

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

CHRIS SANGSTER ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established 2010



Chris Sangster
1949-2008

Much-loved alumnus, longtime administrator, and member of the University Church of Christ, Chris Sangster made a lasting impression on the Pepperdine community. After a courageous battle with brain cancer, Chris was called home by God on February 12, 2008. He will forever be remembered for his outgoing personality and unbridled enthusiasm for all things Pepperdine. This memorial scholarship was established in Chris Sangster's honor in 2010.

The day the Malibu campus opened in 1972, Chris met Claudia Batten, the woman who would become his college sweetheart. Graduating a year ahead of her, Chris gladly took a position in Pepperdine's Office of Admission to stay close by. They married in 1976 and remained in the Pepperdine community for another year, Chris in admissions and Claudia in the Religion Division and the office of the academic vice president.

The Sangsters left Pepperdine for 16 years, during which time Claudia earned a law degree. The couple returned to the University in January of 1993. Chris became the director of both Seaver College and George Pepperdine College (GPC) alumni, and Claudia was hired as senior counsel for the Center for Estate and Gift Planning.

In August 2001, Chris was named director of advancement and alumni, and two months later he was promoted to assistant dean of advancement and alumni relations for Seaver College and GPC. Claudia continued to serve Pepperdine in various roles before taking a position at Harris myCFO as director of philanthropy, estate and trust services. The Sangsters immersed themselves in Pepperdine life, attending athletic events, reconnecting with classmates and faculty at homecoming, and keeping close ties with GPC graduates and their families.

Some of the most touching testimonies about Chris come from two men who served in leadership roles while Chris was on staff. Seaver College dean David Baird appreciated that "no one loved Pepperdine University more; no one knew Pepperdine alumni better than Chris. For him, the Pepperdine community was family." And University Church of Christ minister and close friend of the Sangsters, Dr. Ken Durham, felt that the Pepperdine "community has lost one of our warmest and sweetest spirits. Chris's unflinching and infectious positive character blessed us all, and we will surely miss him. This thoroughly Christian man who oversaw homecoming for so many years around here has now experienced the greatest homecoming of them all."



SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

The Chris Sangster Endowed Scholarship is reserved for Seaver undergraduate students in good standing in all areas of the University who actively attend Churches of Christ, compete in Division I athletics, or are children of Seaver College alumni. The scholarship is awarded to one undergraduate student in each of the aforementioned categories, with annual scholarship payout divided equally among the three student recipients. The scholarship is renewable each academic year as long as the student remains in good standing in all areas of the University.

This endowed scholarship is made possible by gifts from friends, family, alumni, faculty and staff, including his beloved wife Claudia.