

## THE H. ROBERT REINERT FELLOWSHIP IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

For
Students Pursuing a Master's or Doctoral degree
In the
Department of Special Education
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
University of Northern Colorado

Robert "Bob" Reinert pursued several interests before discovering his true calling of becoming an educator. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Fort Hays State University in Elementary Education. Bob taught elementary and junior high school and eventually became a principal before moving his family to Greeley, Colorado in 1964. Bob coached basketball, and enjoyed both participating and being a spectator in many sports.

While working at Madison Elementary, Bob attended UNC, then known as Colorado State College. He earned his Masters of Arts degree in Special Education in 1965 and his Doctorate in Education in 1968. He joined the UNC faculty that same year and served in the Division of Special Education until retiring in 1990.

During his tenure at UNC, Bob served in many leadership roles serving as a consultant to state and national educational institutions, an officer and member of Phi Delta Kappa, chairman and member of the LJNC Faculty Senate, director of the Kephart Center, and chairman of the University Governance Committee. In addition, he wrote Children in Conflict, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, co-authored with Dr. Allen Huang in 1987; another edition was being revised at the time of his passing. He co-authored Teaching Strategies for Children in Conflict in 1979. Bob served on numerous doctoral committees, taught courses, and received several fellowships in recognition of his outstanding abilities.

After his retirement, Bob continued his educational career, attending Catholic Biblical School and served as emeritus faculty president. He learned the arts of woodworking and pottery, he always had a beautiful garden, and he began raising miniature horses for his grandchildren and the children of Greeley to enjoy. He also mastered the fine art of being a kind, gentle father to six children and 13 grandchildren, as well as being a loving husband to Mary Ann.

His spirit is reflected in those who believe as he did that learning is a life-long process. It is recognition of this spirit that the H. Robert Reinert Fellowship in Special Education is hereby established.

The H. Robert Reinert Fellowship in Special Education is awarded to Master's or Doctoral students in Special Education in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

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