Dennis and Mary Cartwright met at Nampa Christian High School, graduating in 1964. They were married while Dennis was a student at Northwest Nazarene College. Dennis graduated from NNC with a major in Biology Education in 1968. He taught earth science and biology at Vallivue High School from 1968—1979. During this time he earned a Master’s of Natural Science degree from the University of Idaho. Dennis and Mary moved their young family to Moscow, Idaho in 1979 where Dennis earned a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. Dennis served as western states regional program director for Energy & Man's Environment and later was director of program operations for the National Energy Foundation in Salt Lake City.

Dennis and Mary, along with daughter Jolene and son Bryan, moved to Nampa in 1985 when Dennis accepted a faculty position at NNC. Dennis served as director of teacher education and chair of the department until he was appointed Dean of the School of Applied Studies in 1999. While at NNU, Dennis has had the opportunity to serve in a number of state and national professional roles. Mary has served the NNU community through her work at the Nazarene Financial Credit Union.

In 2001 the Cartwright's initiated a fund that they hoped would grow into an endowed scholarship. Dennis was selected to receive the L. E. Wesche Outstanding Service to Education Award in 2002, and in honor of this award, contributions from friends of Northwest Nazarene University added enough to the fund to endow the scholarship.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who have the dispositions and academic ability to become effective educators;
2. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
3. Recipients are to be students preparing to become secondary teachers;
4. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Department of Teacher Education in consultation with the Office of Financial Aid.

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