



Alma Morgan Gatewood (1908 - 1963)

Alma Morgan Gatewood was born into a religious family, and her convictions were apparent in the way in which she lived her life. Her sense of mission was evident through her vocation. She attended Harding College and Abilene Christian College, graduating cum laude in 1933. During her college career, she was a member of the Girls Training Club and the "W" Club, a women's honor society. She became a teacher, instructing classes in Abilene, and Merkel, Texas for 10 years.

She married Otis Gatewood, a minister, while she was teaching. His ministerial commitment and her commitment to education took them many places: Las Vegas; New Mexico; Utah; and Frankfurt, Germany. The Gatewoods were among the first missionaries into Germany following WWII. They brought \$1 million worth of supplies to the residents of Frankfurt. In 1958, the Gatewoods were called to help establish North Central Christian College (NCCC), now Rochester University, in Rochester Hills, Michigan.



During her four years of work with NCCC, Alma Gatewood founded the "Women's Associates," a group of women concerned with raising funds for the College. Initially, the "Associates" funded library acquisitions, but this expanded to include building renovations, debt retirement, equipment, student scholarships, music equipment, and costumes. Upon her death, funds were dedicated to the Alma Gatewood Memorial Fund. The monies in the Memorial Fund built a women's dormitory in her honor.