



THE JOANN AND DONALD HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP

for
Chemistry Students from Aims Community College
in the
School of Natural Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences
University of Northern Colorado

Don was born near Franklin, Kentucky on October 28, 1936 and graduated from Franklin High School in 1954. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Western Kentucky State College (WKSC) in 1958 in Math and Chemistry. He served in the U.S. Army Artillery and with the Guided Missile Division at Fort Bliss, Texas. He returned to WKSC for his master's degree in Chemical Education in 1963. He was hired by General Airline and Film Corporation in Calvert City, Kentucky that same year as chief control chemist, where he supervised 26 technicians.

He met Joann Margaret Pallo Harris while on a 50-mile backpacking trip through the North Cascades. They were married two years later. Joann, born June 28, 1946 in Bremerton, Washington earned an Associate's degree at Olympic Community College and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Elementary Education at Central Washington State College. She worked in Wenatchee, Washington for four years in Parent Cooperative Preschool Education, specializing in a class for handicapped children. She also worked one year in a day care center serving handicapped students sponsored by the United Cerebral Palsy Society.

After moving to Greeley, Don joined the Aims Community College faculty in 1970 to teach Industrial Physics and GED courses in Math. He taught his first Chemistry course in the technology division in the area of Chemical Technology for High School Students in 1974. From 1974 until he retired in 1997, he taught Laboratory Technology as well as General and Organic Chemistry at the College. During that time, Joann worked two years as a part-time instructor in the Aims Early Childhood Education Program. She also worked for the Weld County Board of Cooperative Education Services as a child-find coordinator and received a Master's degree in Social Work at Colorado State University. In addition, she has worked for the Weld County Health Department and has worked with home-bound special education students. Joann and Don's personal and civic interests are varied and diverse.

It is out of their belief and experience that the community college system provides the stepping stone for countless men and women to pursue higher education that they have established this endowment fund. It is their desire to encourage students transferring from Aims Community College to the University of Northern Colorado by offering them scholarships in fields related to Chemistry.

The Joann and Donald Harris Scholarship is awarded to Aims Community College transfer students.

The University of Northern Colorado Foundation is pleased to recognize the generosity of Joann and Donald Harris, who provided the gifts to create this permanent fund to perpetuate excellence in the School of Natural Sciences.
