UF COLLEGE OF BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PROFESSORSHIP
ESTABLISHED WITH GIFT FROM PALM HARBOR ALUMNI

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – A Palm Harbor, Fla. couple wanting others to have a chance to enjoy the benefits of quality faculty as they did at the University of Florida have taken a step to make that happen.

It was announced today that Warrington College of Business Administration at the University of Florida graduates George and Lisa Onkey Etheridge have pledged $390,000 to endow a professorship in international business.

The Etheridges’ contribution, combined with a previous gift for a fellowship, now totals $600,000 and will establish the George W. Etheridge Jr. and Lisa O. Etheridge Professorship.

The gift will go toward UF President Bernie Machen’s Faculty Challenge initiative, and a match from the State of Florida Major Gifts Trust Fund is anticipated.

In the 1990s, the Etheridges endowed the Mr. and Mrs. George W. Etheridge Jr. Scholarship Fund, which provides two full scholarships to UF business students each year.

George Etheridge is the founder and president of Precision Orthopedics Inc., a distributor of leading-edge technology medical devices.

“We understand the need to retain quality business faculty and are responding to President Machen’s faculty initiative,” he said.

UF’s Faculty Challenge initiative was launched by President Machen in August 2004, with a goal of raising $150 million to give faculty the tools they need to enhance classroom instruction and conduct world-class research. The Faculty Challenge is part of a plan to make UF one of the nation’s premier research universities.

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