

# Valencia College

## District Board of Trustees

### Resolution

**WHEREAS**, the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College wishes to honor Dr. Sanford C. Shugart for his 21 years of dedicated and honorable service to our students, our faculty, our staff, and our community as President of Valencia College;

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as President, Dr. Shugart has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to Valencia's open access mission and has placed paramount importance on our students and their learning, instilling the belief that anyone can learn anything, under the right conditions;

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as President, more than 141,000 students achieved their dreams and earned a degree or certificate from Valencia College;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shugart's leadership was characterized by a deep commitment to collaboration and partnership, resulting in the development of transformative programs such as DirectConnect to UCF and Accelerated Skills Training;

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as President, Valencia College received the inaugural Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence honoring Valencia's outstanding achievements in the areas of teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, equity in student outcomes, and leadership and institutional culture;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shugart's extraordinary vision supported the growth and development of vibrant workforce programs responsive to the community's needs, including the Valencia College School of Arts and Entertainment, which fueled the creativity and influence of Central Florida's arts and entertainment industries;

**WHEREAS**, given his artistic passion and talent, Dr. Shugart is inextricably linked with the School of Arts and Entertainment, having written and recorded many songs for Valencia's record label in the College's recording studios, including a special piece written for Valencia's film program titled "The Way Back Home;"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in honor of his selfless service to Valencia College and his commitment to our students and community, that the School of Arts and Entertainment Building at Valencia College's East Campus be named the Sanford C. Shugart Building;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in recognition of his extraordinary influence and his indelible imprint on Valencia College that Dr. Shugart be awarded the honorary title of President Emeritus to forever remind him of "The Way Back Home."

**APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2021.**

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