A Historic Day for UT

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I have some historic news to share with you. The UT Board of Trustees has just approved our proposal to name our business college the James A. Haslam II College of Business.

This marks the first time we've named a college in recognition of an alumnus and donor. Three generations of the Haslam family have made a landmark $50 million gift to the college in honor of their patriarch.

Having a named college places UT among an elite group of top named business schools in the nation. The college is experiencing great momentum and already has a well-established reputation for its top-ranked programs, talented faculty, and well-prepared graduates. Having more resources will further its quality programs and advance UT’s goal of becoming a Top 25 public research university.

We are so thankful for this transformational gift and we are pleased to honor Jim in this way. He and his family have been great friends and dedicated Volunteers for many decades, and we are proud that the Haslam College of Business will forever bear his name.

This development comes at a great time as we celebrate the college's 100-year anniversary this year. The new funding will help to recruit and retain top faculty, boost research and economic development, and support student achievement through scholarships and other program enhancements.

Please mark your calendar for a public celebration at 10:00 a.m. November 14 at the Haslam Business Building. We will express our appreciation to the Haslam family and hear from Dean Steve Mangum.
A letter from Chancellor Jimmy G. Cheek about the college's bright future.

Sincerely,

Jimmy G. Cheek
Chancellor