University Northwest

Date: April 8, 2025

Re: PNW Request for Residence Hall Naming

I am requesting, with the support of the PNW Senior Leadership Team, approval to name the new residence hall being built on the Purdue University Northwest Hammond campus, Calumet Hall.

The name Calumet Hall celebrates the rich geographic and cultural heritage of the Northwest Indiana region that is home to Purdue University Northwest. The Calumet Region was formed by the drainage of two rivers – the Grand Calumet and the Little Calumet – thousands of years ago, making it historically one of the most biodiverse areas of the U.S. The nearby dunes along the southern shores of Lake Michigan, proximity to Chicago, and the area's early economic growth as a hub of industrial production are among the many distinct aspects of the greater Calumet Region that also led to the establishment and growth of the PNW campuses. Thus, the name of this residence hall reflects PNW's unique place in the Purdue University system and the state of Indiana.

We respectfully request approval by the Board of Trustees to approve the official name Calumet Hall for the new residence hall opening in August 2026.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. C. Holford', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kenneth C. Holford, Ph.D.
Chancellor