Gordon G. Harter was born in Vancouver, B.C., Canada in 1957. He immigrated to the U.S. with his family in 1959 and was raised in the hospitality industry, behind the front desk of motels until he was twelve years old. From 1967 Gordon lived in the Seattle area, and attended Northwest Nazarene College from 1975-79, graduating with a degree in Business Administration. Linda K. (Weatherford) Harter was born in Medford, Oregon, in 1959. Both of Linda's parents, Ron and Joanne (Burkhart) Weatherford, attended NNC in the 50's. Linda spent all of her growing up years in Medford and attended NNC from 1977-81, graduating in 1981 with a degree in Secondary Education, focusing on Home Economics. Linda taught for several years in Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, and Bellevue, Washington.

Gordon and Linda were married in 1984 in Kirkland, WA, and were blessed with two children, Ryan and Nichole.

Gordon joined the Boeing Company in 1980, and left there in 1990 as an Industrial Engineering Manager. Gordon then started his own consulting business in strategic information systems planning and total quality management. In 1992 he joined the Deltapoint Corporation in Bellevue, Washington, as a principal. He consulted in Fortune 500 companies across North America and Western Europe, and directed executive study missions to Japan. He left Deltapoint in 1999 as the Vice President of Business Development. Currently Gordon is Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of License Online, Inc., an Internet-based e-commerce business.

Gordon and Linda served on the NNC Alumni Board of Directors starting in 1987, and he was Alumni Board President from 1995-98. Concurrent with his term as president, Gordon served on the Board of Regents. Starting in the early 1990's, Gordon was instrumental in the formation of the NNC Business Advisory Board, supporting the Business Department with strategic direction, operational guidance and fund raising. Linda has served in the local church as Sunday school teacher, nursery and children's worker, and currently as Wedding Coordinator and Missions Council member. Gordon has served as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and currently as Systems Engineer and Church Board member. Gordon and Linda have participated in Work & Witness trips to Haiti and Venezuela.

Gordon and Linda believe in Northwest Nazarene University and the leaders it shapes. It is their desire to help young people receive a Christian education, and find their place of leadership in a world dying to know the Truth.

_Criteria for the Award_

1. Recipients are to be persons of worthy character and academic achievement who demonstrate a strong potential for future leadership and service;
2. Recipients are to have demonstrated a history of taking voluntary leadership responsibility in various settings;
3. Recipients are to have a clear Christian testimony and a vision for using their skills in Christian service;
4. Recipients must have a 3.25 or higher GPA;
5. Students must apply using the Departmental Scholarship Application;
6. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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