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# Legacy

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## ALUMNA SUPPORTS FUTURE HAWKS WITH REAL ESTATE

For loyal alumna and volunteer Linda Pogoda '75, the decision to include Monmouth University in her estate plan was an easy one. From the moment she first set foot on campus as an eager freshman from New York City, Linda's love for Monmouth has run deep.

For 24 years, she has included the University in her annual charitable giving and has served as an enthusiastic regional ambassador for the University. From making alumni connections to recruiting prospective students in her home state of Florida, Linda has always stayed connected to Monmouth.

Linda recently retired from a distinguished 36-year teaching career in Broward County, Florida, middle schools, and soon after, shared her intentions to make a deferred gift to the University through her estate plan.

Linda has generously chosen to leave a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of her home (upon her passing) to Monmouth to establish an endowed scholarship for education students and female student-athletes. As an elementary education major and volleyball player at Monmouth, these areas are close to Linda's heart.

By structuring her will this way, Linda will be able to one day accomplish her personal giving goals at Monmouth, and her remarkable legacy and commitment to future generations of Hawks will live on in perpetuity.

"Monmouth is my second family, and it felt right to extend my support [of Monmouth] beyond my lifetime," says Linda. "I'm thrilled to be able to one day leave an imprint on Monmouth that matches my tremendous love for the University."



Linda Pogoda '75 made a gift to Monmouth funded by real estate. Her gift establishes an endowed scholarship for education students and female student-athletes.



# A DREAM MADE REALITY BY A SCHOLARSHIP

From a young age, Madelyn “Maddie” Arecchi ’17, ’19M was surrounded by Monmouth alumnae who had a positive impact on her life and career choice. Among them, Maddie’s favorite teachers growing up were proud Hawks, like fourth-grade teacher Carleen Defino ’72, who instilled in her an immense love for learning and a desire to teach.

It was these influential Monmouth alumnae teachers, coupled with Monmouth’s coastal location and welcoming environment, that made Monmouth University Maddie’s top college choice. Maddie was a dual major in English and elementary education at Monmouth, but still found time to immerse herself in a well-rounded student experience.

She joined a sorority, became a new student orientation leader and participated in the School of

Education’s year-long clinical experience to help better prepare teacher candidates for their classrooms and careers. During her early field experience, Maddie was placed at Middle Road School in Hazlet, and so impressed the school community that she was offered and accepted a first grade teaching position after graduating from Monmouth.

Maddie quickly realized that she wanted to pursue a master’s degree in special education to better serve her students and knew that she wanted to continue her education at Monmouth. Thanks to private scholarship support, Maddie was able to complete her graduate program at Monmouth while working full-time.

“I am so grateful to my scholarship donors for their generosity and hope that one day I will be able to help a Monmouth student in a similar way so that they will be able to share in the same rewarding experiences that I have been lucky enough to enjoy,” says Maddie.

## SAVE THE DATE

### OCTOBER

**23** Shadow Lawn Society\* Recognition Breakfast featuring President Patrick Leahy and Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute

**23** 50th Reunion Celebration for Class of 1970

**23-25** Homecoming Weekend

**ONGOING** Hawks at Home brings Monmouth to your living room through a series of webinars, takeovers and digital events! Visit [www.monmouth.edu/alumni/remote-alumni-events/](http://www.monmouth.edu/alumni/remote-alumni-events/) for a calendar of upcoming events.

\* Our Shadow Lawn Society acknowledges those individuals who have included Monmouth in their estate plan. If you’ve included the University in your estate plan but haven’t yet told us, please contact Emily Miller-Gonzalez at 856-425-3354 or [emillerg@monmouth.edu](mailto:emillerg@monmouth.edu). We’d like to thank you, celebrate your thoughtful gift and welcome you into the Shadow Lawn Society!

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