A CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN: INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ADVOCATES AT UMD

KARABELLE PIZZIGATI SPENT HER LIFE DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CHILDREN’S CHANCES OF LIVING HEALTHY, SAFE AND JOYFUL LIVES.

A passionate advocate for America’s most vulnerable and a developmental psychologist by training, Karabelle served as the staff director of the first congressional committee devoted to children and families, directed advocacy for the Child Welfare League of America, and spent two terms on the Maryland State Board of Education while becoming the president of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Over the years, Karabelle also became a huge University of Maryland Terps fan. You would often see Karabelle, a Terrapin Club president, and her husband Sam, a labor movement writer and editor, cheering on Maryland’s hoopster women and other Terp teams from their season-ticket seats.

Karabelle passed away in 2015, and Sam knew that he needed to see her life’s work continue at the University of Maryland. By the next year, he had partnered with the Schools of Public Policy and Public Health to establish the Karabelle Pizzigati Initiative in Advocacy for Children, Youth and Families. This unique program provides students with the theoretical frameworks and tangible skills they need to become informed, effective advocates.

To support the Initiative, Sam established an endowed fund with a planned gift that included annual contributions from his IRA and a charitable bequest. Over the years the

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TERP TRIVIA

Q: Six degrees of who? Which famed “Footloose” actor helped launch the Do Good Challenge back in 2012?

“KARABELLE was truly looking forward to being an outrageous old lady. Someone who could speak truth to power in a compelling way. Unfortunately, she wasn’t able to fulfill that future, but the program is doing a wonderful job of training young people to be powerful advocates for kids and families in a way that would make Karabelle proud.”

— SAM, HUSBAND OF THE LATE KARABELLE PIZZIGATI
endowment has grown, with continued support from the Pizzigati family and generous gifts from friends and colleagues.

Now, nearly 8 years later, the Initiative stands to announce its second cohort of Pizzigati Fellows — a select group of students who are coached and mentored by recognized experts during 10-week paid internships with organizations that make a difference in the lives of children.

Associate Clinical Professor Brandi Slaughter is the program director of the Karabelle Pizzigati Initiative. “We would not be where we are, were it not for the brave and tireless work of advocates that came before us. We stand on the shoulders of great leaders like Karabelle Pizzigati,” she points out.

And the future of the program is shining bright. Slaughter says she hopes to continue to honor Karabelle’s legacy by expanding the diversity of student fellows and adding a data-driven research component to the Initiative. But more immediately, the program’s emphasis will be on scaling up.

“The Initiative is heading exactly in the right direction now with the modest number of students engaged,” Sam adds. “Imagine the impact we could have if these opportunities were available to a wider span of students.”

Karabelle always said she believed a society could be judged by how it treats its most vulnerable. The Karabelle Pizzigati Initiative is making sure we have a new generation of champions for the children and families who need help the most.

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In February of 2012, the actor posted a video announcing the Do Good Challenge’s launch. He called on UMD students to execute a project that furthered their favorite social cause, then entered the project in the competition.

The Challenge is part of The Do Good Institute—a collaborative program housed in the School of Public Policy that offers hands-on experiences, funding opportunities, engaging curriculum and effective programs that prepare Terps with the skills, experiences and resources to Do Good throughout their lives.

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Spotlight on Dr. Matthew Guidry

Growing up on a sugarcane farm in Louisiana, Matthew Guidry knows the meaning of hard work, dedication and discipline. These core values sustained him throughout his remarkable public service career, culminating in his role as executive director of the President’s Council of Physical Fitness and Sports, where he served under four presidents.

“I WOULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED all that I did without the programs at UMD. They advanced my knowledge, my skills and my career. It is with this spirit of achievement that I knew I had to give back, and help preserve and grow UMD’s quality programs for future generations.”

— DR. MATTHEW GUIDRY

And Matthew is doing just that. By including UMD in his living trust, he is guaranteeing the next generation of UMD students can harness those same core values to pursue their passions.

A proud Terp, and a Lifetime Member of the Alumni Association, Matthew earned his PhD at Maryland’s School of Public Health and continues to be active on campus, mentoring students and supporting UMD’s Veterans Program.

“Whenever I am back on campus, I am amazed to see how the university has transformed in terms of technology, infrastructure and access to education,” he says. “UMD has really extended its reach to students from so many different backgrounds, which improves the quality of education for all.”

If you would like to join Matthew Guidry in leaving a legacy that will allow the next generation of Terps to pursue their passions, please contact the Office of Gift Planning.

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