

**Memorial Resolution – Jacqueline “Jackie” DeWalt****March 22, 1952 – November 20, 2017**

Jacqueline DeWalt gave two decades of service to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her service extended beyond the University to cities, small towns and tribal communities throughout Wisconsin. It was, therefore, very painful for the many lives that were touched when Jackie passed away on November 20, 2017.

Jackie was a positive change agent for UW-Madison students, faculty and staff. Her professional career was distinguished by the concerted efforts she made to provide educational access to students from diverse racial, ethnic, socio-economic, and cultural backgrounds. As Director of the Precollege Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence (PEOPLE), Jackie worked tirelessly to identify students for the PEOPLE program. Furthermore, she worked on behalf of the university to form educational partnerships to develop extended-day and summer programs that complemented the curriculum of Madison and Milwaukee schools. She constantly explored ways to provide academic enrichment and career activities that would enhance the students' admission to the university. As a result, Jackie formed alliances with faculty and staff within the schools and colleges at UW-Madison which truly made PEOPLE a campus-wide, collaborative program and created a more inclusive academic community.

Jackie's work through PEOPLE made a profound impact on the lives of many students who dreamed of going to college, but did not believe that it would ever become a reality. The academic and related components of PEOPLE prepared many students to enter and thrive at UW-Madison. There were some challenges along the way, as should be expected when major changes are introduced. However, through Jackie's work with PEOPLE, significant numbers of talented students from diverse backgrounds have entered and graduated from UW-Madison.

Jackie's leadership and dedication created a more inclusive academic community that values people from diverse backgrounds and the contributions they make. Recognizing Jackie's talents and the needs of the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Educational Achievement, I appointed Jackie as the first Director of External Relations, Partnerships and Development. In that role, she capitalized on her skill of identifying opportunities to tell the rich and wonderful story about how UW-Madison is contributing to increasing workforce diversity within the state and the country. The corporate contacts she cultivated as the Director of PEOPLE enabled her to build upon and advance both academic and career connections for students in all the diversity programs within the division. Furthermore, the connections that she formed with constituents and key stakeholders have strengthened the division's relationships with alumni and prospective donors.

On December 9, 2017, a memorial service was held at High Point Church in Madison to celebrate the life and contributions of Jackie DeWalt. She made a difference in the lives of many as was reflected by the attendance of PEOPLE Program students and staff, colleagues, community members, community leaders, and corporate staff at the memorial service. In memory of her work and the commitment she made to opening doors and providing access to education for students, the Jacqueline “Jackie” DeWalt Scholarship was established.

*Respectfully by Assistant Vice Provost Gloria Hawkins and Deputy Vice Chancellor Patrick J. Sims*