

Proposed Naming: The Glenn Hild Student Art Gallery

Glenn Hild served as a faculty member and an administrator at Eastern Illinois University from 1980-2016. He was a professor of art, Chair of the Art Department, Associate Dean and then Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. His impact on the University and his commitment to the success of the students and the Art Department is legendary.

After Glenn Hild's retirement in 2016, Glenn's colleagues from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the Department of Art & Design worked together to identify and eventually actualize a space for the professional presentation of student art for display and recognition. Glenn Hild and his wife Susan participated in early talks about the project, and Glenn, who was passionate in his support of Art students, expressed how honored he felt that his legacy in the Art Department would be carried on in this way. Glenn passed away in April of 2018 and Glenn's friends, family, and colleagues have raised \$100,000 for an endowment to provide long-term operating support for a student art gallery in the Doudna Center to honor Glenn's memory.

Glenn Hild first joined the Art Department as faculty in 1980, then served as the chair of the Art Department from 1993-2014, after which, delaying his retirement, served as Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities for two years. Glenn Hild had a significant impact on EIU through his commitment to the success of students, the EIU Art Department, the Doudna Fine Arts Center, and the larger arts community. It has often been noted that Glenn's office light was burning many an evening and far too many weekends, such was his dedication. Glenn's contributions during the extensive remodeling of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, and his sustaining the body and soul of the Art Department during the six years (2002-2008) when the department was "in the wilderness" at its location in an old grocery store, are impossible to overstate.

The Glenn Hild Student Art Gallery will memorialize the life and work of Glenn Hild. Glenn saw the gallery as an important way for EIU to enhance the professional experience for art students. The Glenn Hild Student Art Gallery Endowment sustains the ongoing operating needs of an undergraduate student gallery in the Doudna Center's Art wing. This professional gallery space introduces students to the arts professions, provides an opportunity for students to showcase their work and curate exhibitions, and acts as a dynamic core for the Department of Art and Design.

Glenn Hild's impact on EIU and commitment to the success of our students is legendary in the Art Department, the Doudna Fine Arts Center, and beyond. The naming of the Glenn Hild Student Art Gallery not only serves as an appropriate legacy, but honors the dedication and commitment Glenn had for the University and its students.

It is proposed that the University Naming Committee recommend to the President that the undergraduate student art gallery in the Doudna Center be renamed as the Glenn Hild Student Art Gallery.