Honoring a Lifetime of Generosity

Tinkham Veale II receives Case Western Reserve’s President’s Award for Visionary Achievement

Tinkham Veale II’s support of his alma mater began soon after his graduation from the Case Institute of Technology in 1937. His generosity has been a constant over the past 74 years and has been punctuated by a series of leadership gifts that have helped transform the campus for faculty and students. In recognition of these ongoing and inspiring commitments to Case Western Reserve University, Veale received the 2011 President’s Award for Visionary Achievement.

Established in 2008, the award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through exceptional support of Case Western Reserve and whose history of philanthropic service has made a profound, positive and lasting impact on the university’s mission.

Most recently, Veale—through his philanthropic organization, the Veale Foundation—gave the university an opportunity to significantly enhance student life on campus with a $20 million commitment to build the Tinkham Veale University Center. “We’ve never had a true university center on campus. Tink Veale’s generosity will allow us to transform a long-awaited concept into a meaningful reality for our community,” President Barbara R. Snyder says.

Veale’s previous leadership gifts have been utilized to build, enhance and maintain the Veale Convocation, Recreation and Athletic Center and the Veale Natatorium, among other initiatives. “Case Western Reserve University has played a significant role in my personal and professional life,” Veale says. “It is gratifying to know that investments we make in students today will help the region and nation prosper for decades to come.”

Veale registered as a professional engineer with the state of Ohio in 1940 and bought a stake in a prosperous engineered goods manufacturer in 1941. In 1960, he and his associates formed Also Standard Corporation, which grew to be a leader in the manufacturing, distribution and resource fields. Today he is chair and the largest shareholder of HTV Industries, Inc., a private holding company with diversified business holdings, including manufacturing, distribution, technology and banking.