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MAKING SUCCESS HAPPEN

Honoring a Courtship, Lifetime

hough he never set foot in an Arcadia classroom, Dr. Robert Grayson owes a lot to Arcadia University.

Married in 1942, Grayson met his wife, Shirley, during her years as an undergraduate at Arcadia. Grayson, a senior at Princeton at the time, remembers meeting Shirley at a fraternity party at Lehigh University. "We hit it off right away," he remembers.

Parenting two children, the Graysons' spent the majority of their time in Florida, where Grayson had his own pediatric practice for 40 years and Shirley worked as a reading teacher. Sadly, Shirley passed away in June of 2003, but not before making sure Grayson was prepared for one last thing. When it came time for planning for their retirement, Grayson gives due credit to Shirley. "Not only was she a great wife and a great mother," he says, "She was a great investor." Thanks to Shirley's planning, Grayson found that

he was able to give a little something back to the institutions that helped him out the most.

Grayson decided to give money to his alma maters, Princeton University, Columbia University and Duke University, as well as the University of Miami where he served on the faculty. Additionally, despite never attending the school himself,

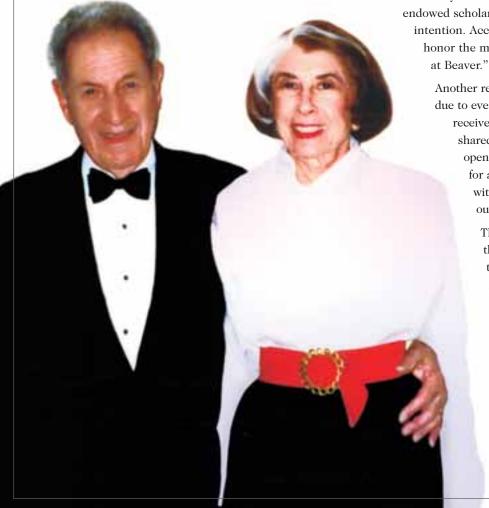


Grayson chose to give to Arcadia. In honor of his wife, Grayson '42 established the Shirley Singer Grayson and Robert Grayson M.D. Endowed Scholarship, a \$50,000 endowed scholarship to be funded through a bequest intention. According to Grayson, the gift was made "to honor the memory of our courtship while Shirley was

> Another reason Grayson decided to make the gift was due to everything he learned from his wife. "Shirley received a great education at Beaver, and she shared that with me," says Grayson. "Beaver opened Shirley's eyes. She got an appreciation for art and literature, and she educated me with things she learned from Beaver during our travels."

> > The halls of Arcadia may have never seen the likes of Grayson, but that's not to say that he doesn't have a wealth of memories. Asked what his fondest memory from Arcadia is, Grayson doesn't miss a beat. "My greatest memory," he says, "is Shirley Grayson." And thanks to Grayson's generosity, he'll be providing a lifetime of memories for future Arcadia graduates.

For more information on creating a gift through your estate plans, please contact Diane Zimmaro in the Office of Gift Planning at 215-572-2095 or plannedgift@arcadia.edu.





FACES OF PHILANTHROPY

Stained Glass Gift Completes Set

This year, Lillian Stringfellow Bassett Rankin '34 gave a stained glass window in honor of Benton Spruance, renowned lithographer and former head of the Art Department, and his student Marianne Hirst Rankin '36. The window was dedicated at Reunion Weekend and completes the series of stained glass windows in Murphy Hall's Stiteler Auditorium, the former Chapel.

An image of St. Luke was chosen to memorialize artist Benton Spruance. There is a legend that St. Luke painted a portrait of the Virgin Mary from life. A purported fourth century copy is in Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome which Rankin has seen. The mortar and pestle in the picture is a reminder that Luke was a physician and the winged bull, a symbol of St. Luke's role as Evangelist and gospel writer. Further research found a print created in 1965 by Benton Spruance entitled "St. Luke." The image is that of a winged bull. Upon this discovery, the designers felt as if the spirit of Benton Spruance was present in a special way for the creation of this window.

Rankin has been a loyal and generous supporter of Arcadia for many years. A member of the Covenant Society through several charitable gift annuities that she has established, she also is a President's Circle donor, a Knight Society member and a Landman Society member for lifetime giving over \$100,000. Rankin was Professor of Chemistry and Physics at Beaver College from 1935 to 1952.



From Left: Susan Bockius, Design Consultant at Willet Hauser, President Jerry Greiner and Lillian Rankin '34 pictured with the stained glass window.