The Arthur Vail family moved to Nampa in September 1929 to give their children a Christian education. Their son Elmore received all but one year of his elementary and secondary education on the NNC campus, graduating from College High in 1942. He graduated from NNC with honors in 1949. While at NNC he was elected to Who's Who Among American College and University Students and was chosen as the recipient of the Outstanding Male Athlete Award, the Adam Hat Trophy.

Jeanne was born to James & Agnes Durrand on January 12, 1925, in Coos Bay, Oregon. After graduating from high school in Coos Bay, Jeanne moved to California and worked at Lockheed in order to raise money for college. She arrived on the NNC campus in the fall of 1945. Jeanne graduated from NNC with a music degree in 1949.

Elmore and Jeanne met and fell in love at NNC and were married June 13, 1947. After graduation Elmore pursued a teaching and coaching career. He taught and coached at College High, Olivet Nazarene College, Trevecca Nazarene College, and Northwest Nazarene University for a total of 35 years. His final position was serving as the Athletic Director and Head of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at NNC. In 1984 he received the honor of being initiated into the NAIA Coach's Hall of Fame. While Elmore taught and coached athletics, Jeanne used her music skills to teach piano lessons wherever they lived. She also served in the churches they attended by playing the organ and the piano.

Elmore and Jeanne are remembered and loved for their dedication to teaching, coaching, the Lord and each other by their 4 children, 6 grandchildren, students and friends.

Criteria for the Award

1. Preference shall be given to an upper division male or female athlete in baseball or basketball.
2. The recipient should display Christian example and sportsmanship in representing NNU.
3. The student athlete may apply using the Departmental Scholarship Application.
4. Nominations should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by the Athletic Department.

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