

THE DAN SMITH ENDOWED FACULTY CHAIR CAMPAIGN

Dan Smith, who won the Tull School's Outstanding Teaching Award 11 times, is remembered as a teacher of teachers who truly cared about the success of his students.

Dan Smith, Professor Emeritus of the Tull School of Accounting, passed away on February 28, 2019. In his long and distinguished academic career, Dan influenced many lives, both students and faculty. He developed a financial accounting curriculum and teaching methods still used by accounting faculty across this country.

Linda Bamber (Tull Professor Emerita) notes "it is exceedingly rare for an instructor's unique teaching methods to exert significant influence beyond their classroom, not only throughout their own institution, but also beyond. Dan's methods continue to influence how financial accounting is taught at Tull, and also at many other institutions, through his influence on former Tull faculty and PhD students, and through his many national invitations to present seminars on teaching financial accounting."

In addition to his nationally renowned methods of teaching financial accounting from an economic (as opposed to rote memorization) perspective, Dan's commitment to the scholarship of teaching and mentoring was unparalleled. He was not only a teacher of students, but he was also the quintessential "teacher of teachers" throughout his long career.

" I am a better teacher because I was lucky enough to have him as a colleague for seven years. Now, as I work with our doctoral students on their teaching, I find myself passing along his advice. Dan's influence on future teachers will continue."

— Jackie Hammersley, Professor, J.M. Tull School of Accounting

- Dr. Dan Smith won the Tull School's Outstanding Teaching Award 11 times.
- He taught at UGA Tull School of Accounting, BBA and MAcc, from 1991–2010.
- He developed a financial accounting curriculum and teaching methods that are still used by accounting faculty across the United States.
- Ted Christensen, Director of the Tull School of Accounting, credits Dr. Dan Smith for the way our faculty teach and our CPA 1st time pass rate.



THE MASTER TEACHER.

Former students remember Dan and recognize the impact he has had on their careers and lives long after they've left Tull. Allison (Karl) O'Kelly, Tull BBA '94 and CEO of Mom Corps says, "In the four years I spent at UGA and the two years I spent at Harvard Business School, I never had a professor I respected more than Dr. Dan Smith. One of the things that was most impressive was his dedication to students outside the classroom. He was always willing to help his students — every time he held office hours, there was a long line out of his door waiting to see him. In addition, he was instrumental in helping his students secure internships and jobs with accounting firms. It was so obvious that he cared about the success of his students."

Kathryn (Woodward) Bolinger, MAcc '09 graduate now with Grant Thornton, fondly remembers her time spent in Dan's class and at those famous office visits. "I realized that he wasn't just coaching my studying habits; he was coaching my lifestyle. I considered Dr. Dan Smith a fabulous teacher, a wonderful coach, a terrific mentor, and above all a friend. He lived his life to the fullest, and he encouraged me to do the same with mine."

Endowed professorships and chairs can be used to support all aspects of our faculty's efforts in their research, teaching and service. Funding can be used to assist with instructional resources, research data and equipment, faculty travel, to supplement salary, and more, according to the needs and priorities of the Terry College. Funding can also be used to bolster student assistantships, thereby attracting promising graduate students and enhancing the faculty member's impact on the university's research enterprise.

ESTABLISHING A NAMED PROFESSORSHIP OR CHAIR CREATES A LASTING LEGACY.

An endowed professorship or chair grants the college a permanent advantage in securing educators and researchers who will keep UGA at the forefront of higher education and thought leadership.

GOAL TO FULLY FUND ENDOWED CHAIR IN DAN SMITH'S MEMORY: \$2 MILLION

WITH PLEDGES COMMITTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2020

There are a variety of avenues through which you can support the campaign.

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- All gifts are tax deductible.

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