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"We drink from wells we did not dig; we are warmed by fires we did not kindle."



Cloedeen G. and Frank F. McDonald Sr.

In the fall of 1968, Dr. David L. Rice, president emeritus of the University of Southern Indiana, and Byron C. Wright, vice president emeritus for Business Affairs and Treasurer, met with Mayor Frank F. McDonald Sr. in his office in downtown Evansville. Mayor McDonald was an avid supporter of the young campus and had a profound conviction that the University would be a tremendous benefit for the City of Evansville and the State of Indiana. He often referred to it as "an industry without a smokestack."

The mayor's support was key to the University's success and Dr. Rice and Mr. Wright visited regularly with him to discuss issues affecting higher education on the Evansville campus. At the end of this particular meeting, Mayor McDonald said, "You will need private gifts to help make that place a success. Folks around here will not want to send their hard-earned money out of town, so I suggest you establish a foundation to benefit our University." He then opened his wallet and pulled out two \$100 bills. "Here is \$100 from me and \$100 from my wife to begin that foundation."

Dr. Rice then approached Indiana State University President Alan C. Rankin about creating a foundation, and received further encouragement. In seeking approval from his trustees, Dr. Rankin noted that the establishment of a foundation in Evansville was important. He emphasized Mayor McDonald's

point that Evansville-area donors would give more enthusiastically to an Evansville organization. Because the Evansville campus did not have the necessary staff, Dr. Rankin also offered the assistance of the foundation in Terre Haute to help begin this effort.

Frank McDonald had unusual foresight for Evansville and for the University of Southern Indiana. To ensure that we are reminded of that vision, each year the University of Southern Indiana Foundation publishes *Faces of Philanthropy: Generous Friends of Vision*. The inaugural edition in 2008 commemorated the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation.

Mayor McDonald's vision for the University and for the USI Foundation, as well as his active work on behalf of these institutions, serves as witness to what great things can be accomplished with collaboration, cooperation, and wise leadership. Frank McDonald's efforts to ensure the establishment of the institution in 1965 have earned him the title of "founding father."

Those featured in this volume made a decision to support the mission of the University with their financial resources. Through their stories readers have an insight into the individuals who shared the conviction that they must "kindle the fire" so future generations will know warmth.

Dear Friends,

As we place the finishing touches on *Faces of Philanthropy: Generous Friends of Vision* for this year we are deeply immersed in *Campaign USI: Elevating Excellence*. This campaign, conducted by the USI Foundation, launched publicly on April 4, 2013, with a goal to raise \$50 million by December 2015. All monies committed to this effort are for the exclusive benefit of the University of Southern Indiana.

As I write this letter we have gift commitments of \$33 million and we find ourselves right where we should be according to our planning process. More than the dollars involved, however, I am especially aware of the countless people who have helped USI over many years. Founded on September 15, 1965, this year we celebrate 48 years of public higher education. Certainly, we are a young institution. And yet we are a mature University in many ways, too. Generosity, for instance. Literally thousands of people have helped in the process of developing Evansville's world-class public university. Those featured in this sixth edition are representative of the kind of people throughout the past decades who have united in one cause—making a great public institution of higher learning possible in this part of the country. That is still true.

The University of Southern Indiana and the USI Foundation would not be where they are today without those whose faces and stories appear in this volume, without those of you who are reading it, and without the many others who are with us now both in memory and in the evidence of the legacy they provided. Some were friends of the University of Southern Indiana when a "state college" was being planned; some have been here since its inception; some came to know USI much more recently; and some we never had the pleasure of knowing but who knew and supported our work with an estate gift.

We remain grateful to all those who chose to support the University in the past and we sincerely thank those who support its work today. If you have not joined in support of *Campaign USI: Elevating Excellence*, please decide to do so now. You will be part of a tremendous legacy of generosity and part of the reality that USI truly is a great institution *by the people and for the people* as the Seal of the University so proudly proclaims.

Sincerely,



David A. Bower
Director of University Development
President, USI Foundation
October 1, 2013



*The Bambergers'
early legacy
continues today*



Frederick P. and Helen M. Bamberger

Fred and Helen Bamberger supported education all their lives, and at their deaths, they left sizeable bequests for hospitals and universities, including the University of Southern Indiana. Their individual estate gifts were combined to establish the Frederick P. and Helen M. Bamberger Endowed Fund for Scholarships at USI in 1991. Their bequest was the second largest in the University of Southern Indiana Foundation's history.

Mr. Bamberger was a founding partner in 1959 of Evansville's Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald & Hahn law firm. Born in Huntingburg, Indiana, he grew up in Mount Vernon, Indiana, and graduated from the University of Michigan. Referred to as a "prodigious trial lawyer," he was known throughout Indiana and the United States as a civil litigator. He was the founder and first president of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, and was awarded the distinction of being named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Mr. Bamberger was president of the Indiana Bar Association and served on the Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness. He was a member of the American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Bar Association of Seventh Federal Circuit, and American Bar Foundation. He was past president of Evansville Rotary, active in Masonic organizations, a member of the Petroleum Club of Evansville, and the University of Michigan Law Fund National Committee. At the time of his death in 1983, he was senior partner in his firm.

Mrs. Bamberger, a native of Gibson County, Indiana, was an art and music teacher in the elementary schools of Posey County. In the earliest years of USI's history, she was a member of the Evansville Campus Citizens Advisory Committee, formed in 1966 to help develop public higher education in the region. She served as president of the Musicians Club of Evansville and was an early member of the Evansville Public Health Nursing Association. Mrs. Bamberger died in 1990.

Mr. and Mrs. Bamberger were members of First Presbyterian Church in Evansville and in Mount Vernon, Indiana.

*The Bennetts
helped lay the
foundation for
today's USI*



Donald D. and Jane B. '76 Bennett

Don Bennett and Jane Baker were teen-age sweethearts who married in 1952 after graduating from English (Indiana) High School. They enrolled at Indiana University where Dr. Bennett earned bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in education. He became the first principal of Edgewood High School in Ellettsville, Indiana, and then joined the University of Southern Indiana in 1968, where he taught mathematics and college algebra for over 27 years and retired as vice president for Student Affairs.

Dr. Bennett was athletic director from 1992-95, ushering in the era of successful basketball coaches Bruce Pearl and Chance Dugan, whose teams thrust USI onto the national stage. The men's team captured the NCAA Division II National Championship in 1995, and the women's team was national runner up in 1997. Dr. Bennett was inducted into the USI Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

Dr. Bennett was active in the West Side Nut Club and was a 50-year member of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana. He was a fan of college basketball and major league baseball and a collector of antique radios and fountain pens, acquired at the many auctions he attended. His wife said he "loved to talk with the people he met at auctions."

Mrs. Bennett completed her baccalaureate in education at USI and earned her master's at Indiana State University. She was deeply involved in the lives of their three children, Kim, Lisa '85, and Scott '91, and was a teacher and realtor. Mrs. Bennett, grandmother of seven, moved to the Indianapolis area to be close to her family after the death of Dr. Bennett in 2010.

Dr. Bennett laid the foundation for the administration of Student Affairs and for the modern-day Athletic Department. To honor him, the USI Varsity Club created a scholarship in his name, and the University named Bennett Lane, which passes by the Physical Activities Center, for him. Mrs. Bennett acknowledges the importance of her husband's contribution to building amenities for students. "I have said over and over how nice it must be for students at the University today with its housing and expanded spaces."

*After wide
travel, David
Broderhausen has
a second career in
his hometown*



David C. Broderhausen '79

Former campus leader David Broderhausen wanted to travel after graduating from the University of Southern Indiana, where he served as president of the Student Union Board, directed the Eagle Gran Prix bicycle race, and helped to found Phi Alpha fraternity. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for 20 years, 10 of those on active duty. His Navy career gave him the travel he sought and extensive leadership and educational opportunities, including earning a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University. While at Harvard, Mr. Broderhausen was engaged in a Navy-sponsored strategic planning project in conjunction with Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

It was at Harvard that he met his future wife, Yliana Hermoza, from Lima, Peru, studying on a Fulbright Scholarship. After she graduated, she joined the World Bank in her native Peru and later had a leadership role with the Inter-American Development Bank in Honduras, focused on economic and business development. Their paths crossed again at a Harvard Alumni dinner in Washington, D.C. After dating for several years, they married in 1997 and settled in Virginia. Tragically, Mrs. Broderhausen became ill and died in 2004, when their son Michael was only five.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Broderhausen and Michael moved to the Broderhausen family homestead in Darmstadt, Indiana. Michael attended Trinity Lutheran School in Darmstadt where his family had been active, and he now is a freshman at Evansville Central High School.

Mr. Broderhausen established his entrepreneurial business, DCB Capital Investment Company, locally. His company allows him to employ the expertise he gained in the military and in private business. He served in the Pacific Fleet on an aircraft carrier with responsibility for electronics communication and military strategy. He has been a defense consultant for the Pentagon and worked for 10 years for the American Automobile Association and AAA Mid-Atlantic companies, specializing in information systems and management efficiency.

Upon his return to the Evansville area, Mr. Broderhausen immediately joined the President's Associates and became a member of *Reflections* Planned Giving Society. He has established a bequest for the University's Master of Public Administration program.

*The Brownings'
respect for the past
is an example for
the future*



Charles H. and Dolores DeWitt Browning

Charles and Dolores "Dee" Browning left a priceless gift to the Southwestern Indiana community when, with their Browning family, they donated over a century of online genealogical, obituary, and local history information for public access through the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library.

The Brownings were Memorial High School sweethearts who married after college and military service. In 1954, they founded Browning Funeral Home in Evansville, with Mr. Browning leading the management until their children were older and Mrs. Browning joined him. She encouraged her husband as he developed the Browning Genealogy database, and she searched for new and innovative ways to help grieving families remember their loved ones. The Brownings reared four children, Charleen, Mark, Rebecca, and Jeannie, and shared more than 60 years together before his death in 2007. The Browning Funeral Home funded a teaching computer lab in the Business and Engineering Center.

Mrs. Browning joined the USI Foundation *Reflections* Planned Giving Society with a legacy gift for two scholarships created by her son, Dr. Mark Browning, a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors. The Dolores DeWitt and Charles H. Browning History Scholarship and the Allison Marie Carter Scholarship, named for the Brownings' granddaughter who died in an automobile accident, will benefit from her gift.

Mrs. Browning has sponsored 14 different endowed scholarships for students at elementary and high schools and local colleges. She called her support of scholarships a matter of "investing in today's young people for tomorrow. They are our jewels, our treasures," she said of the students.

Mrs. Browning has been an active volunteer for St. Mary's Hospital and has led a consortium of Southwestern Indiana hospital auxiliaries. She also has been active in the Raintree Girl Scout Council, but she may be best known for her work for the Daughters of the American Revolution, leading the effort to erect eight historical markers. A careful researcher and genealogist, she wants history to be documented and people to be celebrated.

Mr. Browning was a U.S Navy veteran, serving on an LST in the South Pacific Theatre for three years. He was an active member of the VFW, a Rotarian, and a City Councilman.

*Love of education
motivated the
Brumfields*



Richard M. and Martha B. Brumfield

Gibson County natives Richard and Martha Brumfield shared a love of education. Mr. Brumfield was born in Princeton, Indiana, and grew up in Fort Branch, the son of a dentist. By the age of 10, his dream was to study engineering. He was fascinated by the emerging technology of radio, and completed a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Purdue University in 1931.

Martha Boren Brumfield's education was in the liberal arts. She attended Earlham College, majoring in Latin, and taught Latin and English at her native Owensville High School. She was a talented musician, playing piano and organ, and was active in many arts organizations. She was on the board of Gibson General Hospital, had been a Trustee of Vincennes University, and was a local school board member.

Richard Brumfield founded Potter & Brumfield in Princeton, Indiana, with his partner, Elbert Potter, during the Great Depression. As the company blossomed into a recognized leader in the field of electromechanical devices, Mr. Brumfield developed an understanding of having educated people in the workforce. He modestly said, "We had to hire people who were smarter than we were."

Potter and Brumfield became one of the country's largest independent manufacturers of electronic relays and, in 1954, was acquired by AMF Corporation.

One of Gibson County's most involved citizens, Mr. Brumfield was active in United Way, Gibson Community Foundation, and the Salvation Army. He was a 33rd degree Mason, and a sought-after corporate director. He was a trustee of Purdue University for 15 years and held honorary doctorates from Purdue and the University of Southern Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Brumfield established a charitable remainder trust through the USI Foundation, receiving income from the trust during their lives. The USI Foundation assigned the scholarship endowment to provide Deans Scholarships. In a 1999 interview, Mrs. Brumfield said, "USI has been a wonderful thing for Gibson County. Otherwise many young people could not have gone to college."

Mr. Brumfield died in 2001, and Mrs. Brumfield died in 2007. Together they reared two daughters, Alice and Ann.

*John and Nancy
Byrd are natural
leaders*



John W. and Nancy L. Byrd

John and Nancy Byrd are being warmly welcomed back to Evansville after eight “wonderful” years as the first family of Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. Both Dr. and Mrs. Byrd once held positions of great responsibility at the University of Southern Indiana.

Dr. Byrd was USI vice president for Student Affairs, and Mrs. Byrd was director of Human Resources. Mrs. Byrd is a graduate of Indiana University, holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Indiana State University, and holds lifetime certification for senior professionals in human resources. She served several leading Evansville employers before accepting her current position as regional manager for employee relations for the Michigan and Ohio Regions of Fifth Third Bank, overseeing nine affiliates. She retained her position while living in Iowa and undertaking the college and civic responsibilities of a president’s wife.

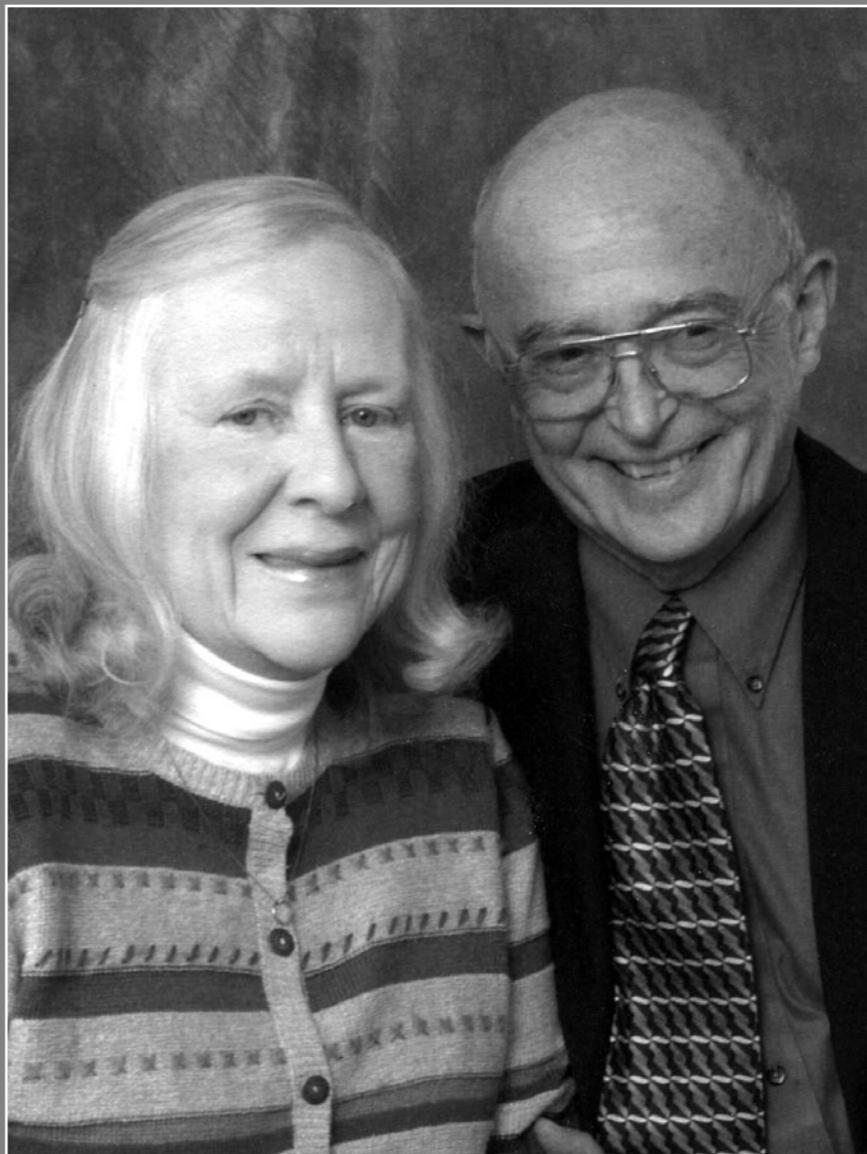
Dr. Byrd, a native of St. Louis, came to University of Evansville as a faculty member and administrator. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from University of Missouri and a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University. Dr. Byrd served in vice presidencies at both UE and USI before being selected as Simpson’s president.

A Simpson publication announcing Dr. Byrd’s presidential retirement listed his “many successful initiatives, including a new curriculum that has received national recognition.” During his tenure, the College added a new Campus Center, improved athletic facilities, renovated the Fitness Center, and expanded the Performing Arts Center. One professor said, “Not only has he upgraded the physical plant, but he has also generated a sense of optimism for the future.”

The Byrds called their time at Simpson “an extraordinary opportunity.” “We were blessed with a campus community that embraced moving forward,” Dr. Byrd emphasized. Mrs. Byrd spoke about the Simpson and Indianola experience as “a pride you can sense wherever you go.” Clearly Simpson College feels the same pride in the Byrds, conferring honorary doctoral degrees upon them in recognition of their individual and joint leadership.

Dr. and Mrs. Byrd have remembered the USI Foundation in their wills, with unrestricted gifts to be used where the need is greatest.

*The Denners were
pacesetters for
excellence*



Melvin W. "Mike" and Anne Greer Denner

Mike and Anne Denner came to the University of Southern Indiana as young professors in 1968. Dr. Denner, whose first office was a cloak room in the former Centennial School, was recruited to teach biology and develop programs in science and mathematics. He had earned a bachelor's degree at Upper Iowa University and was studying for his master's at University of Kentucky, when he met Anne, a zoology major. Their UK professor and mentor joked that they were destined for one another because no one else could meet their exacting standards. They went to Iowa State University where Dr. Denner completed his Ph.D. and Mrs. Denner earned a master's in physiology.

At USI, Dr. Denner was professor of biology, advisor to pre-medical students, and chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics. Mrs. Denner was instructor in biology and physiology. Today, they remain models of teaching, advising, and mentoring, and USI's pre-medical program is one of the state's most rigorous and successful. The program's excellence led to Dr. Denner's recognition as Indiana Professor of the Year in 1989.

Dr. Denner retired in 1994, and Mrs. Denner resigned in 2000 to share his retirement. Dr. Denner died in 2003, and Mrs. Denner now spends much of her time in Bardstown, Kentucky, her hometown, where she is renovating a farmhouse on 28 acres, raising flowers, and cultivating fruit. She has renewed her high school friendship with Don Shephard, who shares her enthusiasm for the land and their hobby of genealogy.

The Denners were the parents of a daughter, who died in infancy, and twin sons. Mrs. Denner was active in "Mothers of Twins" and in 4-H. Dr. Denner served on the Board of the Evansville Museum, and both Dr. and Mrs. Denner served on the Mesker Zoo Board.

At USI, the Melvin and Anne Denner Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory is named for them, a tribute from former students and faculty members whose gifts equipped the lab. Dr. Denner's estate gift, supplemented by memorial gifts, provides the annual \$2,000 Melvin Denner Medical Science Award to a USI graduate entering a healthcare doctoral program.

*New Harmony
held the hearts
of the Elliots*



John B. and Josephine M. Elliott

John and Josephine Elliott were completely immersed in the history, preservation, and scholarship of New Harmony, Indiana. They met in college in Chicago, Mrs. Elliott's hometown, and married in 1937. In 1942, they moved to New Harmony, where together they developed Mr. Elliott's ancestral homestead, from the Feiba-Peveli branch of Robert Owen's communal experiment in the 1820s. They set themselves to the task of documenting both family and community there.

At University of Chicago, Mrs. Elliott earned degrees in French, Italian, secondary education, and a certificate in library science. She established the Rice Library Archives and Special Collections department at USI, and spent her life in intellectual inquiry, writing, and community development. Mrs. Elliott's careful scholarship was sought by Indiana giants such as Eli Lilly and Kenneth Dale Owen. In 1994, the Indiana Historical Society published the product of her research, *Partnership for Prosperity*, the correspondence of two members of New Harmony's Boatload of Knowledge. She won the Indiana Humanities Achievement Award for Scholarship and the prestigious American Association for State and Local History Award of Merit.

Mr. Elliott was an anthropologist who owned and managed Elliott Farms of New Harmony. He earned a Ph.B. degree at University of Chicago, took graduate courses in anthropology, and studied agriculture at University of Illinois. Before returning to New Harmony, he was a U.S. Government field archaeologist at University of Kentucky. He taught anthropology and directed USI's archaeological summer field school at New Harmony. Mr. Elliott served on the New Harmony Memorial Commission and was a founder and chair of Harmonie Associates.

The Elliotts enthusiastically supported the University's management and preservation of Historic New Harmony. In memory of her parents, they established the Dr. Salvatore F. and Rosamund L. Mirabella Achievement Award, recognizing student scholastic excellence. They also helped establish the Endowment for New Harmony Studies. Both received honorary USI doctorates in 1979.

Mr. Elliott died in 2001, and Mrs. Elliott died in 2002. John Jeffery, their son-in-law and widower of their only child Claudia, has assumed their leadership mantle, living on the Elliott farm and preserving and promoting the town.

*Georgia Gabe
established a
presidential
tradition*



Georgia M. Gabe

The early years of a new university present opportunities to build traditions that can last for the life of the institution. Georgia Gabe had that in mind when she made a substantial gift to the USI Foundation in the early 1970s, commissioning prominent Evansville artist Fred Eilers to paint an oil portrait of USI's first president, David L. Rice. The portrait was displayed on the main floor of the first campus library. She hoped her gift would begin a tradition of displaying portraits of all future USI presidents. Indeed, the tradition stands. Today, in the Rice Library's Kleymeyer Hall of Presidents hang portraits of President Rice and President H. Ray Hoops. A portrait of President Linda L. M. Bennett will follow this year.

Mrs. Gabe, who lived near the campus, was pleased that a west side location had been chosen for the newest state university in Indiana. Through her USI Library involvement, she became friends with the Library's first director, Charles Lonnberg, his wife Evelynne, and their two sons. At Howell United Methodist Church, which Mrs. Gabe attended with the Lonnbergs, she generously supported the bell choir, directed by Mrs. Lonnberg. Mrs. Gabe was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 62 years, active in the Robert Morris chapter. A person of many interests, she kept peacocks on her property near Middle Mount Vernon and Peerless roads in Evansville. Eventually, when she was no longer able to care for the peacocks, they made their way to Mesker Zoo and Botanic Gardens, where their proud offspring make showy displays for zoo visitors today.

Mrs. Gabe married late in life and never had children. She died in 1983 at age 83. Members of her family are still involved with the University today.

*The Harpoles
continue to
touch the lives
of hundreds of
students*



Louis and Anne G. Harpole

Helping some of Indiana's brightest students further their education was the focus of a \$900,000 bequest from the estate of Louis and Anne Harpole in 1998. At the time, it was the largest bequest ever made to USI. The impact of the gift is enormous. For the 2013-14 academic year, the Harpole Endowment will provide one Harpole Presidential Scholarship, two Harpole Deans Scholarships, 60 Harpole Music Scholarships of \$250 for Concert Choir students, 20 Harpole Theatre Scholarships of \$250 for USI Theatre students, and 22 scholarships of \$1,000 for excellent students with financial need.

In the mid-1960s, the Harpoles were among the early supporters of establishing a new public university in Southwestern Indiana. Mr. Harpole, a prominent businessman who died at age 60 in 1967, worked with the group of Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. volunteers who raised \$1 million to purchase the land where the University is now located. The son of a physician, he had been president of Tri-State Ford and Tri-State Leasing. Mr. Harpole was one of the originators of Evansville's Little League program and had administered the local food distribution program for the Office of Price Administration during World War II. He was a recipient of the Jaycees' Distinguished Citizen Award.

His widow, Anne G. Hess Harpole, originally from the Chicago area, had been a buyer at Marshall Field Company and brought her business acumen to the family's endeavors. She continued to run Tri-State Leasing after his death.

USI friend Cliff Kleymeyer, a cousin, remembers that both Mr. and Mrs. Harpole were wonderful cooks who liked to entertain, and his mother Ruth often used their recipes. Mr. Kleymeyer also remembers that the automobile dealer often drove the newest, most stylish Fords, such as the "early Thunderbird with the porthole-style windows."

Mr. and Mrs. Harpole were faithful members of Bethel United Church of Christ. He was a founding member of the Evansville Kennel Club and they also were members of the Evansville Country Club.

*The Kinseys came
for a year, stayed
for a career*



David W. and Glenna G. Kinsey

David and Glenna Kinsey have known one another since they were pre-schoolers with “forty acres separating our properties in northern Indiana.” Dr. Kinsey began higher education at nearby Manchester College and earned a master’s degree at University of Arizona and a doctorate from Indiana University. Mrs. Kinsey studied at Ft. Wayne International Business College, where she gained the skills for her successful career in personnel.

Dr. Kinsey came to the University in 1972 on a one-year appointment that turned into a career building USI’s academic strength. Dr. Kinsey has been chair of the USI mathematics department, chair of Faculty Senate, faculty representative to the Board of Trustees, and representative on the faculty selection committee for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. He has given leadership to statewide mathematics organizations and has been active in USI and Indiana campus ministry. In 1998, Dr. Kinsey won the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Indiana Section of the Mathematical Association of America. He retired from the faculty in 2004, but still teaches a calculus class.

Dr. Kinsey has been gradually losing his eyesight since early adulthood, and has served the Evansville Association for the Blind for 35 years, on its board and as its president. In 2012, he was inducted into the Kosciusko County Basketball Hall of Fame for his record of scoring 56 points in a Silver Lake High School basketball game.

Mrs. Kinsey has worked in the human resources field, both for others and managing her own businesses. For many years, she worked for Bristol-Myers Squibb, assisting over 200 district managers in building the Mead Johnson and Bristol Myers sales force. She initiated innovative screening and interview processes, reduced turnover, and designed advertising and auditing practices which resulted in significant savings. After retirement, she continued as a contract employee.

The Kinseys now travel, golf, play bridge, and enjoy their seven grandchildren. Their son Andy is a pastor in Franklin, Indiana, and their daughter Mary teaches in Maple Plain, Minnesota. They are charter members of *Reflections* Planned Giving Society with a gift of insurance, and have established the David W. Kinsey Math Scholarship, in honor of David’s late parents.

*The Kochs paved
the way for public
higher education*



Robert L., Sr. and Mary Loretta Koch

Robert Koch, Sr. was the third of George Koch's sons to join the family business. He started in the factory, but was moved to the accounting department before rising to president and chief executive officer. As CEO, he increased the company's assets, diversified the company's manufacturing, and led it into the international marketplace. Key among diversification was the acquisition of Gibbs Die Casting in Henderson, Kentucky, enabling the company to undertake a role for the automobile industry.

His son Robert L. Koch II said his father's greatest legacy was the role he played in establishing the University of Southern Indiana. He took the lead in raising money for Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc. (SIHE), the nonprofit organization that purchased 1,400 acres of land in the late 1960s for public higher education. Mr. Koch, Sr. served continuously as president of SIHE until his death in 1989. Nearly 20 years before his death, in speaking about the promise of public higher education in Southwestern Indiana, he predicted that the work of SIHE would spawn "one of the most significant and beneficial contributions ever made to the cultural and economic growth and stability of Southern Indiana."

Mr. Koch had been the director or president of 22 civic or business groups and he was involved personally in each of his company's subsidiaries. Though he turned over the company leadership to his son, he remained chairman of the Koch Enterprises Board until his death.

Mrs. Koch was a devoted wife and mother to their three children—Bob II, Mary Kay, and Carolyn—and was active in St. Boniface Catholic Church. She supported her husband's many civic interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch made a gift to the Vanderburgh County Community Foundation for faculty enhancement during USI's first capital campaign. A memorial gift from SIHE began a named Presidential Scholarship for Mr. Koch, and the George Koch Sons Foundation endowed the scholarship. The Kochs were among the first members of the USI Foundation's Century Club in 1968 and faithfully supported every undertaking of the Foundation. Mrs. Koch died in 1997.

*The McLaughlins
are an integral
part of the
preservation of
New Harmony's
heritage*



H. Roll and Linda H. McLaughlin

It would be difficult to find a significant Indiana historic preservation project that has not had the interest and involvement of Roll and Linda McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin, an architect, and Mrs. McLaughlin, an interior designer, have combined their expertise over the years to assure careful historical documentation and presentation. They also have undertaken new design work for homes, schools, and other buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin were involved in Historic New Harmony well before the University of Southern Indiana assumed its management. They are life directors of the Historic New Harmony Advisory Board, and their son Harry R. "Mac" McLaughlin, Jr. now serves on the board which provides financial support and guidance to New Harmony programs.

Mrs. McLaughlin is a member and past president of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Indiana, which cares for the Lenz House in New Harmony. The Carmel, Indiana couple has been active with the Indiana Historical Society, the Indiana State Museum, and Indiana Landmarks, which Mr. McLaughlin helped co-found with his friend Eli Lilly, Jr. Mr. Lilly, an Indiana industrialist and philanthropist, invested his resources to preserve important Indiana historic sites, and the McLaughlins handled many projects for him.

Mr. McLaughlin attended Orchard School, Shortridge High School, and the John Herron School of Art before serving in the U.S. Navy Seabees Naval Construction Battalion, building and operating a Mulberry harbor at Omaha Beach in Normandy. Highly regarded in his profession, he was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

Mrs. McLaughlin, a graduate of Tudor Hall School for Girls and Goucher College, has been an active alumna and, with her husband, has been deeply involved in restoration projects at Park Tudor, as it is called today. They each have been recognized by governors, mayors, and educators for their inspired leadership and their love of Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin generously share their Indianapolis Woodstock Club membership for the University of Southern Indiana Foundation to meet and thank friends and members of the Indianapolis President's Associates. They are members of *Reflections* Planned Giving Society.

*Cynderella Miller
loved the land,
family heritage,
and USI*



Cynderella McDowell Miller

Cynderella McDowell Miller's love for the University can be traced to her family's heritage. In 1852, her grandparents became owners of the land that now makes up the central part of the USI campus. In 1942, she inherited the portion of the property where the Solarbron Pointe Retirement Community now sits adjacent to the campus. She and her husband Elder L. Miller, Sr. first built a small weekend cottage in the midst of the 80-acre wilderness, where it is believed Native Americans once camped. When the Millers decided to make the house their permanent home, they cleared land, planted flowers, enlarged the cottage, and extended the lake they named Lake Cynderella.

"Shady Lake Farm" was the Millers' dreamland, complete with white fencing, tall oak trees, and an abundance of wildlife. Mrs. Miller loved working in the yard and garden. Into her eighties, she continued to manicure the property herself. Her husband died in 1966 and, in 1983, at the suggestion of her close friend, USI President David L. Rice, she sold 72 acres of her property to Solarbron, but she continued to live in her cottage. In 1990, when the property maintenance became a challenge for her, she moved to her old neighborhood on Broadway Avenue in Evansville's Howell neighborhood, where her parents had owned McDowell's Grocery.

Mrs. Miller died in 1998 at age 91. She made three bequests to benefit USI students, establishing two endowed scholarships for bright and deserving students in memory of her parents, Henry and Mary McDowell, and in the name of her husband, Elder Miller and herself. The third bequest equipped the Cynderella McDowell Miller Foreign Language Laboratory in the Liberal Arts Center, a gift made during USI's first capital campaign.

Mrs. Miller was proud of the University's development and loved that a retirement center occupied the land she and her family once farmed. In 1992, Mrs. Miller was honored by the USI Alumni Association with its Special Recognition Award for her 50-year stewardship of the Henrichs-Hauschild-McDowell-Miller property.

*The Riechmanns
ensured community
progress*



Fred B. and Pauline Ashby Riechmann

Fred and Pauline Riechmann worked quietly, but energetically, for the betterment of their native Evansville.

Mr. Riechmann was a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Cincinnati. During World War II, he was a major in the U.S. Army and a contracting officer with the Cincinnati Ordnance District. For more than 20 years, Mr. Riechmann was in management at Serval, Inc. and later was associated with Arkla and Miller Block Company. In 1983, he became president of The Evansville Courier Corporation. His family had been involved with ownership of the newspaper since 1920, when his uncle, Benjamin Bosse, former mayor of Evansville, bought the newspaper. When elected president of *The Courier*, Mr. Riechmann had served on its board of directors for 12 years, following in the steps of his father, who had been a director and officer.

Mrs. Riechmann graduated from Bosse High School and attended the University of Evansville. She was a sought-after community volunteer, lending her talents to the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and its Guild, Girl Scouts, the Harlaxton Society, and the Courthouse Auxiliary. She was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church Women's League, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Reitz Home Preservation Society, and an organizer of the Brentwood Garden Club.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Riechmann were members of the Lutheran church, taking an active interest in the church's educational programs, and Mr. Reichmann was a director of the English Synod. Both were leaders in preserving the old Vanderburgh County Courthouse, as well as founding members of Rolling Hills Country Club in Warrick County. They had two children, Fredrica, who lives in New York, and Paul, who lives in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Riechmann loved traveling, especially to Harlaxton College in Grantham, England, where Mr. Riechmann served as president of the Harlaxton Society. Mr. Riechmann was an active member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors and supported many USI initiatives. Mrs. Riechmann died in 1994, and Mr. Riechmann died in 2002. Through a generous estate gift, the Riechmanns established an endowed Deans Scholarship at USI during the USI Foundation's first capital campaign.

*Mr. and Mrs.
Sanders taught
their children civic
responsibility*



Roy W. and Adelaide Daudistel Sanders

Roy and Adelaide Sanders' spirit of involvement and philanthropy lives on at the University of Southern Indiana through their children, Jim Sanders and Doris Halwes, long-time supporters and USI Foundation Board members. "Dad was very interested in the 'new' college," Jim Sanders said. His father made a generous gift of stock to the USI Foundation in 1995, establishing the Roy W. and Adelaide Daudistel Sanders Scholarship for students with disabilities.

Born in 1902, Roy Sanders came to the Evansville area when his father, an employee of L&N Railroad, was transferred. His parents taught him to care for his community and to value education. Mr. Sanders began work at Evansville's Bucyrus Erie Company, but spent his career in the engineering department at Servel, Inc., where he was one of the engineers who designed the automatic icemaker in Servel refrigerators.

Mrs. Sanders was descended from an early Evansville family who once owned the Evansville Stockyards and Packing Company. Jim and Doris remember her stories about livestock being unloaded at the riverfront and driven up Main Street to Virginia, where the stockyards were located.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders were "parents who supported what we wanted to do," remember Jim and Doris. "They thoroughly enjoyed our friends coming to the house and staying for dinner. They also enjoyed helping those less fortunate."

Mrs. Sanders did charity work and took special pleasure in helping young people achieve a college education. Mr. Sanders supported many nonprofit organizations, including the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was an active Mason. An amateur musician, he played the trumpet and cornet and chaired the Hadi Shrine music performance groups -- the Band and the Drum and Bugle Corps. Jim and Doris remember him practicing at home before leaving for Shrine meetings. Mrs. Sanders died in 1981, and Mr. Sanders died in 1998.

"Dad would be very pleased and proud of the growth of the campus and the student body," Jim and Doris agreed.

*Philip Tzschoppe
was an
entrepreneur
concerned
for societal
improvement*



Philip A. Tzschope

Philip Tzschope brought the house down at one of the University of Southern Indiana's Honors Day programs when, presenting a scholarship, he declared, "If you think education is expensive, try going through life without one!"

Born in 1913, Mr. Tzschope was an only child born to older parents. His grandfather had immigrated from Germany through New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Indiana, homesteading near Stevenson Station in Warrick County. From an early age, Mr. Tzschope labored alongside his parents on their farm and helped get their products to market. At age 9, he began riding the traction car into Evansville to attend Trinity Evangelical Lutheran School, which he attended to age 14.

He discovered his love for mechanics when his parents got a 1924 Model-T Ford automobile. He invested in correspondence courses in mechanics, acquired some tools, and lucked into a used truck. He began hauling coal at age 14. By age 18, he had acquired contract carrier permits for four firms in Evansville. Assisted by his wife Agnes, whom he married in 1936, Mr. Tzschope founded Schoppe Motor Service, eventually operating in 44 states over 45 years. Even though he drove for a living, he took his wife and daughter on vacations driving to distant locations. Daughter Phyllis Eifler, now living in Denver, has documented his life in a biography, *Entrepreneur from Stevenson Station*.

In 1972, Mr. Tzschope was the first entrepreneur to build a recycling business in Southwestern Indiana. He had a mobile shredder for recycling aluminum cans at his Beacon Service Station on Burkhardt and Highway 62. Within five years, his Material Recycle Systems became ALCOA's Indiana beverage can recycling contractor, and eventually the company oversaw more than 25 recycling centers in the Tri-state. Mr. and Mrs. Tzschope were honored by Operation City Beautiful for their innovations, and he received the Indiana Governor's Award for Excellence in Recycling in 1991.

Mrs. Tzschope died in 1986, and Mr. Tzschope died in 1999. Mr. Tzschope left an estate gift for students majoring in German. To the end of his days, he was a committed problem solver and mechanical tinkerer.

*Jamie Wicks'
leadership is an
inspiration*



Jamie L. Wicks '91 M'97

Jamie Wicks is one of the busiest young career women in Evansville. Luckily she has focused much of her energy toward causes at the University of Southern Indiana. She is a member of USI Alumni President's Associates; supports the Varsity Club, Alumni Association and the Romain College of Business; and is a volunteer for the alumni division of *Campaign USI: Elevating Excellence*.

Ms. Wicks holds USI bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration, and is a graduate of the Cannon Trust School. "I knew business was where I wanted to be," she said, citing the fact that both her parents were self-employed.

While a student, Ms. Wicks worked as a teller for Fifth Third Bank, and after graduation, she was hired by the Trust Department. Today, with 23 years of experience helping clients "quarterback the issues in a complex set of financial circumstances," she is an assistant vice president and trust officer and certified trust and financial advisor.

A graduate of Leadership Evansville, Ms. Wicks has led many organizations. She is past president of the Junior League of Evansville, the Reitz Home Museum, and Aurora, Inc.; and treasurer of the Evansville Museum Guild. She also has been a board member of the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science; Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana; Evansville Estate and Financial Planning Council; A Network of Evansville Women (ANEW); past chair of St. Agnes Parish Council; and a member of the Mater Dei High School Institutional Advancement committee. She has received the Junior League Community Service Award and the Fifth Third Bank Southern Indiana Community Volunteer of the Year Award.

Ms. Wicks also is a nurturing great-aunt, spending time with the children of her niece. "I want to help set them on a path to do good in the world," she said. She feels it is important to give back. "I was fortunate with family and finances, receiving grants and scholarships, and living at home. I want others to have the same opportunities." To that end, she has become a member of the USI Foundation's *Reflections* Planned Giving Society with an estate gift.

*Selma Wietrich's
thoughtful
planning provides
scholarships in
perpetuity*



Selma E. Wietrich

Selma Wietrich, a retired executive secretary, wanted no recognition or thanks for what she planned to do. She simply believed that leaving her money to benefit education would be something her parents Louisa and Frederick Wuetherich would have wanted her to do. Ms. Wietrich was born Selma Wuetherich, but changed her name after moving to California in the late 1920s.

The Evansville woman died May 5, 2004, less than a month from her 99th birthday. Prior to the death, she had worked with attorney Reed Schmitt to develop a will. After making specific bequests, she left the remainder of her estate—about \$1.2 million—in a trust with half the income to go each year to the USI Foundation. The annual distribution provides scholarships in perpetuity for students at the University. The Frederick Wuetherich Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship fund is held in trust by the Evansville office of Hilliard Lyons, where Ron Boren '81 was her long-time investment advisor.

Her will stipulates that the scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500, be based on “the students’ worthiness, considering academic aptitude and citizenship, as well as personal financial circumstances.”

Ms. Wietrich did not want the gift announced during her lifetime. Kay Turpin, a friend who was one of the few persons to whom Ms. Wietrich spoke of her desire to help young people, said the Wuetherich family had a long-standing interest in the importance of higher education. Years earlier Ms. Wietrich’s mother had helped a founding member of her attorney’s law firm with college expenses.

Ms. Wietrich was thrifty and particular. Her frugality, combined with sound investment advice, enabled her to leave a substantial estate. She retired from a trucking company in California, but early in her career, she had worked for Keller Crescent Company in Evansville, where her sister Helen had a 30-year career. After 40 years as an executive secretary, Ms. Wietrich returned to Evansville to care for her sister in the family home, where she remained until she moved to the Evansville Protestant Home. She was a member of Zion United Church of Christ in downtown Evansville.

*Education drove
the Wolls' civic
involvement*



Albert A. and Pearl L. Woll

Al Woll called his adopted hometown “Heavensville.” He and his wife Pearl moved to Evansville from Lawrenceville, Illinois, in search of wider educational and cultural opportunities for their three children. They created many of those opportunities.

Mr. Woll served public education for 30 years, as a member and president of the Evansville Vanderburgh School Board, a trustee of Indiana State University, and an honorary trustee of the University of Southern Indiana.

Mr. Woll was born in New York City in 1912 and reared in Boston. He received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and joined Texaco Oil in Lawrenceville, Illinois, where he met Pearl Loeb, whose family also had petroleum interests. They married in 1939 and eventually moved to Evansville with their children—Helaine, Susan, and David—followed by Mrs. Woll’s parents.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Woll were active in Adath Israel Temple and possessed an insatiable thirst for knowledge. They took USI classes and traveled the world. While Mr. Woll pursued business, farming, and entrepreneurial interests as president of Woll Enterprises, Inc., Mrs. Woll, who had studied at University of Illinois, was deeply involved in the education and lives of their children.

Mr. Woll joined the USI Foundation Board of Directors in 1971 and served as its second chairman. Founding president David Rice said, “Al Woll was key to assuring the future of USI and was mindful of the trust he was given in nurturing its development.” In recognition, Mr. Woll received an honorary doctoral degree.

Their children have continued their interest in the University. Daughter Helaine Fendelman and her husband Burt have hosted several alumni and friends events in New York City. She recalled that her parents’ lives revolved around education. “It was apparent that their social life was very much involved in the University community,” she said.

Mrs. Woll died in 1985, and Mr. Woll died in 1987. The Albert A. Woll Memorial Fund was established at his death for pre-medical students. Earlier the Wolls had established the Woll-Loeb Scholarship Fund as a memorial to Mrs. Woll’s parents.

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