

Scholarship recipient donates to aid others

The Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund trustees have announced that Dennis Wayne Organ has contributed \$50,000 to the graduate and professional studies fund.

Organ, who was a University of North Carolina undergraduate Alston-Pleasants Scholar from Roanoke Rapids, is an Indiana University School of Business professor emeritus of management.

Organ, a 1966 UNC graduate, said that he had benefited greatly from his Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund undergraduate UNC scholarship and that he was very pleased to make this contribution to help support the further recognition and encouragement of Alston-Pleasants Scholars who wish to continue their studies at any appropriately accredited American university.

Professor Organ, a 1962 graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School, said his contribution is in memory of the late Joseph Talley who served as principal of Roanoke Rapids High School and superintendent of Roanoke Rapids public

schools during the years which Organ was a student.

In honor of his support for the recognition and encouragement of graduate and professional studies, the trustees have named Professor Organ an Alston-Pleasants Post Graduate Scholars Fund champion.

The fund was established in 2008 to provide graduate and professional studies scholarships to recipients of the Alston-Pleasants Scholarships that Missouri Alston Pleasants established in 1958 for selected undergraduate UNC students from Franklin, Halifax and Warren counties.

"Miss Missouri, as she was known, had said that she wanted the Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund to commemorate the memory of her grandfather, Willis "Congress" Alston, a late 18th and early 19th century state, regional and political leader.

The 50th anniversary of that fund was celebrated in a Person Place Preservation Society program in Louisburg in May, 2008.