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Dear UMaine and UMM communities:

Today it was announced that the Finance, Facilities, and Technology Committee, part of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, is receiving a request from President Joan Ferrini-Mundy to change the name of C.C. Little Hall to Beryl Warner Williams Hall. Beryl Warner Williams was born in Bangor, Maine and graduated from Bangor High School. She attended the University of Maine and in 1935 earned her B.S. in mathematics (she was the first Black graduate to earn a mathematics degree from UMaine). In 1940, Williams went on to earn a master's degree in mathematics from UMaine. She was not able to secure a teaching position in Maine and, therefore, moved to Maryland where she had a distinguished academic and social improvement career impacting the lives of many people.

This recommendation follows the work of two task forces appointed by President Ferrini-Mundy in 2020 to both study the issues of 1: whether C.C. Little Hall should be renamed and, 2: for whom should the building be named. The task forces' reports were submitted in June 2020 and in September 2020. More information can be found here: [umaine.edu/president/naming-task-force](http://umaine.edu/president/naming-task-force).

We are very pleased to make this historic announcement today.

Kenda Scheele, Chair  
C.C. Little Hall Task Force  
Associate Vice President for Student Life  
and Senior Associate Dean of Students