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Dr. Vern Buehler Remembered



Dr. Vern Buehler, a heralded professor, philanthropist, and US Army veteran, passed away on July 25, 2014.

“Dr. Buehler is one of the greatest examples of giving, ambition and talent I have had the pleasure of knowing. I feel blessed to call him one of my dearest friends,” said Huntsman School Dean Douglas Anderson. “His contributions will benefit generations to come at this University and in this community. The influence he made in so many lives is innumerable, and his spirit will forever reside in the hearts of many.”

A 1941 graduate of USU in accounting, he returned to USU in 1967 after a career in the US Army, from which he retired as a colonel. He had also earned his CPA, a Harvard MBA and a doctorate degree from George Washington University. At USU, he served for 21 years as a management professor before retiring from this second career at age 70. He then went on to be a volunteer professor in Thailand, Poland, Ukraine, and Russia.

Dr. Buehler’s generosity at the Huntsman School and in the community is inspiring. He created the nationally recognized Partners in Business Program and then funded endowments for that program, and went on to fund a scholarship endowment and a professorship in the Huntsman School, and just last year, provided a significant contribution to Huntsman Hall. He was a leading influence in the creation of USU’s Veterans Memorial and the Russell Maughan Aviation Memorial outside the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

Dr. Buehler was a mentor, scholar, teacher, academic entrepreneur and philanthropist. It is his example of intellectual curiosity, professional achievement and commitment to service that inspired and motivated the creation of the Huntsman School’s Buehler Leadership Scholars Program.