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Making College Possible

Working with students and seeing the difference those scholarships and higher education made for them, Michael Muskin '76, '87 was inspired to establish the Michael Muskin Teacher Endowment through his estate to benefit juniors or seniors in UNCO's School of Education.

Endowment, through the estate, to benefit juniors or seniors in UNC's School of Education who demonstrate financial need.

Michael graduated from UNC in 1976 with a degree in education and a focus on journalism. He's been a loyal Bear ever since, and after teaching high school for 15 years, he returned to UNC to earn his master's degree in Sociology in Family Studies in 1981.

"I loved my master's program and got to know my professors really well," he says. He was an adjunct at UNC for 15 years and later worked for UNC as a development director in the Schools of Law and Behavioral Sciences.

While at UNC, he worked with Linda Carbajal and Aldo Romero in the Cumbres generation students. He also met alumna Marie Greenwood '35, setting up her trust. Marie Greenwood, who passed away in 2019 at the age of 106, was the first African-American to receive a contract directly by Denver Public Schools, where she taught for more than three decades. Greenwood Academy in Denver was named in her honor.

"It was very inspiring to hear her story. She was the nicest lady. I met her when she was in her 90s. Her family, attended her 100th birthday party and introduced her to some of the scholarship opportunities."

As he established the Michael Muskin Teacher Education Scholarship Endowment, he named Marie Greenwood, Linda Carbajal and Aldo Romero by specifying a preference for students who are Black, Indigenous or Person of Color (BIPOC).

"I have a strong belief in teacher education," he says. "And I want to support that. For me, as a teacher, it has come full circle."

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