



News From Lenoir-Rhyne University

Clarence L. Pugh Distinguished Alumnus/a Award Honoring Steven R. Carter '74

A native of North Carolina, Steven R. Carter, M.D., was raised in Winston-Salem before he traveled west on I-40 to attend Lenoir-Rhyne University. Carter served as student director of the College Bowl program, pledged Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and was an active member of multiple intramural athletic teams. He was also inducted into Chi Beta Phi honorary scientific fraternity, the Mu Sigma Epsilon honorary scholastic fraternity and was honored with the Cecilia Willard Science Medal. At LR, Carter met his future wife, Libby Adams Carter '75, and they have been married almost 45 years. Upon graduation from LR magna cum laude in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in biology, Carter traveled east on I-40 to attend the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, receiving his Doctor of Medicine in 1978. Another trip east on I-40 took him to the University of North Carolina where he completed his internship and residency in the Department of Anesthesia.

Carter's 32-year medical career centered on the Sandhills of North Carolina where he practiced anesthesia at First Health-Moore Regional Hospital and later served as director of ambulatory surgery and chief anesthesiologist at the Eye Surgery Center of the Carolinas. In Pinehurst, Carter and his wife raised their two daughters, Emily Carter Hare and Stephanie Carter Cooksey '09, and now spend time with their four grandchildren, Delaney and Caroline Hare and Graylyn and Carter Cooksey.

Carter has been active in his community, attending Our Saviour Lutheran Church and participating on many nonprofit boards. Following his retirement in 2012, he has pursued the game of golf and enjoys pleasant days at the Country Club of North Carolina. He currently serves on the LR board of trustees.

Reflecting on his college days, Carter notes that "Lenoir-Rhyne provided me the opportunity to have real relationships with my professors, not to simply know them as the figure at the front of the class. I especially value the relationships I had with science professors, [the late] Dr. Robert Spuller, Dr. Charles Wells and Dr. Marsha Fanning, who recognized my potential and pushed me to make the most of it."

"My days at Lenoir-Rhyne shaped my professional path. Upon beginning medical school at Wake Forest, it became obvious to me that my experiences at LR, being a part of small classes

directly led by qualified professors, had given me knowledge necessary to succeed that some of my classmates from larger institutions lacked.

His advice to today's LR students, "Take advantage of everything the school has to offer. Take challenging courses, attend lectures and seminars, participate in intramurals and clubs, cheer on the Bears at athletic events. Get to know your classmates and professors. Find the place you belong and make it a better place. Enjoy every moment and make memories to take with you."

Dr. Steven R. Carter, for recognition of your prominence in your career field while adhering to the founding principles of education and Christian character at LR, the Lenoir-Rhyne University Alumni Association is pleased to present you the **Clarence L. Pugh Distinguished Alumnus/a Award**. This award is given in memory of Clarence L. Pugh, a member of the Class of 1962, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to Lenoir-Rhyne.

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About Lenoir-Rhyne University:

Founded in 1891, Lenoir-Rhyne University is a co-educational, private liberal arts institution with 50 undergraduate degree programs and over 30 graduate degree programs. LR enrolls more than 2,750 undergraduate and graduate students and has had 11 consecutive years of enrollment growth. LR's main campus is in Hickory, North Carolina, where both undergraduate and graduate degrees are offered. The University also offers graduate degree programs on its campuses in Asheville, North Carolina, and Columbia, South Carolina. The Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary is also in Columbia. LR is affiliated with the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and welcomes students from all religious backgrounds. The website is www.lr.edu.