The Crawford & Mildred Vanderpool Scholarship

"The greatest among you will be your servant." — Matthew 23:11

The ministry of Crawford and Mildred Vanderpool was molded by their commitment to follow Jesus' example of serving others. In serving others they found themselves trusted with responsibility, and quietly they emerged as models of Christlike servant-leadership, exhibiting a love for all people.

Crawford Vanderpool, the second of four children, entered the NNC Academy at the age of fourteen where Chapman Hall became his home until graduation in 1942. During his years at NNC, Crawford participated in athletics and student leadership and was elected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Upon seeing the photograph of a college friend's youngest sister, Crawford announced, "That's the girl I'm going to marry!" The next year Mildred McDowell arrived at NNC from Spokane, Washington. Mildred was the youngest of five in a family where education and one's best effort were commitments defined by example and made possible by personal sacrifice.

Crawford and Mildred were married two weeks after Crawford's graduation. They left immediately to begin their first pastorate at the only church in Prospect, Oregon. This began a ministry that spanned 32 years as pastor of seven churches, including Harrington, Zillah, Spokane Valley, Tacoma First, and Spokane First in Washington and Phoenix, Arizona Eastside/Biltmore Church of the Nazarene, and eleven years as District Superintendent of the South Dakota and Arizona South Nevada Districts. Crawford also served on the NNC Board of Regents, PLNC Board of Trustees, Nazarene Theological Seminary Board, Southwest Indian College Board and the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene.

Crawford is known for his "pastor's heart," his faithfulness in ministry, warm humor and entertaining stories, and compelling love-filled preaching; Mildred for her quick mind, her quiet service to others, her love, loyalty and unflinching integrity. Together they are a model and inspiration for marriage and ministry. Their children, Kay and Ron Lush, Dan and Jenny Vanderpool, and Anne and Monty Ortman express profound gratitude for the life and influence of their parents.

In appreciation for the significant contribution of NNU to the family and friends of Crawford and Mildred Vanderpool, this scholarship is made possible by Anne and Monty Ortman and is focused on making it possible for the children of Nazarene ministers to complete their education at Northwest Nazarene University.

Criteria of the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Award will be given to a student(s) who is the child of a Nazarene minister and may reside outside the Northwest Region;
3. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed five years;
4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived.
Gifts to NNU's Endowed Scholarship Program become a "helping hand" to students as they prepare for their vocations and for lives of service to others.
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