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Award will benefit GOAL students beginning next spring

Boiling Springs, N.C.—Starting next spring, an endowed memorial scholarship in honor of Dr. Barry Hambright will be made available to a qualified student in the GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) program at Gardner-Webb University each year.

The Dr. Barry Hambright Endowed Scholarship Fund has been made possible by the generosity of Dr. Hambright's wife, Mary Emma Hambright, his daughters, Christie Hambright and Emmabeth Wingate, and many of his friends who were inspired by him.

Hambright was a beloved member of the Gardner-Webb faculty for over 41 years. He taught political science, history, criminal justice and human services. Hambright was known for being an avid storyteller and a huge baseball fan, as well as for his love for New York City. He was popular with students, faculty, and administration alike, so his death on November 2, 2010 was a devastating blow to the GWU family.

Hambright was a native of Cleveland County. He was born in Shelby, received his associate's degree from Gardner-Webb when it was still a junior college, and was a faculty member at GWU for over four decades. He wrote several books about GWU, Cleveland County and the surrounding area.

The GOAL Program is degree completion program for adults—many of whom have families, full-time jobs or other factors that prevent them from pursuing a degree in a traditional university setting. Hambright taught classes in the GOAL program for 32 years and took great pride in the program.

Gardner-Webb President Dr. Frank Bonner said, "It was largely because of Barry's efforts that the GOAL program went from being a potentially marginal program to being part of the center of Gardner-Webb's educational effort."

A GOAL program committee will select each recipient of the Dr. Barry Hambright Endowed Scholarship. The criteria are based both on need and academic excellence.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University seeks a higher ground in higher education – one that embraces faith and intellectual freedom, and inspires in students a love of learning, service, and leadership.

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