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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

David and Linda (Edwards) Polzin create a scholarship to assist future students attending Defiance College

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Linda (Edwards) Polzin '71 recalls her path to Defiance College. One year at Kent State was enough to make her realize it was just too big and impersonal for her and she started her search for a different kind of education. She visited Ohio Northern, Heidelberg and DC. "Defiance was definitely the friendliest and so where I ended up. "

It was a good choice. Not only was DC a better fit for Linda, it was where she met her future husband, Dave Polzin, class of 1971.

To honor their time at Defiance College and all this institution has meant to their family, Linda and Dave have recently established the Polzin Family Scholarship. Calling it the Polzin Family Scholarship is their way of honoring Dave's brother, Gary, who died in 2001, and Dave's parents who were so important to Dave's education. "My mom got a full-time job to help make going to college a reality for me," acknowledges Dave.

Scholarships helped defray the cost of Dave's education. With the Polzin Family Scholarship, Dave and Linda hope to assist future generations of DC students, paying forward on the help they received.

Dave is a financial advisor for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a company that encourages employee philanthropy by matching their charitable donations. By utilizing the company's matching contribution, the Polzins are able to maximize their gift to the college.

"The opportunity is now, taking advantage of the matching gift when my income is at its highest (before I consider retirement) and while the match is available to us. This match affords us the chance to make a greater impact with our personal gift," Dave explains.

The Polzins continue their connection to Defiance College in other ways as well. Dave has served as president of the Alumni Varsity D board and he and Linda are regulars at on-campus activities and sporting events. ♦



Dave and Linda Polzin

Leave your mark on the future

A simple bequest written into your will can help ensure that a Defiance College education is accessible to future generations of young people. By working together, we can see that the opportunity to learn and grow, both in and out of the classroom, continues well beyond our lives.

You may leave a gift to the Defiance Fund, which is for immediate general support, or create an endowment with a specific purpose, such as scholarship, faculty development, or to sustain a favorite educational or co-curricular program. Some gifts can even return an income stream to you.

For more information, please contact Cindy Shaffer, Senior Director of Advancement Services and Gift Planning, at 419-783-2306, or cshaffer@defiance.edu. Or visit our webpage at dclegacy.org.