

Robert and JoEllen Hall Scholarship Endowment

Growing up on farms in the small farming community of Munich, North Dakota, both Robert and JoEllen knew the importance of staying close to home.

Having ambitions to get a college education, Lake Region Junior College appealed to JoEllen. With three small children at home, the cost savings along with the benefit of her close proximity to Lake Region Junior College (now Lake Region State College) helped make her educational dream a reality. Having a degree in business administration was instrumental for JoEllen to begin her career in the insurance industry. JoEllen's first job was with Farm Credit Services. In 1989, she started a long-time career at First Insurance Agency, Inc. and continued her career there for twenty-eight years, retiring in 2017.

Robert, known as Rob, always liked the outdoors and working with his hands. He was employed by Cavalier County in their highway department for twenty-seven years before his retirement in 2016.

Rob and JoEllen have three grown children. Shannon lives in Fargo ND. LRSC alumni Brandon (Jami) Hall and Nikki (Scotty) Schmaltz live in Devils Lake. Rob and JoEllen are the proud grandparents of fourteen. Living in Devils Lake, they spend their time traveling, going on adventurous Ranger rides with friends, spending the warm summer months at their cabin on Wood Lake near Devils Lake, and enjoying their grandchildren.

The location of Lake Region State College makes it easy for rural students to transition from small high schools. LRSC offers a great selection of programs and the opportunity to transfer to four-year institutions or to go directly into the workforce. It provides students with an affordable educational opportunity and a safe environment. With this endowment, it is Rob and JoEllen's intent to help area students continue their pursuit of a college education. •

