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Memorial scholarship honors Michele Basta ’66, ’86 M.A.

Memorial gifts from family and friends have established a scholarship in memory of the late Michele Basta ’66 (French), ’86 M.A. (French), a faculty emerita who taught French language and culture at the University and later served as the director of public relations and development for the University Libraries.

The Michele Basta Memorial Scholarship in French will benefit students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in French, with a preference for students who are working in the University Libraries.

In 1992, Basta was awarded the Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award in the College of Arts and Science. She was also the point person for the $22 million Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center campaign. She retired from the University in 2006.

More than 300 friends, family, colleagues and community leaders gathered at the Knowledge Center in late January 2014 to pay tribute to Basta.

“Michele was an extraordinary woman who touched countless numbers of people throughout the community,” says Dean of University Libraries Kathlin Ray. “She was a major force in building the Knowledge Center, having served as the development director whose fundraising efforts and influence on the aesthetic elements of the building helped make the dream come true.”

—Roseann Keegan  Michele Basta ’66, ’86 M.A.

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