

Pints Create Faculty Fellowship

Gary Pint had a great experience as an undergraduate in the Department of Industrial Administration at Iowa State,

which helped him develop an outstanding career after he graduated in 1958. Now that he is retired, he wants to help create great opportunities for students in today's College of Business.

Gary and his wife Margaret recently made a donation to the College of Business to endow a faculty fellowship in marketing. Their leadership-level gift will fund the Gary and Margaret Pint Faculty Fellowship.

"The industrial administration department at that time was a fun place to be, a kind of embryo," said Pint, reflecting on his days in Ames. "And importantly, there were some fantastic faculty — like William "Wild Bill" Schramper, Harry Shadle, Chuck Handy, Bill Thompson, and others."

After he graduated from Iowa State, Pint went to work for 3M. He spent his entire 35-year career there, beginning as a sales representative in the electrical product division, then moving to marketing management in telecommunications areas.

"We came up with an idea for a telecommunications business at 3M, and spent time generating support for our idea," Pint said. "Sponsorship helped, 3M pursued it, and it grew into several successful businesses." Pint was promoted to division general management and eventually to group vice president of electrotelecom systems.

"We're very thankful that Gary and Margaret have so generously funded this faculty fellowship," said Labh Hira, dean of the College of Business. "Gary and Margaret have been great friends to the College of Business, and it is an honor that one of our faculty positions will bear their names."

Pint was especially attracted to the opportunity to support the college's faculty. "I believe very strongly in the process of building a world-class faculty," he said. "The faculty attract students and help them with their own growth opportunities. This will be key to the continuing success of our

Iowa State University College of Business."

Pint has been very active in supporting the College of Business. He was a longtime member of the Dean's Advisory Council, and thanks to the Pints' gift to the construction of the Gerdin Business Building, a second-floor classroom bears their names. He was instrumental in establishing

the 3M Business Lab, a joint collaboration between 3M and the Colleges of Business, Engineering, and Education (now Human Sciences). The lab's purpose was to bring students from different backgrounds together in an entrepreneurial environment to work for course credit on real business issues and opportunities.

Pint says he is proud of the progress his college has made. "I have great admiration for what has been done by the administration and the faculty," he said. "The growth and the achievements are very significant, and that will bring other people forward to say, 'I want to be a part of this.'" ■



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