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Choosing to Help Others

Jan Powell may well be the oldest student to play football at Southeastern. He was 26 in 1963, his last season. His previous college career and gridiron endeavors had been interrupted by military service. Just out of the Navy, he was offered a Southeastern scholarship by Coach Stan Galloway. "I accepted a scholarship at Southeastern rather than return to Auburn because of the coaches," Jan recalled. Soon he and his wife Shirley came to Hammond, and, as Jan describes it, "Southeastern was our extended family."

After graduation, Jan moved on to Georgia, where he taught and coached at numerous high schools. He eventually began a career in the poultry health business and 30 years later retired as vice president and co-owner of Wade Jones Company, Inc., a major supplier for the nation's poultry and animal health industry.

"Southeastern certainly prepared me for the future and inspired me to achieve many lofty goals," said Jan, who now resides in Albertville, Al.

In order to assist students in preparing for their future and providing the best educational experience possible, Jan and Shirley have established a Charitable Remainder Trust that will endow the Jan and Shirley Powell Endowed Scholarship in Athletics and the Jan and Shirley Powell Endowed Professorship in Business. Jan chose to come to Southeastern in 1963, and Jan continues to choose to support Southeastern.



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A Philanthropist's Choice

Gary Sandifer is a man full of enthusiasm and spirit - and a true philanthropist. He has been "giving" to Southeastern since he was a student in the mid-1970s. He gave his time and energy as the president of the Student Government Association and the Army ROTC for three years and was the first student member of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, Southeastern's governing body, now the University of Louisiana System.

After graduation, Gary began looking for ways to give back to Southeastern. When he embarked on a career with New York Life, he found a way in which young alumni could afford to support their alma mater. Knowing that his friends could not yet make large contributions, he encouraged them to instead make small monthly payments to a life insurance policy with Southeastern as the beneficiary. To date, Gary has assisted with the initiation of 16 planned gifts that will one day provide scholarships to deserving students.

Since Gary is the president of the Alumni Association, he and his wife Joann are still actively involved at Southeastern. Often accompanied by daughter Christine, son Gary, daughter-in-law Melanie (all Southeastern alumni) and with granddaughter Brie in tow, they are a true Southeastern family within the "Southeastern Family."

"Southeastern has given me and my family so much. I choose to give back as much as I can," he said.

