



Celebrating 38 Years of Giving to the Nicholas School

For Chuck, _____ was not only the starting _____ and the start of their nearly 50-year marriage. The Marine Lab is now a priority of their philanthropy.

Chuck, a retired environmental scientist and a 28-year veteran as a phytoplankton ecologist with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) in Edgewater, MD, recalls trips to Shackleford Island, making hammocks to laze in out of beached fishing nets, and being grounded in a skiff while collecting samples at _____

_____ had no intention of pursuing graduate school, but after getting a taste of self-directed research during the spring semester of my junior year at the Marine Lab, graduate school and a research career seemed like the only desired option.

_____ 1972 while Mindy attended a mini-semester _____ their respective roommates met and later made introductions _____ the rest is history!

The couple has been supporters of the Marine Lab Annual Fund since 1984, increasing their giving over the years and even including the Lab in their estate plans. Their involvement was from a distance until 2018 when Chuck reconnected with the Nicholas School. _____ hosted a group of Nicholas School students from the Duke Conservation Society on a tour of SERC and discussed career tracks with the Nicholas alumni working there _____ That April, we attended my 45th reunion and crashed an event for Nicholas alumni. In July, we attended our first Marine Lab alumni reunion in Beaufort and learned about current research and presentations by some amazing Rachel Carson Scholars.

Chuck and Mindy connected with their Duke regional gift officer and began planning how they could make a meaningful impact for future students who study at the Marine Lab. In the end, Chuck and Mindy decided to stretch their giving by endowing a fund to be used for

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challenging environmental problems our planet faces now and will face in the future. The key to its success will be continuing to inspire in young students a passion for making a difference, and the infusion of fresh ideas by a diverse, cutting-