



**Linda Moore, Bonnie Williams, and Carolyn Pardee**  
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As Dean of the College of Fine and Professional Arts, Dr. Linda Moore was an excellent administrator as well as a colleague, mentor, and friend. Linda was someone from whom I sought counsel when I was confronted with a tough problem in University College. She understood the politics of the University and modeled how to be very effective as a female administrator. Linda also helped me understand how a situation could—or would—be perceived by the campus. At one point during our years of service together, there was a lot negative press about the presidential leadership and the BOT; Linda tackled the situation by organizing the deans to prepare

a brochure about all of the “great things” that the departments and colleges were doing to help students achieve their full potential. I admired Linda’s leadership style and learned a great deal from her.

Dr. Bonita “Bonnie” Williams, Associate Dean of University College, worked to build the Learning Communities program, which was introduced to The University of Akron by Dr. Anne Goodsell Love, into one for which the University was recognized. Bonnie grouped classes into learning communities for first-year students, so that they could get to know other students pursuing their major or an area of study in which they had an interest. Each year, she hosted a Learning Communities Institute, bringing nationally-recognized experts on student success to campus to speak with the faculty who would be teaching courses within the learning communities the following fall.

Caroline Pardee’s love for her beloved Delta Gamma Fraternity was second only to her devotion to The University of Akron. Loyal until her death, she attended twenty-six Delta Gamma Conventions over a period of fifty-two years. Initiated at Eta chapter in 1927, Caroline supported the chapter—the fraternity’s oldest in continuous existence—as well as numerous Service for Sight programs and other Delta Gamma Foundation initiatives. She exemplified the fraternity’s “Do Good” motto as she welcomed new Delta Gamma faculty, administrators, and staff to The University of Akron and helped ensure that they would get a great start in their new community.