



• **A Lasting Impact** • **A Donor's Commitment to Education Lives On**

Beverley L. Evans, BSBA '89, understood the power and potential of education.

In 1989, at 47, Beverley L. Evans earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from Thomas Edison State College. However, her connection with the institution did not end there.

Eleven years later, Evans decided to preserve her legacy long after she was gone. She set up a trust to benefit Thomas Edison State University as part of her estate planning. Earlier this year, the TESU Foundation received notice of Evans' passing and a \$10,000 donation from her estate. It was a final act of generosity that will support students for years to come.

"Beverley believed that higher education empowered women," said her friend and colleague Roberto Anaya, who had known her for 22 years. "She used her degree to advance herself professionally and knew that her education gave her an advantage in the workplace."

Evans established a successful career as a senior accountant for the County of San Mateo in California. According to Anaya, she consistently engaged in



thoughtful discussions about education and politics. "She was my favorite person and friend," Anaya reflected.

The University is pleased to honor Evans as a lifelong member of the University's 1972 Giving Society, ensuring that her commitment to education endures.

"TESU is privileged that Ms. Evans chose to leave a legacy, and she will always be a member of the University's 1972 Giving Society. Her generosity in supporting scholarships at TESU will have a

meaningful impact on the students we serve, and we are grateful for her and the many alumni who include the University in their estate plans," stated Mary Heagley, vice president for Advancement and executive director of the TESU Foundation. "Leaving a bequest is a powerful planned giving tool many supporters use to create legacy gifts."

To help others explore the impact of planned giving, TESU has partnered with FreeWill, an online resource that simplifies the process for students and alumni to create a will — often the first step in estate planning.

Evans' desire to pay it forward for others stemmed from observing the challenges women often encounter in the workplace. Following her passing, numerous educational institutions received donations, underscoring her deep commitment to making education accessible to others.

To learn more about how you can leave a legacy through planned giving, visit tesu.edu/plannedgiving