Believe in Zags

Every Zag has had a moment when someone stepped up and said, “I believe in you.” The fact remains – Gonzaga is a place where we believe.

We believe in the mission of the University. We believe in the power of Jesuit education. We believe in the community of people who are helping to form the service-minded leaders of tomorrow. In short, we believe in Zags.

One of the ways that the Gonzaga community comes together to act on these beliefs is through giving. In this edition of Heritage, we highlight Zags who demonstrate their commitment through creative gifts to the University – a gift by will, a charitable trust, laddered gift annuities and a gift by beneficiary designation. From a cross-country couple to a basketball super fan, from a pair of alums whose love story began right here on campus to a beloved retired Gonzaga staff member – their gifts are as unique as their connections to GU.

Making a difference today and into the future is what believing in Zags is all about.

Thank you for...

Believing in Students
Believing in Jesuit Education
Believing in the Future
Believing in Community

This is Gonzaga.

As ever,

Judy Rogers

P.S. See a list of Zag believers and honor someone who believed in you at www.gonzaga.edu/BelieveInZags.
Believing in Students

Sue Weitz’s passion for Gonzaga is never ending. She came to the University in 1981 as dean of students and for more than three decades worked tirelessly to build a strong community where students had a voice in their education. When Sue retired in 2014, she left a legacy of service to GU students – but she wasn’t done yet.

“Gonzaga gave me a lot, so giving back seemed like the right thing to do,” she said. “I worked with my financial advisor to discover which asset might be best.” Due to the tax benefits, Sue listed Gonzaga as a beneficiary of her TIAA-CREF retirement account. Sue also discussed the gift with her husband and children who gladly stood by her choice.

“It was my decision, but my kids and husband were very excited,” she added. “Both of my children graduated from Gonzaga.”

Sue strongly believes in the education Gonzaga provides. By designating GU as a beneficiary of her 403b retirement account, she will be able to act on that belief for the benefit of future Zags.

“Whether my gift goes to scholarships, a building, operating costs, or helps keep tuition down – I want to leave that up to the leadership of the institution, because that’s where I sat for so many years.” She added, “No matter what you give to at Gonzaga, the students are going to benefit, and I am all about the students.”

For more information, visit www.gonzaga.edu/rpa.

Believing in Jesuit Education

After graduating from Gonzaga and serving in the U.S. Army, Rick Hofmeister spent 20 years in the investment business as a financial consultant and vice president of Merrill Lynch. He understood the benefits that annuities could have for his clients, so it made perfect sense that he and Nina would consider charitable gift annuities (CGA) for themselves.

“It benefits both the school and the donors,” explained Rick. “We were going to have a tax problem as we were starting to take distributions from our IRAs. To alleviate some of that problem, we decided to contribute to Gonzaga.” The Hofmeisters have funded two gift annuities, which provide them with income now. The amount remaining in the annuities upon their passing will be used to establish the Bud and Cathy Hofmeister Men’s Golf Endowment in honor of Rick’s parents.

Rick’s father was a golf professional in Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Rick practically grew up on the golf course. Gonzaga was the only school Rick considered when it came time for college. After receiving his degree in economics, he entered the military and eventually ended up working at the golf course at Fort Hood in Texas. He and Nina were married in 1969 and they returned to Spokane in 1971.

All three of their children attended Catholic schools, including Gonzaga Prep. Now that their children are grown and Rick and Nina have retired, the Hofmeisters travel the country in an RV, playing golf and collecting quilting squares in each state they pass through.

Rick and Nina decided to give to Gonzaga, even though Nina is a graduate of the University of Maryland. They both strongly believe in the value of Jesuit education, which was what tipped the scales in Gonzaga’s favor.

“We believe in putting your money where your mouth is,” said Nina. “There are kids out there who want to come to GU but can’t financially do it. With Rick having been on the golf team and his father coming to help out, this was a nice way to give back to something that was of interest to Rick and his Dad.”

For more information, visit www.gonzaga.edu/cga.

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You can make a meaningful gift by designating Gonzaga University as a full or partial beneficiary of your IRA, 401k or 403b type retirement account. Because retirement assets can trigger estate taxes and/or result in substantial income taxation to (non-spouse) heirs, they make ideal gifts to a tax-exempt charity such as Gonzaga. GU will receive 100 percent of an IRA, 401k or 403b account distribution.

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2) to supplement your retirement income
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5) to receive income now and support Gonzaga later

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There is little doubt that if Nancy Driscoll’s legacy were two colors, they would be Gonzaga blue and red. Her status as a Gonzaga University super fan dates back to her time playing basketball for GU more than 50 years ago and has been going strong ever since.

“My support for GU has evolved over time,” said Nancy, who first established a scholarship in honor of her dear friend, Glo Ross. More recently, Nancy created a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) that provides her with tax benefits and income for the rest of her life. After Nancy passes away, what remains in the trust will be transferred to Gonzaga to support academic and athletic scholarships.

“With this gift, I receive annual income and I can support the University, too,” Nancy explained. “I love my education and giving back feels good. I had a wonderful experience at Gonzaga that made such a difference in my life. To me, I spend money to make a difference in people’s lives and I get so much back just watching what it does. You always get more than you give, as far as I’m concerned.”

Nancy is still actively involved with Gonzaga, both academically and athletically. She audits classes and never misses a women’s basketball game.

“Watching them grow up to become better players and better people is so much fun,” she said. “Having sports in my life was good for me – it was my way of connecting with people and I still get really excited about it. It’s about sportsmanship, succeeding and improving yourself.”

Through her support, Nancy believes she can help give others the opportunity to better themselves and become the service-minded leaders of tomorrow.

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In 1996, Mark and Kathy Casey faced an uncertain future. Mark had fallen ill and needed a bone marrow transplant. He and Kathy created their first will, in which they decided to gift a portion of their estate to Gonzaga University. Nineteen years later, Mark and Kathy have updated their will and increased their original gift amount for GU.

“Our circumstances are very different now,” said Mark. “Our kids are grown and self-sufficient. We’ve done well and now we want to give back.”

Gonzaga has been a particularly special place for Mark and Kathy, who first met at GU while pursuing their undergraduate degrees. Mark went on to graduate from Gonzaga Law School and the Caseys have remained close to the University ever since.

“It’s a wonderful atmosphere in every way,” Kathy said. “We are so proud to come back because it feels like home.”

“There’s always been a real sense of community here,” agreed Mark. His Gonzaga experience was largely influenced by Fr. Frank Costello, who was a friend, teacher, and mentor to him. The Caseys have decided to direct their future gift to benefit the Thomas Jefferson Scholarship, established in honor of Fr. Costello.

Kathy added, “We are proud to give back because we see students now are having the same feelings we did more than 40 years ago – that this is their home, their community and their Jesuit-inspired education.”

Kathy’s uncle, Fr. John “Jack” Evoy, S.J. (’36, ’37), was a beloved Jesuit and Psychology professor at GU. He received the Distinguished Alumni Merit Award in 1992 and was the director of the Mater Dei Institute.

“Gonzaga gave us the opportunity to do what we’ve done,” said Mark. “The Jesuit teachings emphasize giving back and being a good steward in your community. I have taken that to heart. As our generation gets into our 60s, it’s important to start thinking about the legacy we want to leave. If you have the means, I think you ought to consider Gonzaga as a beneficiary of your estate.”

For more information, visit www.gonzaga.edu/bequest.
In preparation for Parent’s Night, 8-year-old Lauren created a “self-portrait” demonstrating who she is, what she believes in, and her plans for the future. Her proud grandparents, Mike (’63) and Sunny (’65) Strong, shared with us Lauren’s dream to become a Zag!

This issue of Heritage highlights several generous Zags who also have plans for the future. Gonzaga’s future and aspiring students like Lauren.

Keep believing, working, and planning, Lauren…and we will too. Hope to see you in 2025!

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