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Barbara J. Yeomans

Local artist and longtime Fort Myers resident **Barbara J. Yeomans** left a lasting mark on Southwest Florida through her creativity, generosity and commitment to the arts and education. Following her recent passing at age 92, her family announced the renaming and expansion of their endowed scholarship: **L. Sherrill and Barbara J. Yeomans Scholarship**.

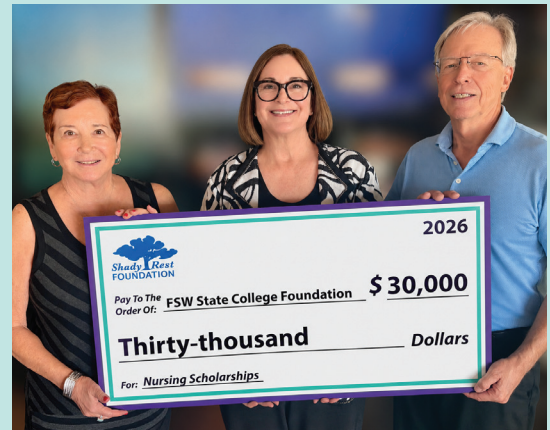
Established by Barbara more than 40 years ago in memory of her husband, Sherrill, the scholarship supports students pursuing the arts and will now include students in nursing and health sciences programs. The expansion fulfills her final wish to honor the compassionate healthcare professionals who cared for her at the end of life.

Inspired by their shared vision of a thriving Lee County, the late **Stanley and Edith (Dee) Ink** established the **Ink Family Scholarship** Fund at FSW in 2010. Through a recent estate gift from Stanley, their commitment to education will continue to impact future generations of students.

Stanley and Dee believed that education creates stronger communities. Stanley, an engineer whose firm helped construct the college's original campus buildings, and Dee, a dedicated educator, understood the power of learning. They gave their first gift to the college in 1983.

The **AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association) Foundation** is investing in the future of healthcare through a \$32,356 gift to support students pursuing degrees in Health Information Management.

The funding will help reduce financial barriers by covering tuition, textbooks, technology, exam preparation materials, professional memberships and certification exam costs for students in FSW's program. This investment helps prepare the next generation of health information specialists who play an important role in patient care, operations and management of critical health data.



Shady Rest Foundation board member Dr. Jo Stecher, FSW Foundation executive director Dr. Geraldine Gallagher and Shady Rest Foundation board member Bob Murray.

The **Shady Rest Foundation** is helping support student success and reduce educational debt. With cumulative giving of \$480,000 over the past five years, Shady Rest has become a transformative partner for FSW's healthcare programs. Its generosity provides scholarship funding for RN-to-BSN students, nursing students within 15 credit hours of completion and other allied health degree students.

By investing in aspiring healthcare professionals, the Shady Rest Foundation helps FSW students reach their goals and strengthens the Southwest Florida workforce.

We are grateful for you!

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