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Marjorie A. Perry '74

President & CEO, MZM Construction & Management

“Including Kean in my will ensures that my support will continue after I am no longer here. Growing up in the projects, I was determined to break generational cycles – higher education was the key to my success. I want to provide that same opportunity to other young people. The scholarship that I established at Kean will be further endowed through my estate plans to ease the burden for students who need extra support to make it through – just like I did.”

Kevin J. O'Hare '86 '91

Founder, Speech at the Beach

“I included a bequest in my will to establish an endowed scholarship for graduate students in the Speech Language Pathology program at Kean University. My dream is that this scholarship will inspire increased diversity in the field, which will in turn better support all clients to realize their full potential.”



Dr. Jemal J. Beale '92 '95

CEO & President, Apex Solutions Group, LLC

“I decided to include the Kean University Foundation in my estate plans because I am grateful for the strong education, leadership, and rigorous ROTC training that I received at Kean. I want to help support the same opportunity for other young students. Upon graduation, I enjoyed a long and successful military career. In 2018, I was appointed Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the 32nd Adjutant General by Governor Phil Murphy before ultimately retiring from military service with the rank of Major General (NJSG), Brigadier General (USA).”

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Ellen Garshgo McConnell '72

Retired Educator, Old Bridge Public School District

“My decision to include the Kean University Foundation in my estate plans is a testament to my gratitude for the education I received at Kean and a way to pay tribute to my parents for their unwavering support of higher education. Without the education that I received at Newark State College, now Kean University, I would not have had a career that I truly loved for over thirty years.”

Dr. Daniel O'Day, Jr.

Professor Emeritus of English,
Kean University

“I believe wholeheartedly in the students and mission of Kean and count my time teaching at the University as among the best years of my life. Because I know how critical scholarships are to student success, I decided to endow a scholarship through a gift of life insurance. Naming the Kean University Foundation as a beneficiary of my life insurance policy was simple and didn't require complex changes to the rest of my estate plans. I trust that this gift will have a significant impact on future Kean students.”



Jane M. Bodzioch '69 '83

Retired Principal, Elizabeth Public School District

“A bequest in my will is an ideal way to achieve my philanthropic goals. I am who I am, and I have what I have, because of the education I received at Kean. I want to provide the same opportunity to other students who could look back in time and say the same thing.”



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