

The Community College Foundation proudly introduces the

President Sharon Etemad Legacy Fund



The Etemad years were exciting times of growth, new directions, and many, many challenges. To recognize Sharon Etemad's twenty-five years in leadership roles at Lake Region State College, the Community College Foundation launched the President Sharon Etemad Legacy Fund.

Shortly thereafter, several special friends of the college—Ramsey National Bank and Trust, Lynn and Laurie Chatham Hoghaug, Vivian Hoghaug, and Dr. Richard Johnson—established a challenge fund stocked with \$30 thousand to be used as match for gifts of \$250 or greater for the Etemad fund.

The Etemad Legacy Fund honors a very special legacy. For twenty-five years, from 1982 to 2008, Dr. Etemad provided leadership and vision for LRSC. During her tenure, enrollment grew, despite very challenging demographics. New programs were launched, and others were adjusted to meet changing demands. Solutions to infrastructure challenges were found, and the campus evolved into a beautiful learning environment. Sharon

was a tireless advocate for Lake Region State College within the university system, in economic development circles, and at the state legislature.

Throughout her tenure, Sharon spoke often of the important role the community played in her decision-making processes, serving as “sounding boards” when she contemplated difficult decisions. When necessary, the community became her secret weapon, advocating for the college to the legislature and connecting with decision-makers across the state. Over the years, numerous individuals and businesses have stepped forward to fund capital improvements and help launch many special projects.

The President Sharon Etemad Legacy Fund will strengthen the college's ability to address emerging and critical needs. Each year, earnings from the President Sharon Etemad Legacy Fund will be directed to priorities identified by the college's president and the foundation's board of directors. The fund will honor Dr. Etemad's important legacy as it works to strengthen Lake Region State College. ♦