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Dear Trustees,

On behalf of the financial partners who support the McLennan Community College Foundation, students, faculty, and staff, I am pleased to share news of a major gift toward the Cameron Hall construction project which includes a request for naming the courtyard.

According to the policies of the Foundation and College, the naming of college buildings, facilities, features, divisions, sections, etc. must be approved by the Board of Trustees. In accordance with these policies, the Foundation has recently received financial gifts and commitments in excess of \$1,000,000 to support the ongoing construction and rejuvenation of the historic Cameron family summer home property now known as Cameron Hall. This financial support is intended to help fund Phase II of construction, to include but not limited to the courtyard and executive conference room.

The funding was secured by a coalition of community members and MCC Foundation partners, led by Mrs. Alice Starr, to secure naming rights for the courtyard, specifically. The group aims to collectively contribute \$1,500,000 total toward this naming opportunity, and wish to use the naming rights to honor Dr. Johnette Edwards McKown for her dedicated service to our community through her leadership of the college.

With the approval of the MCC Board of Trustees, the Foundation plans to continue securing funds for this naming and for Phase II of construction, simultaneously honoring a beloved leader in our community and alleviating the financial burden of the construction for the college, area taxpayers, and our many stakeholders throughout the community.

Thank you for your consideration and approval of the proposed naming opportunity whereby the renovated courtyard at Cameron Hall will be honorably dedicated as the Dr. Johnette Edwards McKown Courtyard.

Sincerely,  
Chris Qualls, LMSW

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Qualls', written over a white background.

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