

Alfred University alumnus: every gift counts

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From left, Phil Baker '58;
David Bender; Wayne Higby;
Carol Rogers and Brian
Rogers '59

An affection for the community of Alfred, where he was raised, and for Alfred University, where he received his baccalaureate degree, prompted Phil Baker &58 to make a \$50,000 gift to the University earlier this year.

He asked that the gift proceeds from the sale of stock be divided between Alfred University and the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum; the use of the funds was left to the discretion of President Mark Zupan and Wayne Higby, museum director. Previously, Phil had given a significant collection of English porcelain lusterware to the Museum where it is now on display.

The gift underscores a point important to Phil: “Most alumni cannot come up with gifts in the million-dollar range, but many can come up with significant contributions that further the good health of the University,” he said. Smaller amounts, given over a period of time through the Saxon Circle, for example, can also accomplish much for the University he added.

Members of the Saxon Circle make a five-year commitment to a gift of at least \$1,000 a year; donors have the option to direct their gifts to a particular area, or to the Alfred Fund.