

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

THOMAS A. DETEMPLE AND CATHERINE P. CLEARY



SUPPORTING EDUCATION – IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

When Thomas A. DeTemple decided he wanted to honor his late wife Michaelae "Mickey" DeTemple, he reached out to his sister-in-law, Catherine P. Cleary, and together they established an endowment at Mesa College. The goal? Help build a pipeline of teachers as passionate and dedicated as Mickey.

THEIR IMPACT

The Michaelae DeTemple Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide scholarships to students who are pursuing an Associate's degree in Elementary Teacher Education with the intent of transferring and pursuing a teaching career. Not only will funds help current students, but will promote more talent within education.

HONORING A LEGACY

Thomas A. DeTemple and Catherine P. Cleary were motivated to give to Mesa College in order to establish a lasting memory in honor of Michaelae "Mickey" DeTemple by partially tracing the educational path she pursued for her teaching credential.

“EDUCATION PROVIDES A SOUND AND RICH
FOUNDATION AND BROADENS ONE'S LIFE
EXPERIENCES. IT PREPARES ONE FOR A
MORE SUCCESSFUL AND FULFILLED LIFE.”

~ CATHERINE P. CLEARY

Mickey worked part-time to put herself through college. She began her higher education at San Diego City College and then transferred to San Diego State College (now San Diego State University) to receive her bachelor's degree with distinction in Elementary Education.

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In 1965, she obtained a California State teaching credential. She also obtained a teaching credential from the State of Illinois but never taught there.

She taught third grade at Knox Elementary in San Diego for four years before retiring to raise a family. Additionally, Mickey was very active in the community of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois where her husband, Thomas, taught in the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Illinois.

Education has and always will be a strong theme in their family. Catherine, Mickey's sister, is a four year scholarship graduate of UCLA and has her master's from San Diego State University. She has held adjunct positions at the University of San Francisco and San Diego State University.

Thomas has a bachelor's and master's degree from San Diego State College and a doctorate from UC Berkeley. Both he and his late father attended separate junior colleges, the latter graduating at age 49. Thomas has two children, both of which are college graduates, one with a master's degree.



“TEACHERS CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN HOW THEIR STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THEIR LIVES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. TEACHERS PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING AND THE BEST TEACHERS INSPIRE THEIR STUDENTS TO PURSUE LIFELONG LEARNING.”

~ DR. THOMAS DETEMPLE