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Linda FitzPatrick Gives Back to UMass Lowell for 'Changing Her Life'

As the oldest of eight children, Linda (Mangan) FitzPatrick '68 might not have been able to attend college without the scholarship she received from UMass Lowell (then Lowell State).

"That scholarship opened opportunities for me, as someone from a working-class family," she says. "The education I received and the possibilities it opened up for me changed my life."

That's why, in addition to her ongoing support for her alma mater, she included a bequest in her will for UMass Lowell. She thinks other alumni should, too.

"My line of work taught me the importance of bequest gifts to non-profits," says FitzPatrick, who retired two years ago as senior vice president and national business manager for Charitable Gift Services at BNY Mellon Wealth Management in Boston. "They are usually larger gifts that create a lasting impact on the charity. I wanted to make a lasting impact on UMass Lowell with the FitzPatrick Family Endowed Scholarship."

She established the FitzPatrick Family Endowed Scholarship in 2005 with an outright gift. The scholarship benefits students enrolled in the Fast Track to Teaching Program in the Graduate School of Education.

"The bequest will ensure ongoing, continuous support for the scholar-

ship," she says. "It's important to provide a good education for those who don't have the resources."

FitzPatrick was originally an elementary school teacher with a degree from Lowell State, but later earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from other universities. Her career evolved from teaching to working with not-for-profits, and culminated in her heading up BNY Mellon's Charitable Gift Services division.

It was her early years at Lowell State, though, that "opened up all these possibilities for me and gave me my start," she says. She remembers fondly her Lowell State professors who influenced her, including Dr. McGauvran who "instilled confidence in me" and Dr. Burto, who was "just wonderful and creative."

In retirement, FitzPatrick and her husband, Peter, a retired engineer, enjoy traveling and spending time with their two children and two grandchildren. At UMass Lowell, Linda serves on the Graduate School of Education Advisory Board. She helped establish the Planned Giving Committee, and advises on fundraising and marketing of planned gifts.

"The FitzPatrick Family Endowed Scholarship is not about me. It is about UMass Lowell now and in the future," she says. "I had a wonderful career, and I want others to have the same opportunity." ❖

Bequests Provide Long-Term Support for UMass Lowell

One of the easiest ways to make a significant gift to UMass Lowell is through a bequest.

"Leaving a bequest to UMass Lowell or creating a charitable gift annuity allows donors to hold on to their money now and give it away when they no longer need it," explains Carolyn Flynn, director of gift planning for the UMass system.

Establishing an endowed fund like Linda FitzPatrick did is just one way to provide such a gift. Other ways to leave bequests include creating a new will or revocable trust, adding a codicil to your present will, or designating UMass Lowell as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, insurance policy, donor advised fund or private foundation.

Leaving a bequest to UMass Lowell demonstrates your confidence and support for the future of the University, says Flynn, adding that most donors "may be able to do more than they ever thought possible through a planned gift."

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