

The Terry Martin Ice Arena

Brief Biography of Honoree & Justification:

Terry Martin is a legendary coach, teacher, mentor, and prominent community member who influenced many lives throughout his career. During his 25 years at the helm, he led the SUNY Canton Men's Hockey team to 12 national championships and coached over 300 men. While many of his players have gone on to have success playing Division I and professional hockey, all are passionate about the life skills, education and professional network resulting from their time at SUNY Canton, facilitated by Coach Martin.

The ice arena at SUNY Canton's Convocation, Athletic and Recreation Center (CARC) is home to the SUNY Canton Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Teams, as well as the Mountain Warriors sled hockey team. It is used recreationally for SUNY Canton students to participate in open skating sessions and offers skate rentals to students and the greater Canton community. It was used to host the FISU Men's World Games in January of 2023, bringing in athletes and spectators from around the world. The ice is also utilized by many local youth hockey and figure skating organizations for practice time, games and skills camps.

When the arena opened in 2011, SUNY Canton finally was able to have a true home ice facility, after decades of sharing ice with the town and St. Lawrence University. This has elevated the experience of the teams, students, and spectators. In Fall 2024, SUNY Canton enters a new era for ice hockey by joining the competitive and prestigious SUNYAC Conference. This new level of competition brings new challenges: the players face growing needs for equipment, assistance with travel and additional training services. Now is the ideal time to honor Coach Martin and, in doing so, address these needs.

A fundraising campaign is currently underway to name the ice arena at CARC the Terry Martin Ice Arena. As of June 1, 2024, the campaign has raised over \$201,000 and expects to raise \$250,000 by September 2024. Seventy percent of the funds raised will benefit the hockey program, addressing new needs as the program transitions to the SUNYAC Conference, while 30 percent will be allocated to the Canton Fund, supporting all areas of greatest need for the College. Naming opportunities are often secured by one generous donor, but in this case more than a dozen of Terry's former players and friends think so highly of him that they have made pledges ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 as part of this campaign. Many more individuals have stepped up to make smaller gifts and pledges.

The legacy of Coach Terry Martin, paired with the enormous outpouring of support from former players, students, coworkers, family and community members, and the timing of the SUNY Canton hockey program entering the SUNYAC Conference, all combine to make this the perfect time to name the CARC Ice Arena, the Terry Martin Ice Arena.

Resolution

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WHEREAS, Terry Martin served SUNY Canton as Men's Hockey Coach for 25 years, coaching and mentoring over 300 students, and retiring with emeriti status in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Terry Martin is renowned for developing an incredibly successful Men's Hockey program, earning twelve national championships during his time on the bench; and

WHEREAS, the Ice Arena at SUNY Canton's Convocation, Athletic and Recreation Center is home to the SUNY Canton Men's and Women's Hockey Teams, providing a location to build and hone their leadership and athletic skills; and

WHEREAS, a fundraising effort has raised over \$201,000 of an anticipated \$250,000 from donors including former players, students, co-workers, family, and community members, acknowledging Terry Martin's impact on SUNY Canon;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the College Council of the State University of New York, College of Technology at Canton, designates the Terry Martin Ice Arena in the Convocation, Athletic and Recreation Center, this fifteenth day of November, Two Thousand and Twenty Four.

Ronald M. O'Neill
Chairman, College Council

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