



**Buchtel College to The University of Akron:
Lives Are Enriched**

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Some days it feels like yesterday and yet like one hundred years ago: I walked onto the campus of The University of Akron thinking about my beloved father, Kenneth W. Moore, who graduated from Buchtel College years before and became the principal of Akron Central High School, which became Central Hower and is now part of The University of Akron. Our mascot, Zippy, was a mere peppy kangaroo...difficult to explain at our sporting events, but she sustained the student body, who loved enthusiasm. Celebrating the centennial of The University in 1970, I graduated and began my teaching career. Excited and

eager to earn my master's degree in guidance and counseling, I returned to UA. I loved the course work and learned early on that not only would it serve me well throughout thirty-two years of dedication to education, but that it would become my rock throughout this earthly life. The leadership qualities I learned as president of Alpha Delta Pi were reinforced throughout my master's program by Dr. Kane, an amazing and profound professor. His life lessons inspired me both in my years as a guidance counselor and as I oversaw twelve thousand instructional personnel to ensure their teaching certificates met state requirements here in Hillsborough County District Schools, Tampa Florida. The knowledge imparted from The University of Akron has transferred to save careers and enrich lives with compassion and determination!