

Paving the Way for Future Generations of Nursing Professionals



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Addressing the Need for Care in Uncommon Times

Over the past 18 years, Betty DeLaurenti has helped 55 Seattle University nursing students to complete their education through a scholarship honoring the memory of her daughter, Kristi, a former nursing student. Each recipient shared her daughter's dream of entering the nursing profession at a time when demand for skilled nurses was on the rise. The need is even greater today. However, the high cost of nursing school can deter students from enrolling. Many who do enroll are dependent upon scholarships to stay in school.

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In Loving Memory

"My daughter, Kristi, had an inner nurse," Betty reminisces. "She was passionate about helping people and volunteered as a candy striper at Providence Medical Center in the 1970s while she was going to Mercer Island High School."

She continues, "During her senior year, Kristi volunteered every day after school at Mercer Island Convalescent Center. She would spend time with the residents, many of whom were not visited regularly by family and cheer them up. She just had a nurturing spirit."

Kristi was diagnosed with Type I diabetes when she was 8 years old, a disease that caused her to drop out of school her sophomore year at Seattle U and ultimately took her life at age 40.

In 2001, the DeLaurenti family decided to endow an annual scholarship originally established at Seattle U's College of Nursing by Deborah Humphrey-Buchholz, a dear friend of Kristi's, and her husband, Richard Buchholz.

"We wanted to do something to honor Kristi's memory in perpetuity," Betty explains. "Many people have contributed to the Kristi Jean DeLaurenti Bridges Endowed Scholarship since its establishment and we are grateful to all for their support. LeeAnn Farrell, my dear friend of 70 years, most particularly. She was wonderful to Kristi throughout her life and has given generously to the scholarship every year."

Betty makes a generous annual contribution to the fund, bolstering its value, as do other members of Kristi's immediate family.

Impact in a time of need

The DeLaurenti scholarship is a much-needed gift at a time when the country is faced with new threats to our health and well-being and an aging population in need of increased medical care. Alumni scholarship recipients are making an impact as Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners in areas including adult gerontology, neuro- and radiation oncology, psychiatric mental health, gastroenterology and other practices. Many have undoubtedly been called to the frontlines to help battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Nursing is a second career for me," says Céline Impert, '11, MSN, a nurse practitioner working in internal medicine at Virginia Mason. "I started over in Seattle U College of Nursing's Advanced Practice Nursing Immersion Program (APNI). It's a highly competitive, accelerated program that reflects the quality and Jesuit ethos of the College of Nursing as a whole. The Kristi Jean DeLaurenti Bridges Scholarship I received was a blessing that helped me to achieve a long-held goal of working in the medical field."

Ben Duchin, '22 is another scholarship recipient the College of Nursing's APNI Program. He is specializing in Psychiatric Mental Health and will graduate with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. He plans to work with people suffering from addiction and mental health issues.

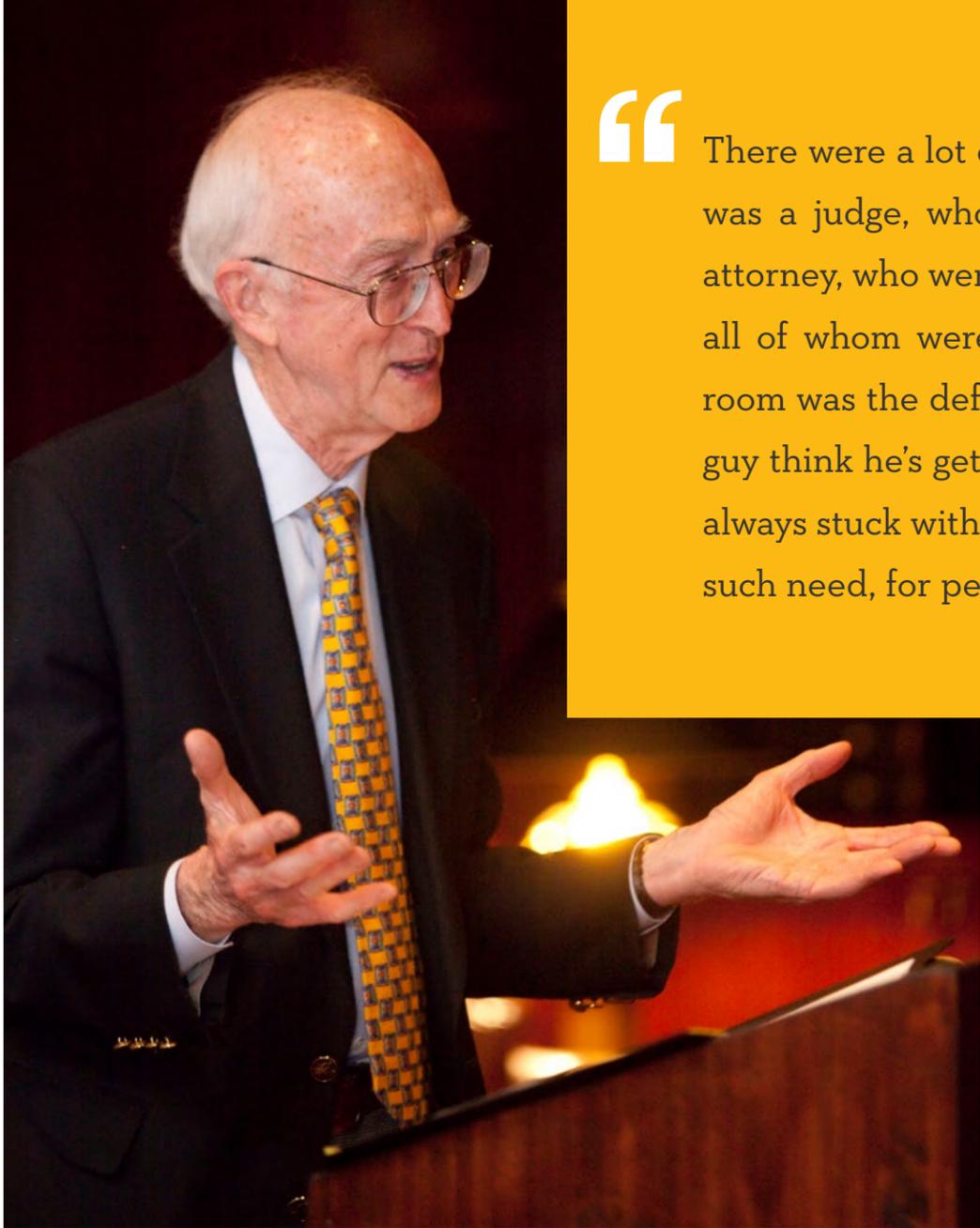
"The DeLaurenti Scholarship has allowed me to survive in an expensive city and be able to continue to do the work that I really want to do," he says. "The scholarship was particularly helpful to me in my first year when my primary focus was on school and I wasn't working. Now in my second year, I'm able to work on the Health & Homeless Outreach Team at NeighborCare Health, a Seattle health care provider focused on formerly unhoused and chronically addicted clients."

The Gift of Legacy

A successful realtor for 36 years, Betty is committed to supporting future generations of nurses through her estate, as well. She has made provisions to support the Kristi Jean DeLaurenti Bridges Endowed Scholarship by naming Seattle University a partial beneficiary of a retirement fund. Betty's love for Kristi and her nurse's heart will live on through Seattle U nursing students, for generations to come.

Pictured (left to right):

Sarah Vivianne Martin, DNP-CNM, '21
Ashley Monares, '18 MSN
Daryl Yao, '17 MSN



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There were a lot of people in the courtroom that day. There was a judge, who was white; a prosecutor and a defense attorney, who were white; a jury and several alternate jurors, all of whom were white. The only person of color in that room was the defendant. And I thought to myself, ‘does this guy think he’s getting a fair trial?’ It was just so stark and it’s always stuck with me. There was such need, and there still is such need, for people of color in the legal profession.”

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TED COLLINS

Championing Diversity in the Legal Field

Retired attorney Ted Collins’s deep commitment to diversity in the legal professions stems from what he calls a “eureka moment” more than 40 years ago. While at the King County Courthouse on unrelated business, he had a few minutes to observe a court in session. The trial provided him an unanticipated close-up view of our legal system from the perspective of a person of color. That experience guides Collins’s philanthropic giving at Seattle University School of Law.

Seattle U Connection

In the late 80s, Collins was selected to serve on the Board of Regents as a volunteer from The Boeing Company where he was Senior Vice President and General Counsel. In 1996, he was invited to join the Board of Trustees and served in that capacity until 2012.

In 2001, Collins was named a “Distinguished Practitioner in Residence” at the School of Law. In this post he taught a seminar for students on corporate governance. He was impressed with the university’s commitment to promoting diversity, particularly through the law school’s Access Admission Program run by the Academic Resource Center (ARC). This program provides access to the legal profession for diverse and non-traditional students through a robust system of support. ARC helps students to succeed and excel in law school and beyond.

“Seattle U law has long held the reputation of having the most diverse student body among law schools in the Pacific Northwest,” Collins says. “In recent years, students of color have comprised 30-40 percent of each graduating class. They go on to become judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys and serve the community in a myriad of legal fields.”

Collins supports the university’s efforts in this area through his philanthropic giving. He and his wife, Patricia also a retired attorney, regularly support the Seattle U School of Law Minority Scholarship Fund and the Boerner Lustbader Bar Scholarship Fund.

“One reason there is a lack of diversity in the legal field is that law school is expensive,” Collins asserts. “By supporting the Minority

Scholarship Fund, we hope to help ease the financial burden for law students of color. In addition, we support the Bar Scholarship Fund because if you don’t have the money to pay for a bar review course, you walk into the exam with two strikes against you.”

A Commitment to Philanthropy

Ted and Patricia Collins commitment to philanthropy extends beyond Seattle University. At one time the couple was supporting more than 60 charitable organizations. For greater impact, however, their giving now focuses on education, health and homelessness, the arts and international organizations, with a secondary focus on the environment and the local community. The Collins have also volunteered with many of the organizations they support.

Ted and Patricia enjoy giving through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF). The source of their philanthropy is primarily appreciated stocks and according to Ted, the DAF simplifies the charitable giving process.

“We donate stock to the DAF and then email instructions as to which charity or institution we want to give to and the amount—and that’s it! We get a tax deduction when the money is deposited into the DAF, not when it’s distributed and the money is invested while it’s in the fund” says Ted. At tax time we receive a statement reflecting all our giving for the year. It really facilitates things, particularly if you support multiple organizations.”

Collins also values the tax and charitable planning efficiency in making charitable gifts of his IRA-required minimum distributions. For future legacy giving, he wisely plans to use his IRA for final distributions to charitable organizations.

Regarding Seattle University specifically, he says, “It’s satisfying to see the university doing so well overall, and in its efforts to provide access to legal education for students of color. Seattle U is an asset to the community and one that I’m happy to support.”



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*Pictured: Betty Beza, '21
College of Nursing*

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