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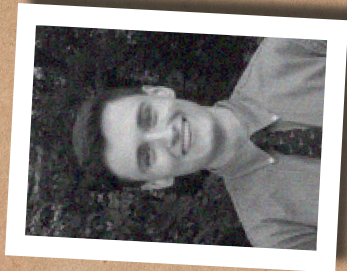
From 1898 to 2021

Can you imagine 123 years after you graduated, still changing the lives of UVM students? For Louis Collins Dodd and Kevin Ostrander, that's exactly what happened.



Louis Collins Dodd
Graduated in 1898 from UVM - left a bequest in 1960. For the last 61 years, his generosity has provided scholarship support to hundreds of students.

Kevin Ostrander
Graduated in 2020 and was born exactly 100 years after Louis graduated. Because of that scholarship support, he thrived at UVM and got his first job as a Natural History Biologist.



What will your legacy be?

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March 2021

Dear Arlene,

I love looking through the really old **Ariel** yearbooks. Seeing students from more than 100 years ago on the same campus and in the same buildings reminds me of how generations of students and alumni are connected.

Today, I want to share the heartwarming story of one of those connections. It's about an 1898 graduate and a 2020 graduate. It's about gratitude. It's about a legacy.

I hope you'll read the contents of this folder and consider establishing your own legacy at UVM.

That 1898 graduate is Louis Collins Dodd. You can see his picture on the inside of this folder. We don't know a whole lot about Louis, but we do know one important thing - he cared deeply for UVM and he was grateful for his experiences.

And, at some point in his life, he decided to include the University in his estate plans and leave a legacy in the form of a scholarship.

In his will, he explained very simply and powerfully that he had benefited from financial support at UVM and that wanted to do the same for others.

Louis probably could not have imaged that 123 years after his own graduation, he would be helping another student graduate.

Kevin Ostrander '20 benefited immensely from Louis' scholarship. It lifted some financial burden off his shoulders and allowed him to focus completely on his studies. And Kevin is just one of hundreds of students that Louis has supported through his scholarship.

That's an incredible legacy.

Please be in touch with me if you'd like to discuss how to establish your own legacy at UVM.

Sincerely,

Kevin Morgenstein Fuerst
Executive Director of Annual Giving
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Louis Collins Dodd

“This fund is given and established by me in sincere appreciation of the financial assistance which was afforded to me at the University of Vermont, and with a sincere desire to help others to have the same opportunity that was furnished me.”

The quote above is one sentence from Louis' Last Will and Testament. It's a beautiful example of how generous donors have and will always change the lives of students at the University of Vermont.

Louis attended UVM from 1894-1898 and, even at that time, there were donors who used their kindness and generosity to help others. Donors helped Louis come to UVM 127 years ago.

And he wanted to do the same thing for other students. That's why he left a bequest in his Will.

It's a simple idea - one that not only keeps Louis' legacy alive at UVM - but helps students each and every year through an endowed scholarship fund.

Your bequest can create a student scholarship, like the Louis Collins Dodd Scholarship Fund. Or you can benefit the whole university through the UVM Fund. Or you can support your favorite cause on campus.

You get to choose your legacy at UVM.

Kevin Ostrander

“I was able to come to UVM because of generous scholarships like this one - they made my entire UVM experience possible.

Without UVM and the greater Vermont community, I would be a different person than who I am today. So the best thing I can say is ‘Thank You’.”

Kevin’s quote above is his reflection on all the donors who helped him come to UVM in 2016 and graduate in 2020. His gratitude is palpable.

In particular, Kevin was astonished to learn that he was receiving a scholarship from an alumnus who graduated 120 years ago. And Kevin took full advantage of his opportunities at UVM as a double major in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Environmental Sciences.

His UVM story was full of adventures - from tracking collared sage grouse during a summer research internship in Wyoming, to researching and monitoring endangered bats right here in Vermont.

Kevin took those experiences and support and landed a terrific job as a Natural History Biologist at the Missouri Department of Conservation.

You can support dedicated and ambitious students like Kevin by establishing your own legacy gift.



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Phone #: _____

Email: _____

- I'd like to talk to someone about including UVM in my will or trust.

- I'd like more information about including UVM in my estate plans mailed to me.

- I have already included UVM in my estate plans.

Sample Bequest Language

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and existing under the
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all of the rest, residue,
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to be used to support the
general purposes of the
University of Vermont and
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