

# Larry and Virginia Pugh Endowed Scholarship for Leadership



**Type:** Endowed

**Amount:** Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$3,000)

**# Offered:** One per year

**Deadline:** Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

**Established:** 1999

**Special Criteria:** Full-time student, preference may be given to students who have demonstrated leadership qualities in their class, music, drama, church, sports and community; such evidence being a class officer, sport captain, community service or active in their church.

This scholarship was established by friends and associates of Allen to honor Larry and Virginia upon the retirement of Larry, following his service as president and chief executive officer of Allen Memorial Hospital and Allen Health System, Inc. from May 1, 1984 to June 1, 1998.

Larry received a bachelor's degree in general science, a physical therapy certificate and a master's degree in hospital and health administration from the University of Iowa. He was certified two times as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and was honored with Life Fellow status upon retirement.

Under his leadership at Allen, significant changes occurred, including major additions to Allen Memorial Hospital; the formation of Allen College on the newly acquired 100-acre campus; the Guernsey Park retirement community; United Medical Park; consolidated laundry; and joining Iowa Health System.

Larry and Virginia met while attending the University of Iowa and were married June 16, 1956. They have five children and each has earned at least a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Virginia's father (William D. Coder, PhD) was a longtime professor at the University of Iowa. Larry's parents were Iowa farmers with an eighth grade education, and they were highly supportive of Larry being the very first Pugh ancestor to earn a college degree.

Larry and Virginia have appreciated the love and support given to them by family and friends throughout their lives and hope this scholarship will enable others' lives to be enriched through body, mind and soul.

Virginia passed away in 2017.