Clarence and Agnes Laber were educators to the core. They both earned teaching degrees at Valley City State University. Clarence’s college entry was delayed until after his World War II service in the Philippines. He majored in science and played on the football team. Agnes earned her teaching degree and had her eye on that handsome football player, but she didn’t really meet him until they found themselves teaching together in the Cathay, North Dakota, school system. They moved to Devils Lake in 1960.

Clarence taught at the public high school until he joined the college staff full-time in 1966. His career there extended until 1988, during which time he held many key roles. He even filled in as president during the 1975-76 school year. As children arrived, Agnes directed her teaching skills to the private kindergarten she operated in their home.

Clarence and Agnes’ eight children and their families joined forces to launch this scholarship and honor their parents’ life-long commitment to education.