

# Les and Karn Windjue Endowment

Les was born and raised near Devils Lake, the son of Leland and Cecilia Windjue. He grew up on a farm northeast of Devils Lake in Morris Township, along with five brothers and two sisters.

Karn was born and raised near Devils Lake, the daughter of Gordon and Beth Berg. She grew up on a farm, along with three brothers and one sister, east of Webster, North Dakota, in Harding Township.

Les and Karn met and dated throughout high school and were graduates of Devils Lake High School with the class of 1977. They continued their education at Lake Region Junior College (now *Lake Region State College*). Les attended the Farm Management Program under the instruction of Mike Deplazes. Karn graduated with an AAS in Fashion Merchandising/Marketing Management under the instruction of Karen Liere.

They were married in August of 1978 and began their farming career working together with Les' father, Leland, and his brother, Dennis. Their first home was on a farm east of Webster. They moved onto the family farmstead of Les' grandparents, Philip and



Eva Lauinger, in 1983. Here they raised their family of three children— Bethany, Sharlene and Adam—all of whom would go on to attend Lake Region State College.

In later in years, Karn worked for LRSC in Student Services as an Admissions Rep, also known as a “Road Warrior.” She worked side by side with students of all walks of life, and it is here that her passion for LRSC grew.

Les has served on several local boards as well as two terms on the Community College Foundation board of directors. Together Karn and Les attended several Named Scholarship Endowment Recognition Events. This experience of hearing success stories from students attending LRSC and receiving scholarships, along with their own children being recipients of endowed scholarships, left a lasting impression.

Through establishment of this endowment, it is Les and Karn's intent to help secure bright futures for deserving students. They have requested that college and foundation leadership direct proceeds from this endowment to support instructional programs in need. ∞