



Tributes

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When I look back on my time as president of The University of Akron, the memories I most cherish are those of people who worked toward a vision of making The University of Akron a world-class university—one capable of controlling its own destiny in a future of predictable change and challenge. This long list of people includes Dick Pogue; LeBron James and the people who worked at his family's foundation, especially Dr. Michele Campbell; Dr. Gary and Pam Williams; Phil and Peggy Lloyd; Alberto Ibarguen and the staff at the Knight Foundation; Jon Pavloff; and Paul Herold.

These people worked tirelessly, courageously, and

sacrificially to invest in the University's future. Dick Pogue was chairman of the board during the first year of my presidency; he is the former managing partner of the law firm, Jones Day, in Cleveland and a well-respected leader in the region. He dreamed of making The University of Akron a regional powerhouse. Few people could command the respect of his peers like Dick Pogue. LeBron James and his family foundation dreamed of making The University of Akron a place where underachieving Akron children could overachieve, attend The University of Akron, and earn a college degree.

Dr. Gary and Pam Williams gave from the fruits of his highly successful surgical career to attract more honors students to The University of Akron and to make their educational experience at the university more transformative. Phil and Peggy Lloyd led the University's foundation during my presidency and gave personally to the University to make the University's law school strong, relevant, and sustainable. Alberto Ibargüen and the Knight Foundation provided resources to make dance choreography a national program on The University of Akron campus—confirming the University's longstanding commitment to the arts as well as to science, advanced technology, and the professions.

Jon Pavloff was chairman of the board during my second year as president of the University. He worked boldly, intelligently, and selflessly to form and maintain a coalition of leaders who would support needed change at the University—for the sake of both the University he respected and the Akron

community he loved. Paul Herold was a veteran employee at The University of Akron who rose through the ranks to become special assistant to two university presidents and secretary of the board of trustees. His wise insights and clear understanding of the University's challenges gave me the courage to lead through difficult times.

I will forever remember these people who gave of themselves to strengthen and position the University for a challenging future. They demonstrated the true nature and defining characteristic of leadership—acting out of the love of others despite popular opinion, political cost, or personal comfort. The rewards of true leadership are seldom temporal, but they are always eternal.