

Trust backs \$4M for scholarships

A \$4.17 million estate gift from the late David P. Rahm of Middletown will support scholarships for students on Miami University's main campus in Oxford and regional campuses in Hamilton and Middletown.

Rahm, who died last year at age 81, graduated from Miami in 1958 with a business degree.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and an accomplished jazz musician and pilot. He worked at Armco Steel in Middletown, now AK Steel, retiring after 28 years.

The gift will be split evenly to serve a diverse group of students – especially those from low-income families – on all of Miami's campuses.

Half will fund the David P. Rahm Merit Scholars Program at the regional campuses in Hamilton and Middletown, and the remaining half will fund the David P. Rahm Scholarship at Miami's Oxford campus.

"Having this level of scholarship support to attract higher-ability students makes us more competitive and able to keep bright students in our community," said Mike Pratt, Miami University associate provost and dean of the College of Professional Studies & Applied Sciences at the regional campuses.

The program is expected to support up to 150 first-year Miami students each year once fully implemented.

The first scholarships are anticipated to be awarded in fall 2014. STAFF

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