Frank White is an assistant professor at the University of North Dakota, who credits Lake Region State College (formerly Lake Region Community College) for providing him with his first college teaching opportunity in 1982. Frank’s sister, Anna Marie White, also got her start at LRCC, and received her education in nursing. Both brother and sister wanted to ensure they left a legacy behind at LRSC, the institution credited with the start of their professional careers. The Professor Frank White Endowment is a tribute to Anna Marie White. Anna was born on April 13, 1954, the daughter of Duane “Badger” and Doreen (Rousseau) White. She was raised and attended school in Walhalla, North Dakota, graduating in 1973. Anna was the oldest of three sisters and one brother and the first in their family to achieve a post-secondary education. After graduating from Walhalla High School, Anna attended Lake Region Community College and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1974. After working twenty years in the nursing field, she obtained her Registered Nurse degree from the University of North Dakota in 1994. Her ambition served as an inspiration to her family and especially her brother Frank, who later earned college degrees in education and sociology from Mayville State University and the University of North Dakota. Anna touched many lives in her thirty-four years as a nurse. She started in her caretaker role at age thirteen, not only towards her family, but within the entire community. Anna began working at the Pembilier Nursing Home feeding meals to the residents, and at age sixteen she served as a nurse’s aide until she graduated in 1973. Anna was known as a “hands-on” nurse who provided compassion and guidance to all those under her care. She served as an excellent role model for a generation of younger nurses. Anyone who knew Anna knew she was a kind, giving, nurturing, and compassionate person with a very big heart. Over her thirty-four years as a nurse, she never lost that nurturing element, always putting her family and patients first.

The Professor Frank White Endowment was established by Anna’s family, and they hope this endowment will benefit a dedicated nursing student from their hometown of Walhalla, North Dakota.