

You are invited to join in this opportunity to honor Dr. Hagerman and Dr. Sayed.

Thousands of biology students and Teaching Assistants have benefitted from the work of Dr. Hagerman and Dr. Sayed. They have both been an important part of the Briggs tradition of excellence in undergraduate education. This is an opportunity to thank them for their dedication and service to Lyman Briggs.

- The overall goal is \$250,000 - the amount necessary to formally name the biology lab.
- In addition to the naming honor, all gifts will directly benefit Briggs by helping to repay the costs of the major lab renovations completed in 2006.
- Gifts of all amounts are appreciated. Gifts of \$1,000, or more, receive donor plaque recognition.

For more information visit: [www.lymanbriggs.msu.edu](http://www.lymanbriggs.msu.edu), and follow the 'GIVING TO BRIGGS' link, call (517) 353-4869, or E-mail: [mckean@msu.edu](mailto:mckean@msu.edu)

## Dr. Howard Hagerman and Dr. Mimi Sayed - An Opportunity To Name A Biology Lab In Their Honor



For over 30 years, their personal and professional dedication has helped to connect thousands of Briggs students to success. Now, an opportunity is underway for all Briggsies to thank them by naming a biology lab in their honor.



**Dr. Howard Hagerman** is one of the pioneer faculty members in Lyman Briggs College. He earned his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1966, in Environmental Education. He was recruited in 1966 from Purdue University to the MSU Science and Mathematics Teaching Center by Dr. Frederic Dutton and then to Lyman Briggs. As a charter faculty member in Lyman Briggs, he established the biology program in a nurturing setting that provided a unique combination of formal and informal learning opportunities that characterize the Briggs experience. Increasing numbers of students came to Lyman Briggs because they felt that it supported their growth in a cooperative atmosphere and provided a stimulating educational experience. Dr. Hagerman won a Meritorious Faculty Award for excellence in teaching and research in 1993. Dr. & Mrs. Hagerman established the Howard and

Joan Hagerman Scholarship for Lyman Briggs Biology, which encourages students who have a preference for teaching. The scholarship is another example of how Dr. Hagerman has encouraged students who have demonstrated a capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals, and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their professional skills. Now retired, Dr. Hagerman lives in the Lansing Area and continues to visit the College.



Although **Dr. Mimi Sayed** did not begin her career at Lyman Briggs College until 1973, as a woman scientist, and first female faculty member, she is a pioneer in her own right. She earned her B.S. in agriculture from Cairo University, and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Botany and Plant Pathology from Purdue University. At Briggs, Dr. Sayed made substantial contributions to curriculum development. She was a very active participant in academic governance at all levels. She was the faculty adviser sponsoring the establishment of the MSU chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society. Dr. Sayed promoted

women's issues in science through her work in the American Association for Women in Science and other organizations. She was one of the establishing organizers of the National Conferences on Race in 21st Century America. Dr. Sayed has influenced the lives of thousands of students during her career— particularly the Teaching Assistants that she worked so closely with in the open Biology laboratories. The laboratories were the perfect avenue for maintaining close relations with the students as an exemplary interactive learning community. At retirement, in addition to traveling with her family, Dr. Sayed has continued to be very active in many different organizations supporting peace, women's issues, diversity and human rights. Dr. Sayed is grateful to Dean Frederic Dutton, who appointed her, to Dr. Howard Hagerman, with whom she worked for nearly 30 years, to the Teaching Assistants and mostly the students whom she cared for so deeply.

The collaboration of Drs. Hagerman and Sayed was a keystone in the development of the interactive learning models that prompted students' involvement and success. They are a significant reason for the reputation that Briggs graduates enjoy today. **Please join with your fellow Briggsies in making a gift. Gifts of any size are appreciated. Gifts of \$1,000 and higher will be recognized on a donor plaque located near the lab (Room C-3).**

# Benefactors Plaza

## A Tribute to Donors Who Make A Difference

Benefactors Plaza, officially dedicated on October 5, 2007, is a tribute to many whose significant financial gifts touch lives, encourage growth, and stimulate never ending progress at this extraordinary institution. Their generosity is profoundly appreciated.

From modest beginnings in 1855, Michigan State University has grown into a renowned land-grant institution on the strength of its people and their pride in its mission. With global reach and a research and education program of international distinction and infinite possibilities, MSU continues to serve as a touchstone for alumni and friends.

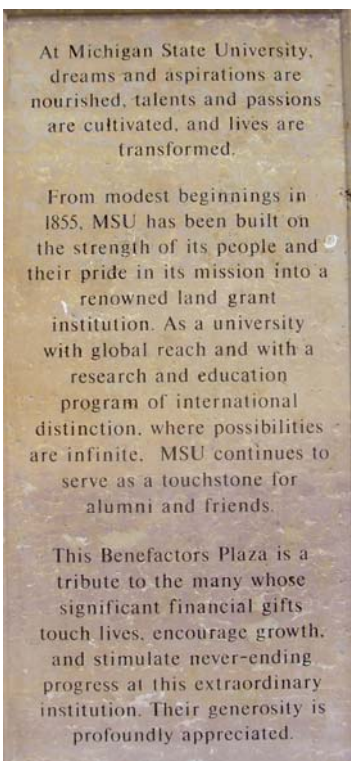
Today, individuals and organizations making private contributions are key to MSU's continued success. Beginning with the Donor Wall of Honor located in the lobby of Kellogg Center and continuing with



the addition of several college and unit recognition displays, MSU has long realized that public recognition of major donors to the university is an important part of both stewarding our current donors as well as welcoming new ones. In 2000, the Kellogg Center wall was "closed" due to a lack of additional space and has since served as recognition of significant donors of the 20th century. Then in 2005, as The Campaign for MSU was nearing its conclusion, MSU began looking for a unified way to not only recognize the important donors of our past, but to create a means of honoring donors well into our future.

Benefactors Plaza is located along the pedestrian walkway adjacent to the Old Horticulture Garden. This location has both historic context and helps fulfill a master plan recommendation for enhancing the open space along this important pedestrian corridor.

Lyman Briggs College has several gift opportunities that include donor recognition. For additional information visit [www.lymanbriggs.msu.edu](http://www.lymanbriggs.msu.edu), and follow the link to "Giving To Briggs."



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## Rick & Karen Petrisko:

### Lyman Briggs Has A Special Place In Their Hearts And In Their Estate Plans

When Rick Petrisko ('80, Geology) and Karen Abell ('81, Medical Technology), came to MSU, they knew that they would find excellence in undergraduate education at Lyman Briggs College. What they didn't know was that they would find each other. Rick and Karen, who also share the same birthday, recently celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary.

Attending MSU allowed them to meet, marry and provide a great educational foundation to launch both of their careers. Rick's entire working life in the Oil & Gas industry leveraged his concentration in Geology. Karen's career is in financial services where she has been able to differentiate herself with problem solving skills developed with her deep science and math foundation. In 2006, Rick and Karen established 4 future funded endowments:

- Lyman Briggs Teaching Innovation—To support programs and faculty that continue creative teaching methods.

- Petrisko Endowed Scholarship—Juniors/Seniors who have demonstrated their capacity to achieve academic/professional goals.
- Petrisko Enhancement Fund—Allows fund to be used at the Dean's discretion.
- The Petrisko Study Abroad Endowed Scholarship—Supports a first time student in an experience that supports their educational goals.

Rick and Karen now live in Texas, but visit MSU frequently. One day their generous gifts will make a difference for generation of Briggs students, programs and faculty.

