The Academic Leadership Award

SCHOLARSHIP

Mike and Connie (Stringer) Vail grew up in Nampa, just blocks from the campus of Northwest Nazarene College. Connie’s aunt, Dr. Thelma Culver, and Mike’s father, Professor Virgil Vail, made it clear to both of them that someday they should attend NNC. The Stringer and Vail families enjoyed attending many campus activities, including basketball games, drama presentations, and music concerts. The decision to enroll at NNC came easily for Mike and Connie.

After graduation, Mike (’72) and Connie (’71) taught public school in the Treasure Valley while Mike completed a M.Ed. at the University of Idaho. They left the Nampa area in 1976 to attend graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Following completion of his Ph.D., Mike taught at Olivet Nazarene University. He later entered private industry as an educational consultant.

Both Mike and Connie believe that the NNC experience was critical in establishing the spiritual and the academic directions of their lives, and it was their desire to share that experience with their three children. Although they were living in the ONU education region, Mike and Connie determined to send their children to Northwest Nazarene College.

Mike, Connie, and each of their children were recipients of Honor Scholarships at NNC. Out of their concern that the Honor Scholarship has not increased consistently with tuition increases over the years, the Vail’s have established this Academic Leadership Award Scholarship to reward outstanding academic performance.

This endowed scholarship is open to other contributors.

Criteria for the Award

1. This award is for academic leaders based on achievement, and is to be given in excess of the established financial award matrix;
2. Recipients are to be students with college senior status during the award year;
3. If two awards are available, they will go to one male and one female student to maintain a substantially equal mix between male and female recipients;
4. Recipients are to have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher;
5. Recipients are to be students with a recognized Christian witness who have contributed to the quality of the classroom learning atmosphere and to the quality of campus life through active involvement in academic groups, service clubs and/or service activities of the campus;
6. Sex, race or place of residence does not exclude potential recipients;
7. Recipients of the President’s Scholarship are not eligible for consideration for this award;
8. The goal of this award is to provide a one-half tuition scholarship.

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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