

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE RECEIVES TWO MAJOR GIFTS

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BILLINGS – Two major gifts, received by Rocky Mountain College, will substantially endow student scholarships, according to Obert Udem, Rocky Mountain College director of planned giving.

The first is a \$55,000 endowment established as a memorial to Dolores S. and Jack A. Starkweather, a tribute to their support for the College's geology department.

The second gift is from the James R. and Betty Taylor Family Scholarship Endowment, amounting to \$105,000.

The Starkweathers were a popular and beloved couple in Montana, where Jack developed a formidable career as a petroleum engineer and oil and gas entrepreneur while Dolores was engaged with helping Billings Clinic, Senior Helping Hands and the American Lutheran Church. Jack died in November 2009; Dolores in 2003.

“They were remarkable citizens of this community,” Udem said. “The standards they set for caring and supportive friendship will continue to set standards by which activities of others will be measured for years to come. They would be delighted that their endowment will now help the Rocky geology department which turns out so many students who pursue careers in the oil and gas industry.”

Taylor, who died Jan. 11, 2010, was a long time academic dean and registrar of the College, a founder of the RMC Institute for Peace Studies, and a one-time faculty member. Betty preceded him in death, in 2007.

“Jim and Betty Taylor, like so many of our staff members and parents of alumni, wanted to give something back to an institution that had meant so much to them and their children,” Under said.

Seven Taylor children graduated from Rocky.

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