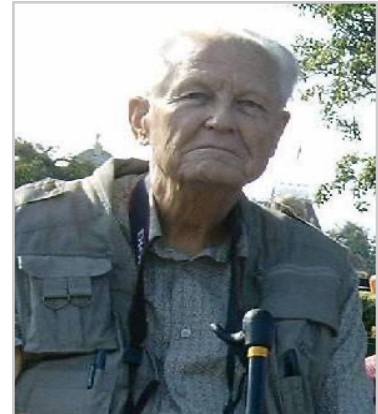


Thank you for being a supporter of the Arizona-Nevada Academy of Science (ANAS)!



The start of a new year is often a time for personal introspection -- reflections about family and others you hold dear, your goals and accomplishments, and the passage of time. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the life's work of one of our founding members, Dr. Albert "Bud" Ellis, and his impact on his students and the broader scientific community. He lived just one life, but its ripples have touched the lives of so many others.

Dr. Albert "Bud" Ellis was very passionate about science, nature, and inspiring and empowering students. Although a geneticist by training, Dr. Ellis brought a wide spectrum of biology expertise to Glendale Community College. His knowledge of the natural history of Arizona was second to none. As GCC's first Biology Department Chair he helped shape an outstanding faculty that made quality instruction a priority. Bud also gave considerable time to professional and volunteer activities. He provided many years of leadership to the Academy serving in various capacities on the Board of Governors including President. Dr. Ellis was honored as an Academy Fellow in 1977 and received our Outstanding Service Award in 1995. His long and distinguished life and career are a legacy, the impacts of which are still felt today.



The Academy (ANAS) has established an endowed scholarship fund at Glendale Community College (through the Maricopa Community College Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization) in Bud's honor. This scholarship will benefit students in STEM programs and thereby continue Bud's legacy of helping students pursue their academic and professional dreams.

As a part of your own legacy and in remembrance of Bud's, I thought that you might consider making a charitable gift to the MCCC Ellis Scholarship Fund (#5724).

Legacy Gift:

There are two easy ways to make a legacy gift.

- **In Your Will or Trust:** (<https://mccdf.planmylegacy.org/wills-and-living-trusts>)

Large estate or small, it does not matter! Anyone can contribute this way in their will or trust. A gift of 10%, 50%, or even 1% designated for this endowed scholarship fund can make a distinct and lasting difference on STEM students' educational journeys.

Here is some sample language to include in your Will or Trust to do so.

"I hereby give, ____ percent (____%) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, to Glendale Community College via the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation, a nonprofit organization located at 2419 West 14th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281, Federal Tax ID #86-0327449, for Glendale Community College's Albert "Bud" Ellis STEM Scholarship Fund #5724."

(Note: <https://www.freewill.com/> provides an online tool to create a will if you do not currently have one.)

- **Beneficiary Designation:** (<https://mcccdf.planmylegacy.org/beneficiary-designations>)

Making the Bud Ellis Scholarship Fund (#5724) the partial or full beneficiary of your traditional IRA, pension, or other retirement assets is a smart way to give! This beneficiary arrangement will reduce your heirs' taxable inheritance and reduce the likelihood that they would be pushed into a higher tax bracket by those distributions. Establishing a gift from your retirement assets to a charity beneficiary like this scholarship fund at your passing ensures that none of those life's savings are lost to the IRS ... every one of the designated dollars goes to touching STEM students' lives. Talk to your retirement account custodian(s) and they will have a very simple form that you can fill out.

Give Now:

There are also smart ways for you to celebrate Bud's memory while you are still alive.

- **Charitable IRA Rollover:** (<https://mcccdf.planmylegacy.org/give-from-your-ira>)

Another tax-advantaged way you could donate to the scholarship fund is from your traditional IRA's Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). If you are over 70.5, you can contribute directly from your RMDs to a charitable fund like this scholarship. Such a gift not only impacts students but can remove those RMDs from your taxable income and potentially keep your social security income and Medicare benefits from being taxed. Your IRA custodian has a simple form to complete to do so. Working through them will ensure that your tax savings are protected.

- **Donate Today:** (<https://www.gccaz.edu/community/give-gcc/donate-now>)

Finally, if you feel so inclined, you can also contribute directly to the MCCF Scholarship Fund in Bud's honor (#5724) through the Glendale Community College website. You will receive a charitable donation receipt immediately via email. Please see the enclosed flier that will walk you through that donation process.



We want to make sure that you get the maximum benefits from your financial generosity should you choose to make a philanthropic donation to the Ellis Scholarship Fund. If you have any questions or if you want to meet with the Foundation's Chief Development Officer, Judy Sanchez (480-731-8739, judy.sanchez@domail.maricopa.edu), she will be happy to help you maximize your impact!

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen A. Conzelman".

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