



Significance

CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING

Darlene and Bill Hartley: Living their priorities

Darlene Dunkin Hartley '65 remembers the moment she decided to attend Seattle Pacific. "My father gave me two choices: I could attend SPC, major in elementary education, and they would pony up for EVERYTHING, or I could go anywhere else, major in anything I darn well pleased, and I was on my own hook," she said. "You will not be surprised at how *quickly* I became a fanatic Falcon fan and devoted to little children!"

In retrospect, Darlene says her father was spot on. "I had no clue I would love being a teacher and a principal, and, thank the Lord I did, because I was at it forever! I especially loved teaching children to read, and I worked with such awesome people."

She went on to a 33-year career in Highline Public Schools, south of Seattle. But not before she cemented her place in the annals of Seattle Pacific academics.

Bored with her biology studies, Darlene decided to have a little fun. "I recall thinking how fabulous it would be to dress my dead lab frog in an Easter outfit, including a bonnet," she said. "I could not

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



When was the last time you went to a wedding? For me, it was seven years ago when my youngest daughter married her college sweetheart. I still remember the whirlwind of activity for several months leading up to the big day.

Considerable planning went into this special event — from picking out the perfect venue as well as the perfect dress, arranging for a caterer, deciding on what food to serve at the reception, planning the ceremony, arranging accommodations for out-of-town guests, and so much more. When it was over, we were all exhausted! But everything (with the exception of a few unexpected glitches) came off as planned, and it was a wonderful day of celebration and lasting memories.

Estate planning may take considerable time and effort. And it may not be a top priority during our current health crisis. But the end result can be much more satisfying than poor planning or no planning at all. Whether it is planning a wedding, planning a vacation, planning for retirement, or planning our estates, the outcome will always be better when thoughtful, careful planning is involved.

If you would like assistance with your estate or gift planning, I am happy to help. For a confidential, no-obligation consultation, please contact me at 206-281-2257 or at msandlin@spu.edu.

Sincerely,

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have cared less about the names of his parts or what they were designed to do. I don't remember the lab staff appreciating the hilarity of the occasion."

Hijinks aside, Darlene says her college years gave her many opportunities to learn from exceptionally competent educators who showed Christ-like character.

Darlene's father was a pastor, and his hiring in 1962 by Highline Christian Church in Burien, Washington, proved pivotal for his daughter.

A young Air Force veteran named Bill Hartley was on Highline Christian's pulpit committee, and they hired Chester Dunkin just as Darlene was starting college. Eleven years later, Darlene and Bill both found themselves helping with church youth activities and singing in the choir.

"It was love at first sight. Three months later, we got married," Bill said.

"The thing that made it so successful was that we really liked each other," said Darlene of their whirlwind romance and now 46-year marriage. "He was just a good guy. I knew he loved Jesus, and people who knew him so much better than I did at that time thought so highly of him. And he was so easy to fall in love with! Just as cute as could be, and he rode a motorcycle."

"I had to get rid of that," Bill said. "She made me."

The pair made their home in Normandy Park, Washington, and raised two children while Darlene pursued her educational career and Bill worked for the Boeing Co., where he spent three decades working in cost management on military projects.

While she was still working and into retirement, Darlene was never reticent about finding ways to be of use. She served on SPU's Board of Trustees and her 50-year reunion committee and led the Alumni Board. After Darlene and Bill moved north, she was an interim administrator for Highland Christian School in Arlington, Washington, and supervised student teaching interns at several universities. She was on the Board of Directors for the Stanwood-Camano School District, and still serves on the boards of Warm Beach Christian Camps and Conference Center, and Warm Beach Free Methodist Church (Bill also served on the latter). Darlene was also part



of the Stanwood-Camano YMCA organizing committee. She received a Medallion Award from SPU for her tireless service.

In addition to investing their time and talents, the Hartleys are eager to financially support the institutions they love. They have been longtime President's Circle donors and made a bequest to SPU.

"We derive such joy out of giving to the causes we personally hold most dear," said Darlene. "We asked, 'What do we value? For what would we sacrifice?' Let me tell you: After you are in glory, your son-in-law will not posthumously thank you for the 55 banana split bowls you collected over your years on this earth!"

"For Bill and me, the good news of Jesus Christ is our highest value, so directing our resources to organizations that align with this priority gives us the privilege of touching eternity."

Once inveterate travelers, health issues have forced Darlene and Bill to slow down a bit. They now happily live with their daughter, Mary Hartley Hoffman '03, and her family.

"As always, God is faithful," Darlene said. "He changed some of our circumstances, but, more than anything, he changed us. Instead of schlepping suitcases and carrying passports, we now get on our jammies, plunk our backsides down in our BarcaLoungers, put in a movie, and tuck into the popcorn ... and we love it!"

PHILANTHROPY SPOTLIGHT

Dorothy Balch:

A Commitment to Music, Education, and SPU



Dorothy "Do" Balch was a talented pianist, poet, hostess, and, according to her family, quite the comedienne. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the third daughter of second-generation Swedish immigrants, she spent most of her early years in the upper Midwest. Pursuing her love of teaching, she served for many years as a public school special education teacher specializing in speech and language therapy.

Davis Delfin: Investing in his future



It's a win-win: Senior Davis Delfin invests on behalf of SPU. And the University invests in him.

Soon to graduate with a degree in economics, Davis is already showing his grasp of the investment principles he's learned. As co-president of the Student Investment Fund, he leads a club that actively invests a portion of SPU's capital in various markets, learning how to maximize return, thereby gaining experience in this important branch of finance. "We manage a portfolio of stocks worth over \$300,000 under the SPU Endowment. We do our research," he said. Davis also lines up guest speakers to talk to his peers about investment careers.

He's just the sort of student the David L. McKenna Christian Leaders Scholarship was created for. Its endowment was established in 1988 by Stanley and Dorothy Kresge to provide annual scholarships to benefit Christian students enrolled in the School of Business, Government, and Economics who have outstanding leadership potential. The McKenna Scholarship, among others, makes tuition manageable for Davis and his family. And being at SPU — with its emphasis on faculty-student relationships and community ties — has helped him thrive. "I have been able to make meaningful connections with my professors here. I am not a number to them," he said.

Davis particularly praises Kenman Wong, professor of business ethics. "He has been one of the most engaging and challenging professors I have had. Dr. Wong sets the bar high for all of his students," he said. Davis is intrigued by what he's recently learned in Wong's class about financial inclusion — alleviating poverty by removing barriers that prevent people from accessing the financial sector. "I find it interesting how money flows in different ways, specifically in developing countries," he said. "I want to learn more about this in order to make the world a better place."

Davis also credits SPU with helping him land two jobs with the Seattle Sounders, the Emerald City's Major League Soccer team. A soccer player himself since age 4, he's worked as a brand ambassador for the team since 2018. Last season, he also worked for the Rave Foundation, the Sounders' charitable arm. He counts the team's MLS Cup success last year as the highlight of his college years. "I was so happy that I could be a part of the team."

Davis says he's grown from a shy student to a social leader during his SPU years, for which he credits his work, leadership experience, and friends. "My roommates are the best friends I have made. They are engaging and have introduced me to new hobbies, like rock climbing," he said.

From his freshman year to the present, Davis says he's grateful for the community he's found at SPU. "I have been able to make great connections with professors and those who have graduated from here, and I've made amazing friends. I was meant to come here."

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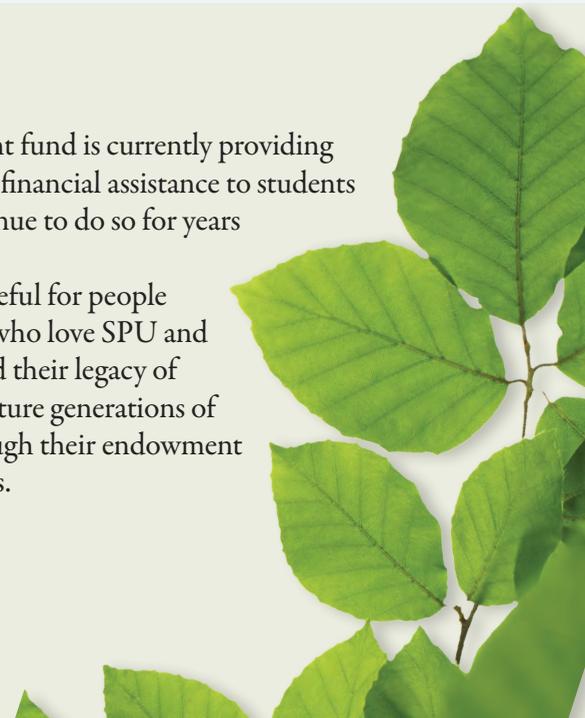
When her husband, Wayne, an accomplished church organist and minister of music, received an invitation in 1966 to serve at Seattle Pacific as a professor of vocal and organ music and as the Music Department director, they packed up and headed west. For the next five decades Seattle was Dorothy's home, even after Wayne retired in 1985 and later passed away in 2003.

Over the years, Dorothy's love and commit-

ment to SPU remained strong. In addition to her annual financial support for the University, in 2015 she established the Wayne Harwood and Dorothy Lundstrom Balch Scholarship Endowment that provides scholarships with preference to undergraduate students studying music or who are enrolled in the teacher education program. Also, when she passed away last year at the age of 96, she added to her endowment with a bequest gift from her estate.

This permanent fund is currently providing much-needed financial assistance to students and will continue to do so for years to come.

We are grateful for people like Dorothy who love SPU and want to extend their legacy of support for future generations of students through their endowment and estate gifts.



NATIONALLY RANKED — For the fourth year in a row, Seattle Pacific has been recognized as a “Best National University” by *U.S. News & World Report*.



The Four P’s of Estate Planning

Many people understand the importance of creating an estate plan; however, it is often difficult to determine where to start. The following four steps are offered to help you begin this process.

1. People

The first and foremost thing to consider when creating your estate plan is people. Make a list of all the people you would like to receive assets from your estate, serve as guardians of your minor children, or manage your estate settlement as executor. Also, consider whether you would like to leave a bequest gift to SPU or other charitable organizations.

2. Property

The second step of estate planning is property. Make a list of all your significant assets, such as real estate, bank accounts, and investments. You don’t need to detail every item of personal property; however, if there is a specific item you’d like to leave to somebody, be sure to list it as well.

3. Plans

After you have listed your property and those you would like to benefit upon your death, it is time to link the two. You may wish to divide your property evenly by the number of heirs you have, or you may wish to leave specific assets to specific heirs.

4. Planners

The final step of estate planning is planners. Planners are the experts who finalize your estate plans with the appropriate legal documents. These documents may include a will, trust, advance directive, or power of attorney.



To assist you as you consider the four steps above, request your free **Estate Planning Guide** or our new **Gift Planning Guide**.

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Spotlight on new endowments

We are grateful to the generous donors who have chosen to invest in the lives of our students and help endow the future of Seattle Pacific for generations to come. The following are recently established scholarship endowments (having received the minimum required \$30,000):

Robert C. Corson Physics Scholarship Endowment — Providing scholarships for undergraduate students majoring in physics.

Richard and Patricia Turanski Scholarship Endowment — Providing scholarships for undergraduate students majoring in nutrition and business.

Dr. Raymond J. and W. Marilyn Wells Philosophy Scholarship Endowment — Providing scholarships for undergraduate students majoring in philosophy.

Daryl L. and Claudia J. Vander Pol Men’s Basketball Scholarship Endowment — Providing scholarships for students who participate in the Men’s Basketball program.

Edward and Jean Eylander Scholarship Endowment (established through the estate of Edward and Jean Eylander) — Providing scholarships for students who are members of the SPU Falconettes.

Gregory James Gelderman Memorial Scholarship Endowment — Providing scholarships for underrepresented students in the School of Education.

Eric and Susan Hanson Symphony Orchestra Scholarship Endowment — Providing scholarships for undergraduate students performing in the Seattle Pacific University Orchestra, with preference for string players.

Larry and Carolyn Watson Scholarship Endowment — Providing scholarships for students majoring in Spanish Studies.

To learn more about creating an endowment, please contact **Marlon Sandlin** at 206-281-2257 or msandlin@spu.edu, or visit our website at legacy.spu.edu/endowments.



Daryl and Claudia Vander Pol with basketball coach Grant Leap and Athletic Director Jackson Stava