



The  
Margie Van Vooren  
Student Leadership  
Development Scholarship

*In Honor of Marjorie Van Vooren*

For over 18 years, the students, faculty and staff of Boise State University were honored to have Marjorie Van Vooren (Margie) as their Dean of Students. Margie was passionate about helping students reach their full potential. She touched hundreds of lives through her involvement and leadership of programs such as the Women's Center, Children's Center, Cultural Center, Minority Student Services, disability Services, Tutorial Services, and the Student Leadership Development Program.

Margie's many professional contributions were recognized locally and nationally, by being named as one of the "Women Making History" through the Women's Center, by receiving the "Tribute to Women in Industry Award" from the Boise Women's and Children's Alliance, by being selected for the ASBSU "OCNORB Award" for contributions to students' lives, and by receiving the national "Fred Turner" for outstanding service to the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Yet Margie would say that her greatest achievement was raising two wonderful sons, Colby and Clark. She always put her family first, interrupting her career to spend the boys' early childhood years at home with them. She continued to make time for them throughout her working years, whenever and however, they needed or wanted her.

Any person who achieves as much in their life as Margie achieved in hers, has lived an outstanding and fruitful life. But in Margie's case, it is the fact that she accomplished all that she did in spite of obstacles placed in her path that made her a one-of-a-kind, outstanding individual. When she was six years old, Margie contracted polio. She spent almost a year in a rehabilitation center and attended a school, for children with disabilities for two years.

Physical therapy was a part of her daily routine, and she took up horseback riding at the age of twelve. She learned that the true meaning of success comes with achieving something that is difficult - a lesson she passed on to hundreds of students throughout her career.

At age 50, Margie was diagnosed with breast cancer. Although, her chemotherapy treatments won the battle over her cancerous cells, they caused permanent damage to her heart. At age 58, she was put on a heart transplant waiting list; and she died while waiting for a heart to become available to her. Her last gesture of selfless giving was to give new sight to two strangers.

This scholarship is given to a student who is committed to fully developing her/his leadership potential through their active involvement in some aspect of the Student Leadership Development Program. The Student Leadership Development Program was a dream that was entrusted to Margie to plan and develop. She took the seeds that had been planted across the Boise State campus - the many different kinds of leadership training classes, retreats, and workshops - and nurtured and cultivated them into a program that encompasses all of what was, plus several new pieces. Her vision of the program grew through the years, always larger than what was doable at the time, giving us plenty to continue to work on in the future.

Margie Van Vooren lived a life in love with everyone. She was an educator - everything she did and said to students was aimed at helping them to learn and grow. It is our hope that the recipients of the Marjorie Van Vooren Student Leadership Development Scholarship will honor her life, by living a life as rich and productive as her own.

# Margie Van Vooren Student Leadership Development Scholarship

Presented annually to a Boise State junior actively fulfilling a campus leadership position under the Division of Student Affairs. Preference is given to academically successful, non-traditional students. This scholarship, created in 2005 and first awarded for Fall 2006, is a tribute to Margie Van Vooren, Dean of Students, whose life was cut short on March 7, 2005. Individuals currently active in campus leadership positions are encouraged to apply. Annual deadline for application is February 15. Please submit application to Jeremiah Shinn, Director, Student Involvement and Leadership Center, Boise State University, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725 or e-mail to [cmessley@boisestate.edu](mailto:cmessley@boisestate.edu).

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Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Declared Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following three questions (on a separate sheet):**

1. Why do you consider yourself a leader?
2. What have you learned from your experience (s) as a Boise State campus leader?
3. List Campus/Community Leadership Involvement.

## **Selection Guidelines**

1. Margie Van Vooren Student Leadership Development Scholarship will be awarded annually to degree-seeking student (s) enrolled either full or part time at Boise State University.
2. Students with at least junior class standing, with a minimum 2.75 GPA, and involved in campus life are eligible. Preference is given to individuals involved with the Student Leadership Programs and to nontraditional students.
3. Awards will be made without regard to financial need (Financial Aid's definition).
4. A committee of professionals in the Division of Student Affairs will make award selections. The Boise State University Financial Aid Office will administer the scholarship and make the award.