

# Profile:

## Eric and Jane Nord



When Eric T. Nord (CIT '39, HON '98) passed away in June 2008, Case Western Reserve University lost one of its most distinguished and generous alumni. As a co-founder of Nordson Corporation with his brother Evan Nord (CIT '41), Eric Nord grew a modest local firm into a publicly traded international company, personally accumulating more than 25 U.S. patents.

Together, Eric and Jane Baker Nord (GRS '76), the Nord Family Foundation, the Eric and Jane Nord Foundation, and the Nordson Foundation have contributed greatly to Case Western Reserve. Their combined philanthropic support is evident all around campus—in beautiful learning and research spaces and in endowed funds that support faculty, students, and innovative teaching. Their daughter, Virginia Nord Barbato (FSM '72), continues the family's commitment to the university by serving on the Board of Trustees.



**Committed to education** across disciplines, the Nord's have established scholarship funds for arts education, teaching innovation, faculty development, and the Nord Professorship in Engineering.

**Nord Hall.** (pictured right) The Nord's \$5 million gift allowed the Case School of Engineering to convert Enterprise Hall into a hub of engineering education, centralizing academic and administrative functions and providing an atrium and other common areas to give engineering students a sense of community.



**Clark Hall.** Fueled in part by Jane Nord's interest in the arts and community outreach, the Nord's \$3 million commitment helped establish the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1996 and fund the renovation of Clark Hall (above) in which it is housed.

