A WORLD EDUCATION LEADER

Involved in international education throughout his career, Dr. David C. Larsen embodies Arcadia's commitment to helping students learn about the world through firsthand cultural experiences.

he more we are able to help students take advantage of what Arcadia has to offer, the better," says Dr. David C. Larsen of his feelings on the recent endowed scholarship created in his honor. The building at 1601 Church Road also is being renamed Larsen Hall.

The international education community took many opportunities this year to recognize Larsen's myriad contributions to the field of international education. Larsen has received the Education Abroad Leadership Award from the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA), the Peter A. Wollitzer Advocacy Award from the Forum on Education Abroad, and the Charles Klasek Award from the Association of International Education Administrators.

Larsen retired in June after 20 years of leadership serving as Vice President and Executive Director of Arcadia University's Center for Education Abroad. Under his guidance, more than 30,000 students have benefited from Arcadia's commitment to study abroad, now offering more than 100 programs at some of the finest universities around the world.

"Study abroad helps students understand that the whole world doesn't see things the way we do in this country," says Larsen. "That understanding is an extra education."

Studying abroad also helps students to realize that just because something is different does not mean that it is wrong.

"Students come to Arcadia with the expectation that they will learn about the rest of the world," says Larsen. "I hope the scholarship will open the eyes of recipients to all of the diversity and difference that exists in the world." With Arcadia's new Undergraduate Curriculum requiring students to spend time immersed in a cross-cultural experience, which can be overseas or domestic, the scholarship is sure to open the eyes of many.

The David C. Larsen Endowed Scholarship for International Education is being endowed with \$250,000. Funds were raised through the generosity of many Arcadia trustees, faculty, staff and friends, including Hugh and Katie Moulton, Marie-Louise Jackson, Susan Tressider, Marilyn and Norman Cranin, Lois and Michael Haber, Peggy Steele, Ted and Schuy Wood, Ann and Dave Greene, Arlene Snyder, Lorna Stern, David Rudd and Dennis Dutschke. Another \$250,000 is being raised to name Larsen Hall in his honor.

As for Arcadia's future, Larsen is confident that Arcadia's programs will continue to expand, but he also hopes more international students will gravitate toward the University and gain knowledge from American students.

In retirement, Larsen plans to travel with his wife, Wani. Their first destination is Greece because the two met there 35 years ago while he was teaching at Anatolia College and Aristolelian University. She was teaching English as a Second Language to high school students. ■

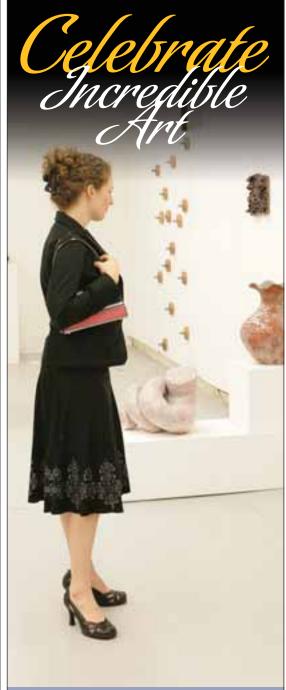




Sandy Schoeps Tennies, Associate Director of Professional Programs and Resources at NAFSA: Association of International Educators, with Dr. David C. Larsen.

Education Abroad Highlights

- More than 30,000 students benefited from study abroad during Larsen's tenure.
- More than half of Arcadia's recent graduates have studied abroad, and that rate is rising.
- The Center grew to more than 100 programs around the world.
- Arcadia now ranks as #2 in the nation for undergraduate study abroad participation rates, according to *Open Doors* 2007.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Arcadia's study abroad program among the best in the nation.



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Generations of Allegiance

The Cook family's interest in the health sciences has shaped a philanthropic legacy that spans three generations. They understand the importance of giving back.

By Michelle Tooker '07

ary Ann Cook '70 serves an integral part in a family legacy of commitment to both Arcadia and the world of science. A Biology major, Cook came to Arcadia because of the location and the intimate feel of the campus. She also was inspired to attend by her sister, the late Sandra Cook Labaree '68. Their parents soon became involved in their daughters' education as members of the Parents' Advisory Board Committee (now the Parents' Network).

While exploring her interest in biology, Cook also was active in student activities. One of her favorite experiences was serving as President of the Student Government Organization (SGO). "I gained leadership skills that prepared me for life in the business world," she says. Her role in SGO also helped her to establish a successful career—she recently retired from Johnson & Johnson, where she served as Director of Research and Development for Consumer Products and as Director of Corporate Contributions and Community Relations.

Like Cook, other members of the family have committed to work in the health sciences field. Cook's father is a retired physician and her sister, Sandra, a French major, became heavily involved with the American Cancer Society after several bouts with cancer. Currently, Christine Labaree, Sandra's daughter, works with biotech companies and has donated to Arcadia in her mother's honor. Thus, the Cooks' allegiance to Arcadia and the sciences spans three generations.

Because of their devotion to Arcadia and the sciences, Cook and her family decided to create the Cook Family Endowed Scholarship Award. "My family members have a big interest in the medical world, so why can't we make a donation?" says Cook. The scholarship will be awarded to Arcadia undergraduate students who pursue graduate-level study in one of Arcadia's graduate medical health programs.

"I love the idea of someone being able to continue here at Arcadia," Cook says. "I would have loved to have continued my education [at Arcadia]."

She wants the scholarship to assist someone in securing a career in the health sciences field. "This college was terrific to my family, and giving back is extremely important."

For now, Cook is planning what to do during retirement. She is, however, continuing her commitment to Arcadia by volunteering as a member of the Campaign Steering Committee for *At Home & in the World—The Campaign for Arcadia University*. She chairs the Corporate Subcommittee.



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ForLove and

s a young boy, he shared a name with his father. As a young man, he shared an interest in science. Leventually, they shared not just a career but a passion for learning.

Dr. M. Fredric Rieders '80 now carries on the traditions begun by his father, the late Dr. Fredric Rieders. Along with his brother, Dr. Eric Rieders, he runs one of the premier nationally certified forensic science labs in the nation, continues the nonprofit foundation dedicated to fostering a love for science and art in students, and helps to educate the next generation of forensic scientists at Arcadia University.

Dr. Rieders serves as Chair, Laboratory Director and Forensic Toxicologist at NMS Labs in Willow Grove, Pa., a position formerly held by his father, who founded the lab in 1970. Dr. Eric Rieders now serves as President and Chief Executive Officer. Their father's story was remarkable—He left Vienna, Austria, alone at the age of 16 to come to the United States, became a citizen, served as a surgical technician in the U.S. Army's 20th Armored Division in France and Germany during World War II, earned his Ph.D. in Pharmacology, and became one of the nation's most revered forensic toxicologists. The son's story is on its own trajectory of scientific accomplishment—and his star is still rising.

He recently drew international attention in authenticating the forensic DNA identity code of Salvador Dalí, a feat accomplished in the Willow Grove lab from feeding tubes once used by the late Spanish surrealist artist. Rieders has been a Dalí enthusiast since his childhood and now collects examples of Dalí's work exhibiting synergy between science and art. The Pennsylvania Joint State Government Commission appointed Rieders to the Commission's Advisory Committee on Wrongful Convictions. And he is beginning a new role on Arcadia's Board of Trustees.

Walking in a famous father's footsteps isn't always easy. When the younger Rieders began working alongside the elder Fredric, he suggested that his son begin using "Michael" at the office to avoid confusion. Three years after his father's passing, Dr. Rieders is reclaiming his boyhood moniker, and ensuring that his father's legacy is continued in as many ways as possible.

The newly established Rieders-Breyer Scholarship Fund for Forensic Science students is one way Rieders honors both his father and Dr. Art Breyer, "who was my professor here at Arcadia. My dad had the idea for a Master of Forensic Science program. He came here and Art Breyer embraced it. Art and my dad went to university together. They really loved each other. Dad always felt like he was part of the family here," he adds.

"One of Dad's dreams that had not been fulfilled was to start a Master of Forensic Science program. Arcadia helped him to fulfill that dream of creating a top-tier, nationally recognized program." The program also provided an opportunity for Rieders to fulfill a dream of his own—teaching alongside his father. For the Rieders family, he adds, "This is the place we want to vest our efforts in the future...to enable Arcadia's vision for success."

Read more about the early days of Arcadia's Forensic Science program and the dreams that made it possible at www.arcadia.edu/forensic.

M. Fredric Rieders has appreciated Salvador Dalí's ability to combine science and art since his childhood. Here he is pictured with one of the pieces from his Dalí collection.







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