

Scholarship honors respected alumni leader

Paul A. Hilton '83 knew how to make others feel special.

Remembered with an infectious smile and bigger-than-life personality, Angelique Hilton '15 says her husband simply loved people and he loved getting to know them. He truly embodied what it meant to be a "people person."

"He had a way of making everyone he met feel like they were the only person in the room," said Angelique. "He listened intently and he always wanted to hear stories about their lives. He made people a part of his life because he always remembered."

Paul passed away in late spring after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer. He was a reunion organizer and fundraiser, a respected leader on the Rowan University Alumni Board of Directors and an extremely proud and passionate alum.

Paul came to Glassboro State College with little money but an overflowing work ethic. He had to work several jobs during his time as a student, sparking his desire to spend his life giving to those who were in need.

"We talked about having a scholarship of some sort before to impact a student who didn't have access or didn't have support in

a financial way," said Angelique. "We wanted to help them to get where they wanted to be in their lives, and when I lost Paul, I knew this was the best way to keep his memory and legacy moving forward."

The Hiltons strongly shared the University's core value that education should be accessible and affordable. Paul was an enthusiast for education and the scholarship in his memory will eliminate some of the financial burden for students pursuing a Rowan degree.

"That's all Paul would talk about," adds Angelique, "everyone having the same accessibility to education and the opportunity to thrive in their own life."

Paul was committed to his community, serving on the Winslow Township Board of Education and the Winslow Township Drug and Alcohol Alliance. He also served on the Board of Trustees for First Nazarene Baptist Church in Camden. Students of any major with a strong sense of volunteerism and serving as a positive force in their communities will be considered for the award.

"Paul was passionate about service and being of service to those around him," said

Angelique. "You don't know what a person is going through or what their journey is. For the students, I'd just love to help them on their own journey in honor of Paul."



Angelique and Paul Hilton

The Paul A. Hilton '83 Memorial Scholarship Fund continues to grow and Angelique is thrilled to support Rowan students.

"I eventually would like to make the fund into an endowment," adds Angelique. "That way it will be around forever and the people Paul impacted can remember him always—

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