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The College of Our Hearts Always

2021 Suzanne Kay Hart Alumni Service Award: Barb Brown Dalton, 1981

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Suzanne Kay Hart Alumni Service Award (previously known as the Pine Tree Emblem Alumni Service Award)

Barbara Brown Dalton '81 was honored with the Suzanne Kay Hart Alumni Service Award (previously known as the Pine Tree Emblem Alumni Service Award). Dalton has worked on behalf of the association's Board of Directors, and as both president and a longtime correspondent for the Class of 1981. She is a faithful fan of Black Bear Athletics, an Honorary M Club member, Maine Mentor, a loyal donor, and a dedicated supporter of the university and its alumni.

00:00

the university of maine alumni

00:02

association

00:03

suzanne k hart alumni service award

00:06

is sponsored by the university of maine

00:08

alumni association

00:10

board of directors i'm bill green

00:14

who better to tell us about bob brown

00:16

dalton than her black bear husband

00:18

barb is uh quite a woman she's a driven

00:21

person
00:22
she's pretty sure of herself and sure of
00:25
what i'll do as well
00:27
that's how she rolls she rarely sits
00:30
still
00:31
if she does it's not more than 15 or 20
00:34
minutes
00:36
and barb's energy is certainly
00:37
infectious you can tell she cares a lot
00:40
about her job
00:41
her university her husband her dog her
00:44
house
00:45
anything you're talking to barb about
00:48
there's a genuine
00:49
excitement passion and love
00:52
barb's passion for all she does is
00:55
easily traced
00:56
to her dad if you look at the passion
00:58
that barb brings
01:00
brings to everything she does it's it's
01:03
no doubt emulating
01:04
that which she learned from her father
01:06

frances brown was a die-hard black bear
01:09
and he instilled that in both of his
01:11
children
01:12
barb and kathy her sister todd saucier
01:15
served on the umaid alumni board with
01:17
barb
01:18
and recalls those early morning meetings
01:22
i don't think there was ever an occasion
01:24
that barb either walked in last
01:26
or perhaps got there just in time but
01:29
always
01:30
always made mention i can't believe we
01:32
start these things before 10 o'clock in
01:33
the morning
01:34
more than a fan barb is a humane fanatic
01:38
barb loves athletics
01:42
we are long time season ticket holders
01:43
to u-maine hockey
01:45
women's basketball and more recently
01:47
men's basketball
01:49
you'd be hard-pressed to find a bigger
01:51
cheerleader for umaine athletics than
01:52

barb
01:54
she's at our games she's a tremendous
01:56
fan
01:57
and then outside of that she's a
01:58
tremendous volunteer and
02:00
community supporter of black bear
02:02
athletics and she certainly supported
02:04
black bear athletics
02:06
super suppers she would spend four five
02:09
six months talking to every client she
02:12
ever had
02:13
anybody that she ever met at a you know
02:15
a black bear athletic event
02:17
anybody that she ever knew and then she
02:18
picked the brains of those of us that
02:20
knew others
02:21
and she was asking unabashedly for
02:24
whatever you had for wears or services
02:26
and
02:27
those would go into these live auctions
02:29
you know and these
02:30
suppers would raise north of 20 000
02:34

because of barb dalton's work
02:37
barb and bill dalton were close friends
02:39
and neighbors to suzanne
02:41
k hart i first met barb when i joined
02:44
the alumni board
02:45
and suzanne hart was the chair i got to
02:47
learn how much that they meant to each
02:48
other
02:49
barbin and suzanne really knitted
02:52
the the and completed each other in so
02:54
many ways
02:56
amongst a few others barb was the the
02:59
go-to gal
03:00
for suzanne's care as things became more
03:03
challenging in suzanne's life she
03:05
became her her person
03:08
and i know barb must be very very moved
03:12
to receive this award named after her
03:14
close friend
03:16
suzanne hart barb brown dalton a
03:19
faithful friend
03:20
a faithful fan and the recipient of the
03:23

first
03:23
suzanne k hart alumni service award
03:27
excuse me you caught me filling my stein
03:32
i'll put that aside me
03:35
recipient of the alumni service award i
03:38
thought they just gave that to older
03:40
people
03:40
hmm well guess i have been out 40 years
03:45
now
03:46
and as i look at the list of past
03:48
recipients i'm truly humbled and honored
03:50
to receive this award
03:52
what makes it even more special is that
03:54
it's now named after a very dear friend
03:57
of mine
03:57
suzanne hart we became neighbors
04:01
in the mid 90s and quickly discovered
04:04
our mutual
04:05
love for humane and cats
04:08
[Music]
04:09
she became our official cat sitter and
04:11
we served many years on the alumni board
04:14

together

04:14

and also on the blackbear board for

04:16

athletics

04:18

she became part of our family and we

04:20

shared good times with her

04:22

and tougher times as she fought her

04:23

cancer battle

04:25

her love for humane and an independent

04:27

alumni association will live on

04:30

thanks to her most generous gift to

04:32

establish an endowment fund

04:34

suzanne's parents instilled in her a

04:36

love for humane

04:37

just as mine did with me my father

04:41

frances brown class of 43 came to maine

04:44

from a small

04:45

mill town baileyville the first in his

04:48

family to attend college

04:50

with a degree in chemical engineering he

04:52

planned to go home and work in the mill

04:55

but then along came the war followed by

04:57

the opportunity to attend law school

05:00

and his life took a different course but
05:03
he did return home to practice law in
05:05
Washington County and he never forgot
05:07
the difference that an education made
05:09
in his life as a successful lawyer he
05:13
gave back to his community
05:14
and his state he served on the UMA board
05:17
of trustees for two terms
05:19
and on the foundation board he was my
05:22
role model he and my mother taught me
05:25
the importance of a good
05:27
education they encouraged me to get
05:29
involved
05:30
as education is far more than just books
05:33
and studying
05:35
although it was my choice there never
05:37
was any doubt
05:38
about where I would go to college
05:41
I went from a high school class of 75
05:44
to a class of about 1700 at Maine
05:48
a scared and lonely freshman in the fall
05:50
of 1977
05:52

this small town girl went greek and
05:54
joined delta zeta
05:56
a very smart move the next year i became
06:00
president of sophomore
06:01
eagles i got more and more involved on
06:04
campus
06:05
and i loved it i became part of the
06:07
student alumni association
06:09
and enjoyed working reunions each year
06:12
where i met
06:12
so many interesting alumni i served as
06:16
secretary
06:17
of my senior class council and became
06:20
class president at our fifth reunion
06:22
and remain in that role today giving
06:25
back to my alma mater was just in my
06:27
blood
06:28
both my family and my husbands have been
06:31
connected to humane
06:32
in so many ways faculty members
06:35
employees
06:36
graduates and volunteers as one friend
06:39

said
06:40
the work you've done has always been
06:42
from your heart
06:43
and it truly has i was born to sell
06:47
my career path took me into sales and
06:49
marketing
06:50
despite my degree in public management
06:53
my love for the university of maine
06:56
sports
06:57
people and talking yes i like to talk
07:00
all go hand in hand and i was able to
07:03
utilize my professional sales skills in
07:06
my volunteer work
07:07
the friendships and associations that
07:10
i've made through my service on the
07:11
alumni board
07:13
and the black bear board of advisors
07:15
with athletics
07:16
have greatly benefited me in my career
07:20
i've always said it's easy to sell
07:22
something if you believe in it
07:24
i believe in the mission of the
07:26

university of maine
07:28
and the alumni association thanks dad
07:31
for teaching me that
07:33
education does change lives thanks to
07:36
all
07:37
of the wonderful friendships that i've
07:38
made as i've served on the various
07:41
boards and committees
07:43
and thanks to fate i settled in a
07:45
neighborhood 35 years ago
07:48
next door to a retired professor spike
07:51
leonard class of 39
07:54
another alumni service award recipient
07:58
and we were soon joined by suzanne hart
08:02
with mentors like that it's no wonder
08:05
i bleed blue thank you so much for this
08:08
tremendous
08:10
honor
08:15
[Music]
08:28
you
English (auto-generated)

The University of Maine in Orono is the flagship campus of the University of Maine System, where efforts toward racial equity are ongoing, as is the commitment to facing a complicated and not always just institutional history. The University recognizes that it is located on Marsh Island in the homeland of the Penobscot nation, where issues of water and its territorial rights, and encroachment upon sacred sites, are ongoing. Penobscot homeland is connected to the other Wabanaki Tribal Nations — the Passamaquoddy, Maliseet, and Micmac — through kinship, alliances, and diplomacy. The university also recognizes that the Penobscot Nation and the other Wabanaki Tribal Nations are distinct, sovereign, legal and political entities with their own powers of self-governance and self-determination.