Danny Wegman Named Next Board Chair, Four New Trustees Appointed

Danny Wegman, CEO of the iconic Rochester-based grocery store company founded by his grandfather and great-uncle, has been named chair-elect of the University's Board of Trustees. A trustee for more than 15 years, Wegman will succeed current chair Ed Hajim ’58 in a five-year appointment at the May 2016 board meeting.

“Danny is one of the country’s most admired business leaders, a champion of our region, and a highly respected and dedicated board member,” says President and CEO Joel Seligman, who has worked closely with Wegman for the past four years in their roles as cochairs of the Finger Lakes Economic Development Council, part of New York State's community-based economic development program.

The announcement was made at this spring's board meeting, where four new trustees were also elected.

Wegman joined Wegmans Food Markets after high school and was named a store manager in 1969, the same year he graduated with honors from Harvard University with a degree in economics. He became president in 1976, and was named CEO in 2005. Today, the company operates 85 stores in six states and is consistently recognized in Fortune Magazine’s “100 Best Companies to Work for in America,” earning the No. 7 spot in 2015.

In April 2014, Wegman, president and chairman of the board of the Wegman Family Foundation, announced a $10 million lead gift to the Goergen Institute for Data Science and a $7 million gift to support Golisano Children’s Hospital. Altogether, the foundation has provided $20 million to The Meliora Challenge: The Campaign for the University of Rochester. Wegman and his wife, Konstanze (Stency), are members of the University’s Board of Trustees.

Golisano Children’s Hospital Opens for Patients

The doors on the largest building project in the University’s history open this summer to patients, families, and friends throughout western and upstate New York.

The new eight-story, 245,000-square-foot Golisano Children’s Hospital was formally dedicated in late May during a ceremony that featured patients and their families, University leaders, and significant building donors, including hospital namesake B. Thomas Golisano.

The largest capital project undertaken by the University, the new hospital is a key component of the Medical Center’s campaign in support of The Meliora Challenge, the University’s comprehensive fundraising campaign that continues through June 2016.

The hospital will feature all-private rooms and specialized technology, including the first integrated PET/MRI in a children’s hospital in the nation, dedicated to healing sick and injured children. Each year, about 84,000 children across the Finger Lakes region are admitted to Golisano Children’s Hospital for care.

GOLISANO GOAL: Sue Bezek, director of pediatric nursing (standing, left to right), Nina Schor, pediatrician-in-chief, Medical Center CEO Mark Taubman, Board of Trustees Chair Ed Hajim ’58, University President and CEO Joel Seligman, and hospital namesake Tom Golisano cut a ribbon as part of ceremonies to dedicate the new Golisano Children’s Hospital, the largest capital project in University history.