

Davidson College

JOHN W. KUYKENDALL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE MARTIN BOGER FOIL '85

A fifth-generation Davidsonian, Marty Foil III '85 has dedicated his life to providing holistic care, a sense of fulfillment and a safe haven for people living with traumatic brain injuries.

When his younger brother, Philip, sustained severe brain damage in a near-fatal car crash at the age of 16, Marty's parents, Martin Boger Foil Jr. '55 and Carolyn "Puddin'" Van Every Foil, decided to start Hinds' Feet Farm, a community-based treatment center in Huntersville, North Carolina. Today, Marty continues to fulfil his parents' mission: to maximize the post-injury potential of those with traumatic brain injuries by cultivating connection, purpose and belonging.

Following a long line of family members, Marty came to Davidson in the fall of 1980, where he studied economics, joined Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and built connections that would last a lifetime. He met his wife of 33 years, Lisa Burger Foil '86, at Davidson's Lake Campus on the Fourth of July.

With their shared passion for generosity and service, Marty and Lisa give back Davidson and their community in every way they can. In Philip's honor, they created the Martin and Lisa Foil Neuroscience Research Award, which allows Davidson students to pursue ambitious summer research projects on and off campus.

Dedicated to making Davidson a place where all students can flourish, the Foils are consistent advocates for Student Health and Well-Being initiatives on campus. Since 2020, they've supported the LGBTQIA+ Student Initiatives Fund, a resource that helps sustain campus gathering spaces like the Lavender Lounge, as well as special events and programming.

Along with robust residential and day programs, Hinds' Feet Farm has continued to expand their work through the *Unmasking Brain Injury* project, a global initiative that helps traumatic brain injury survivors tell their stories and spread awareness by creating unique masks depicting their experiences.

Through this project and others, Marty partners with Davidson students, many of whom are studying neuroscience and want to learn more about the world of holistic treatment.

Martin Boger Foil III, for your dedication to the life-changing work of Hinds' Feet Farm; for your passionate efforts to shape Davidson's future; and for your constant leadership and service in your community, the Alumni Association recognizes you with the John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service on the occasion of your 40th reunion, June 2025.