Jack Twyman and the Bearcat Bond

Jack Twyman first exemplified greatness at the University of Cincinnati as a standout member of the Bearcat basketball team. His accomplishments as a student athlete opened the door to a career in the NBA, where Jack continued to shine as an NBA All Star player, followed by a successful career as an NBA analyst. While successful as both an athlete, and in the business community, it is Jack’s humanitarian efforts that best exemplify the characteristics of the Bearcat Bond. In 1958, at the age of 23, Twyman became the legal guardian of Maurice Stokes, an African-American teammate who suffered a paralyzing brain injury during the NBA season. Despite the difficult climate of race relations and a great deal of personal sacrifice, Jack put the needs of a teammate and friend at the forefront of this life-altering decision. In this spirit of character, courage, and service to the community, UC is proud to offer the Jack Twyman Award for Service Learning.

Bearcat Bond

As a member of the University of Cincinnati, I will uphold the principles for a Just Community and the values of respect, responsibility, and inclusiveness. I will promote the highest levels of personal and academic honesty and aspire continuously to better myself, the Bearcat community, and the world.

The Jack Twyman Award for Service Learning is given to a collaborative educational team engaged in a service learning project that exemplifies the values Jack Twyman demonstrated in his life. The award will be given annually to one educational team who’s service learning project exemplifies the “Bearcat Bond” in the following ways:

Curriculum — Meets the University of Cincinnati’s definition of curricular service learning.

Collaboration — Displays a fundamental understanding of, and consistent commitment to, collaborative relationships with community partners.

Character — Upholds the values of respect, responsibility, and inclusiveness and display a strong commitment to the highest level of personal and academic integrity (Bearcat Bond).

Creativity — Finds creative, “out-of-the-box,” ways to support organizations in our community and the people that those organizations serve.

Care — Identifies plans to continue the effort through long-term relationships after the project has ended.

Nominations

Please go to surveymonkey.com/s/twymansl to submit a nomination.