



GIVENS-ELEY TRUST

Richard A. Givens, II '75 has always looked to give back. A long-time member of the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors and immediate past president, Givens has supported the fine arts and library. It is the latter interest that informed his decision to fund an endowment to support the future of SU's academic centerpiece.

"As a place to start, it was the generosity of the late Margarete Eley who through her estate plan enabled me to fund this endowment," explained Givens. "She was

very aware of my involvement at Salisbury University, as well as the enthusiasm I have for supporting my Alma Mater. While she certainly did not in any way envision an endowment or would even want to be memorialized in this way, her love of the printed word and libraries in general made supporting the Blackwell Library a fitting tribute to a dear friend. The need for an expanded and improved library has been long recognized, and we hope this gift may serve as a catalyst to increase interest in others to financially support the project."

Givens states that he is a very proud graduate of Salisbury University. He said, "even though this institution has grown and changed in very significant ways since I walked the campus as a student, this community served a pivotal role in my journey. In recognizing this fact, the time and treasure I am able to share with SU are in gratitude for the opportunities that evolved from this experience."

Givens lives in Dover, DE.

