

# Kermit H. Carlson Scholarship

Many "veteran" faculty members, along with many alumni, perhaps your parents or those of some of your fellow classmates, remember the kind, gentle leader, the father of our department, Kermit Carlson. In the forties, he taught at Valparaiso University before and after serving in World War II, and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin; one of our country's leading graduate schools in mathematics. He earned the great respect of outstanding professionals in the field, and encouraged and nurtured us to develop skills in this new thing called computer science. In the late fifties, he had some sort of sense of the impact that the computer would have on higher education, even before a lot of people in technical fields began to push for it. He saw the computer as a tool for dynamic mathematics - mathematics in motion. He was a visionary in the true sense of the word.

As Chairman of the department for many years, beginning in 1957, he built the foundation for this modern department. He was a caring person who attracted caring people to teach at Valparaiso University. He conveyed the feeling that what Valparaiso University stood for was really worthwhile; that this was an institution that was important and meant something; that we had a mission. He helped to instill in us this feeling of community, mutual respect, and togetherness.

## Kermit H. Carlson Recipients

1994-95 Jonathan DeVilbiss 1995-96 Daniel Felten 1996-97 Bonnie Stephens  
1997-98 Danielle Harmon, Susan Sullivan 1998-99 Genevieve Knight 1999-00  
Mark Kerins 2000-01 Ian Renner 2001-02 Lara Pudwell 2002-03 Josh  
Parsons 2003-04 Nina Miller 2004-05 Laura Stellfox 2005-06 Daniel Menna  
2006-07 Deborah Steffen 2007-08 Ben Anderson 2008-09 Ansel Hillmer  
2009-10 Joshua Zuellig