

In The Business of Giving Back

College of Business Futrell Fellowship prepares students for the transition from college to career

Never stop learning. Those are the words Steve Futrell says guided him through his time at Eastern and well into his successful career. It is this idea that influences the students impacted by his generous gifts to EMU every day, as they prepare for the transition from college to career, which can be a shock for many new graduates.

Steve graduated from EMU in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, and it is also, quite memorably, where he met his wife, Paige. They now give back by funding the Futrell Fellowship, a part of Futures Now, a program that focuses on professional development to prepare students to enter into the workforce.

Megan Carpenter, a Dundee senior, is studying business administration with a

concentration in human resources. As a participant in the Futures Now/Futrell Fellowship program, Megan has been able to improve upon her self-presentation skills and has had valuable opportunities to gain experience before graduation. After participating in various events, Megan was able to leverage her network and now holds a position as a human resources intern for Nissan.

Max Morefield, a senior from Newport, has big plans for his future and is developing the skills to make those plans reality. Through his participation in the Futrell Fellowship, Max has been able to expand his network and interact with other students with the same drive to succeed. When asked about his experience with the program, Max said, "It showed me that

seeing yourself as a professional is important and will help shape how you interact with others."

Now a successful business owner, Steve Futrell offers both intellectual and financial support to Eastern's students. **Based on Megan and Max's experiences, it is clear that Steve and Paige continue to make a difference long after their own journey through EMU's campus.**



A Century of Service

Honorable, dedicated, and compassionate are just a few words that describe Russell Woinowsk.

At 100 years old, Russell is a father, grandfather, great grandfather, neighbor, friend, war veteran of both WWII and Korea, and proud EMU alumnus.

Russell joined the ROTC in high school and eventually he moved on to the National Guard. Two years later, he committed to the Army. Russell completed 16 missions in the Korean War and remained in the air corps before retiring at the rank of Lt. Colonel with four Air Medals.



Following Russell's service, he then returned to college to earn his master's in teaching. He spent 21 years shaping the minds of students, 20 of which were spent at Romulus High School. Another true indicator of Russell's dedication is that he waited until the maximum retirement age of 70 to retire as an educator.

Each and every year since 1982, Russell has loyally given to EMU. Many times he gave more than once per year to the various areas of the University he felt passionate about. Russell is an example of the commitment our students rely on, year after year.

Russell has dedicated his life to helping others, and we are proud to be a recipient of his lasting generosity.

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