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## HANS BRISCH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

### Gift Statement

This scholarship is intended to honor the memory of Hans Brisch, '64, who came to the United States from Germany at the age of 17 and through determination, dedication, and an appreciation for education, worked his way through college. Following completion of his undergraduate degree at Park, he went on to complete a master's degree and doctorate at the University of Kansas. His career embodied his integrity and the appreciation of education and what it offers to an individual and society at large. The intent of the scholarship is to honor his memory by providing tuition to a student in need of financial assistance in order to meet his/her goal of an undergraduate degree.

### Donor Information

When Hans entered Park College in 1959, he had an enormous zeal for learning and Park provided the opportunity for him to realize his dream of a college education. This had not been possible for him in Germany due to post World War II family circumstances.

Hans Brisch completed his bachelor's degree at Park College in 1964. During his years as a student, he worked while attending college to supplement scholarships and loans. He graduated from Park with a major in political science and a minor in chemistry. Dr. Brisch went on to earn his masters and doctorate degrees in political science from the University of Kansas. His career culminated as Chancellor for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. Prior to that, he

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served the University of Kansas, the University of Alabama, The University of Nebraska, and Nebraska Wesleyan University, as well as the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He was a well-known and highly-regarded speaker at scholarly meetings in the United States and abroad. Dr. Brisch also served as a member of numerous professional, academic and civic organizations and held active positions of leadership in many of them. During the years when he was a professor and a university administrator, he never forgot the opportunities this country had given him. With the same passion and enthusiasm he encouraged many students to excel, "Student Success" became his motto.

He met his future wife, Margaret, at Park College. Together they raised three children. In 1989, Park recognized Dr. Brisch's professional achievements and his service to his *alma mater*, including serving as president of the alumni association, by naming him "Distinguished Alumnus."

THE FINANCIAL AID STAFF will award the funds in accordance with the criteria established by the donor. Use of the funds must be in accordance with established financial policies at Park University. All efforts will be made to carry out the wishes of name of donor in using the fund.

DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE HANS BRISCH ENDOWMENT will be used to support the tuition costs of students who are pursuing any undergraduate academic program. Students must be enrolled in Park University as a full-time student and be in good academic standing. He/she must demonstrate academic competence with a minimum grade point average of 3.25; be making normal progress toward graduation; and meet all other regular qualifications for financial aid at Park University. The scholarship will be awarded for one year; recipients may re-apply for the scholarship for subsequent years. Each recipient of a scholarship awarded from the fund shall be designated a HANS BRISCH SCHOLAR.