

Scholarship to honor BC 'legend'

Chick and Ruth Martin Scholarship pays homage to former athletic director, department chair, and coach

An anonymous donor has established an endowed scholarship at Brevard College in honor of Chick and Ruth Martin.

The scholarship will be used to provide financial support to student-athletes at the College.

Martin is a living legend of Brevard College. He started at Brevard College in 1955 and, until 1972, ran a program of excellence as athletic director, chairman of the department of health and physical education and head coach of the men's basketball team. Along the way, Martin distinguished himself and Brevard College as director of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for 10 years and president of the Western North Carolina Junior College Athletic Association.

Martin's trail of successes includes being the all-time winningest coach in the history of Brevard College basketball, with 240 wins and four conference championship titles. Two of his basketball teams qualified for the NJCAA National Tournament in Kansas, a first for Brevard College. Martin is a member of the Western North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame Committee, the Brevard College Alumni Honor Roll as well as the Brevard College Athletics Hall of Fame.

In 2010, the Brevard College Athletics Department hosted the Chick Martin Tribute—a celebration of the legacy of Chick Martin. The event launched the Chick Martin Challenge, which led to a drive for the funding of the Chick Martin Training Center. Earlier this year, the College named the Boshamer Gymnasium floor in honor of Martin.

The College made the schol-

arship announcement to the Martins at a special dinner with friends and colleagues at the President's Home. "Chick and Ruth were surprised, delighted and very moved by the creation of this scholarship," said Susan Cothorn, vice president for advancement at Brevard College.

"Working with donors to establish endowed scholarships is always one of the most meaningful things that I do," Cothorn said. "However, working with the two anonymous donors, with whom I have a very close re-

lationship, to endow a scholarship in honor of Chick and Ruth Martin was so incredibly special. The Martins have such a long history at Brevard College, and are so widely loved and respected, that this is a most fitting honor for them."

Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship may do so. Gifts may be made to: Brevard College; Chick and Ruth Martin Endowed Scholarship, One Brevard College Dr., Brevard, NC 28712. A gift acknowledgment will be mailed to the Martins.

For more information about gift opportunities, please contact the Brevard College Office of Institutional Advancement at 828.884.8218 or e-mail GivesToBC@brevard.edu.



Ruth and Chick Martin were on hand at a special dinner with friends and colleagues at the Brevard College President's Home at which a scholarship honoring them was announced. The endowed scholarship was made possible by an anonymous donor.