



## The Albert “Ab” M. Ferris Memorial Scholarship

Ab Ferris has always been a strong advocate of the accounting profession. He taught at the post-secondary level for 40 years, demonstrated a true love of the accounting profession, personally supported every student he taught and encouraged many to achieve excellence in the business and accounting fields. Through his mentorship, he played a key role with many students as they went on to achieve great success in their chosen careers. Ab spent time teaching in Poland for seven years and periods of time in Bermuda, Alberta and Montana, but his greatest passion was teaching at UPEI, earning the trust and respect - and at times the personal friendship - of his students. His engagement and active support in business helped drive prosperity and success in almost every sector of the PEI business community playing a significant role in countless charitable projects touching the lives of people wherever he lived.



Ab’s career was broad both globally and professionally. In retirement he never slowed down, volunteering with his church, travelling and enjoying time with family and friends. Ab loved Charles Dickens “A Christmas Carol” always watching or reading it during the holiday season. One of his favourite lines from that story reflects his life so sweetly...*“And it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us!”*

He often said, *“If you showed the students that you care and that you have an interest in their wellbeing, they will do everything possible not to disappoint you. It’s just such a rewarding experience to work with young people.”* And the outcomes of his teaching career did not disappoint Ferris. He took immense pride in the high quality of accounting students graduating during his time at UPEI. Right up to the time of his passing, he followed the career paths of “his students” with keen interest and great satisfaction. The graduates, he noted, for the large part were simply outstanding during his long run in teaching.

This endowed scholarship has been established by family, colleagues and friends to honour the life and legacy of Albert (Ab) M. Ferris (1939-2020). It stands as a gift to remember his contributions to his family, his community, his work in the field of professional accounting and, in perpetuity, to remember his devotion to the personal well-being and professional advancement of each and every accounting student he taught during his long academic career with the UPEI Faculty of Business.

## Family and Friends of Albert “Ab” Ferris

To all friends, colleagues, and family who loved and admired Ab Ferris as we did, we hope you will appreciate the opportunity to support this endowed scholarship. It has been created at the University of Prince Edward Island to honour Ab’s significant contribution to his academic and professional communities and to ensure that his legacy as an outstanding teacher and mentor lives on in perpetuity.

Once fully endowed through gifts from family, friends and students, this scholarship will be granted to two students, one in the third year of study and one in the fourth year of study in the Faculty of Business in the accounting specialization program who intends to pursue a CPA designation. The scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate a passion for the subject, a strong academic work ethic, and financial need.

We’ve established a goal of \$150,000 to be raised by the end of July that would establish the endowment in perpetuity and allow the presentation of the first two scholarships in September 2021.

**Please consider a gift to this scholarship fund. How to do so is outlined below:**

- Gifts to this scholarship can be made online, via hard mail, or by phone.
- To make a gift online please use the following link: [www.upei.ca/donate](http://www.upei.ca/donate) In the Designate Your Gift space, please select “a designated area or project of my choice” and in the Please Specify space note “The Albert (Ab) M. Ferris Memorial Scholarship”. You can then complete the remainder of the form and submit.
- To make a gift by cheque (hard mail), please make the cheque payable to UPEI and in the Memo line note The Albert (Ab) M. Ferris Memorial Scholarship. It can be mailed to the attention of Rosemary O’Malley-Keyes, Manager of Donor Relations, Development and Alumni Engagement, UPEI, 550 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PE C1A 4P3
- To pay via credit card, please call Rosemary O’Malley-Keyes at (902) 894-2865. Alternatively, please call Sonia O’Connor at (902) 894-2888.

Thank you for considering a gift to Ab’s scholarship. It has been set up with the support and cooperation of the Ferris family to help a student that reflects the passion for community and accounting that Ab exemplified throughout his life.