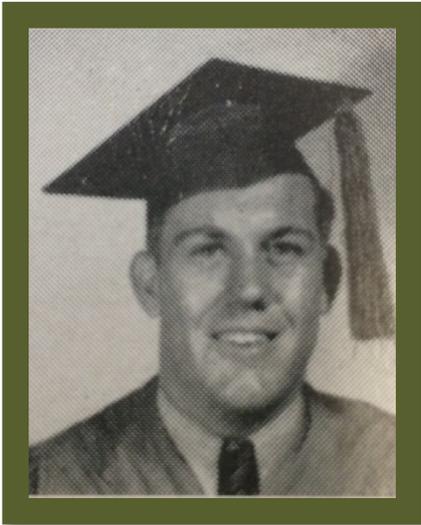


BEQUEST GIVES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY



Clyde V. DeVillier, 1942

Clyde V. DeVillier was born in Houston in 1923 and graduated from Northside High School (formerly Jefferson Davis High School) in 1942. Upon graduation, Clyde enlisted in the United States Air Force and served until 1946. He settled in Madison, Wisconsin where he met his first wife, the former Evalyn Glass, and they had one son, James. Clyde was very successful in Madison, where he was president of a local title company. He passed away in 2013.

Established through Clyde's bequest, the Clyde V., Evalyn M., and James N. DeVillier Scholarship was established with one stipulation: recipients must be graduates of Northside High in Houston. GHCF is pleased to have the opportunity to honor Clyde's intent for the scholarship and to be able to annually assess the needs of current students in collaboration with Northside staff.

Working with the school enables GHCF to create a truly impactful scholarship to help students overcome financial hurdles and continue their education. Understanding the trend in declining financial aid for students after freshman year, GHCF made the scholarship renewable for all recipients for up to four years. Thanks to Clyde's foresight and thoughtful estate planning, the first cohort of scholarship recipients is expected to graduate in 2019.

"The truth of the matter is that I do not wish to just thank you for my award but to thank you for believing in me. Thank you for entrusting me with this award and even though you all are aware of my neighborhood's one to ten college graduation ratio, you still gave me an opportunity to push forward.

You all have started a new chapter in my life and have promised to stand by my side throughout the next four years of my life. You all have given me much more than a scholarship and for this reason I am indebted and loyal to the Greater Houston Community Foundation and I will do my very best to walk the stage in the year 2020. With all my heart, I sincerely thank you."

—Gilbert Garza, attending University of North Texas

The Foundation currently administers 35 scholarship funds. Whether you want to help students achieve higher education, encourage studies in certain fields, or assist your employees through a corporate scholarship, the Foundation can help customize a scholarship program to achieve your charitable goals. In 2016, the Foundation awarded over \$1.5 million to 400 students.

For more information on establishing a scholarship fund, please contact **Diane Higginbotham** at dhigginbotham@ghcf.org or **713.333.2231**.



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