Alumnus creates scholarship endowment to honor Mackay classmate

William Harrigan ’48 (mining engineering) has established a scholarship endowment to provide financial aid to students pursuing a degree in mining engineering at the University of Nevada, Reno and to honor his friend and classmate Robert “Bob” Kendall ’48 (mining engineering).

Bob grew up in Virginia City, enjoyed a distinguished career in the mining industry, and both he and William served on the Advisory Board of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. Bob also worked as a volunteer at the Keck Museum and was active in fund-raising for the benefit of the Mackay School.

“The Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering advances the leading-edge of mining engineering knowledge and continues to train the next generation of mining engineers who will make a difference in our state and our world,” College of Science Dean Jeffrey Thompson says. “To fuel and propel this mission, the college relies on thoughtful gifts like Mr. Harrigan’s. Every gift makes a difference, whether it is to support the latest mineral extraction research or to make possible the dreams of new students determined to innovate for the future.”

The first Robert E. Kendall Mining Engineering Scholarship will be awarded in the 2011/2012 academic year.

The student chapter of the Society of Mining Engineers gather on a regular basis throughout the semester. Here they are in the W.M. Keck Museum in the antique mining shaft cage donated by Bob Kendall’s father Zeb. BACK: David Thompson, Elizabeth Baker, Mike McClintock, Brandon MacDougall. MIDDLE: Drew Wheeler. FRONT: Garret Schult, Alex Hatt.

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