

STUDENT PLAZA NAMING HONORS SCOTTS



“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” – *Albert Pike*



Ruth and Bill Scott's selfless generosity is immeasurable.

Through their support and gifts, they have quietly transformed every UNMC college in Omaha, opened pathways to excellence and opportunity for students and ensured a better quality of life for future generations.

The Scotts are among the most generous donors in the history of the University of Nebraska, having made significant contributions to academic programs, scholarships and facilities. In 2009, the visionary couple received the University of Nebraska Board of Regents' most prestigious award, the Regents Medal, for their transformational gifts and service to the university.

And, they've done it in the most humble way — honoring exemplary medical educators and leaders — UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, M.D., and his wife Beverly, Michael Sorrell, M.D., and Frederick Paustian, M.D., and his wife Maise — by requesting that facilities be named for them.

Now, the spotlight is on them with the naming of the Ruth & Bill Scott Student Plaza, the grassy area east of 42nd Street bordered by the many academic buildings and "Hope" light tower that they helped fund.

For the Scotts, their philosophy for sharing their wealth is quite simple.

"A pile of money is a lot like a pile of manure," Ruth Scott said when they became just the second honorees (after the late Chuck Durham) to receive the Regents Medal. "It does no good until you spread it around."

As stewards of their generosity, UNMC is committed to building a better life and stronger economy for all Nebraskans.



View photos from the Sept. 13 student plaza dedication: unmc.edu/connect