Tributes

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When I look back on my time as president of The University of Akron, the memories I most cherish are those of people who worked toward a vision of making the University a world-class university—one capable of controlling its own destiny in a future of predictable change and challenge. These people worked tirelessly, courageously, and sacrificially to invest in the university’s future.

LeBron James and his family foundation dreamed of making The University of Akron a place where underachieving Akron children could overachieve, attend college, and earn a degree.
Dr. Gary Williams and his wife, Pamela, gave from the fruits of his highly successful surgical career to attract more honors students to The University of Akron.

Phil and Peggy Lloyd led the University’s foundation during my presidency and gave personally to make the School of Law strong, relevant, and sustainable.

Alberto Ibargüen and the Knight Foundation provided resources to make Dance Choreography a national program on The University of Akron’s campus—confirming the University’s longstanding commitment to the arts as well as to science, advanced technology, and the professions.

Jon Pavloff was chairman of the Board of Trustees during my second year as president of the University. He worked boldly, intelligently, and selflessly to form and maintain a coalition of leaders who would support needed change at the University, for the sake of both the university he respected and the Akron community he loved.

Paul Herold was a veteran employee at The University of Akron who rose through the ranks to become special assistant to two University presidents and secretary of the Board of Trustees. His wise insights and clear understanding of the University’s challenges gave me the courage to lead through difficult times.

I will forever remember the people who gave of themselves to strengthen and position the University for a challenging future.