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A \$566,411 bequest from the estate of former University of Dayton professor Reinhold Kubach will establish the Reinhold W. and Alice Mohl Kubach Faculty Fellowship in the School of Engineering to benefit electrical and computer engineering faculty.

"Funds from the fellowship will support faculty and help them develop their teaching approaches and philosophies, and establish their research programs and laboratories. The faculty development and research opportunities, in turn, will help us continue to provide a transformative education to our students," School of Engineering Dean Tony Saliba said. "I knew professor Kubach as a student and later as a colleague. I admired his passion for teaching and his dedication to students. We hope this gift inspires future faculty to provide the same dedication to their students."

Kubach emigrated from Germany in 1950 and, after several stops, established roots in Dayton. He taught electrical engineering at the University from 1958 to 1989.

"They never had children, and their family lived so far away in Germany," said Nancy Stork, a former University of Dayton development officer who now works in student development. "Their neighbors became very good friends, in a way adopting them when they first came. They were so committed to education and to UD, I think, because UD gave them a chance to establish a new life here. That meant a lot to Reinhold, and he loved being with students."

Kubach, who died in 2012, was a longtime supporter of the University, dating back to his teaching days. For many years, Stork said, Kubach gave a portion of his salary to the annual fund. The Kubachs are charter members of the University of Dayton president's club. They visited campus after Reinhold's retirement for alumni activities and events with the Leo Meyer Society, which honors those who have made planned gifts to the University. Alice Mohl Kubach died in 2006.

"They wanted their legacy to remain here in the States, at the University of Dayton," Stork said, "to make a difference for others in a place that made such a difference to them."

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