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## Nursing alumni support new endowment funds

While celebrating the history of Illinois Wesleyan's School of Nursing, two new endowment funds look toward the future of nursing education. The funds are part of the ongoing *Transforming Lives: The Campaign for Illinois Wesleyan*.

The Donna Hartweg Endowed Scholarship and the Sandra Futhey Rice Endowment Fund were both announced by President Richard F. Wilson at a dinner in the Memorial Center's Young Main Lounge. The dinner culminated a celebration of the baccalaureate nursing program's 50th anniversary ([see main story](#)).



**Professor Emerita of Nursing Donna Hartweg**

"You have given me the highest honor I could ask for with this endowed scholarship," said Hartweg, who retired this year after 31 years at Illinois Wesleyan, including nearly 20 years as director of the School of Nursing. Active in local and state groups committed to health care, Hartweg has chaired the boards of many organizations and was the 2009 recipient of Illinois Nurses Association Nurse Educator Award.

Alumni, friends and family established the endowed scholarship in her name, which will offer financial support to one nursing student each year. So far, there have been more than 100 contributions to the scholarship fund.

The ongoing success of the School of Nursing is the focus of a new fund from alumna Sandra (Futhey) Rice, a 1977 graduate. It was announced at the dinner that Rice and her husband, Louis, established the fund to provide overall support for the School of Nursing.

"Both my husband and I graduated from liberal arts colleges, and we believe in higher education," said Rice. "This gift is an investment in higher education."

Rice now lives in Decatur, Ga., and works for Atlanta Cancer Care. She is an active member of the alumni group in Atlanta, hosting many alumni gatherings.