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"*I remember meeting Dan on my first day of college four years ago. Throughout the four years I have known him, I have been inspired through his lectures, his experiences, his dedication to the FHS program, his faith in humanity and his desire to make a difference. Dan is a wonderful human being and an amazing teacher. Thank you Dan for making a huge difference in my life!*"
~ FHS Student

"*How do we begin to thank you? You recognized talents and abilities in our daughter that even we had never seen. You have given her, not simply a career direction, but the vocation to which we believe she was born. Thank you for challenging our daughter toward a life of love, healing, justice, and joy. Human services indeed!*"
~ FHS Parent

The Daniel Close Scholarship

The Dan Close Scholarship supports outstanding undergraduate students enrolled in the University of Oregon's Family and Human Services program at the College of Education who demonstrate strong community involvement and promise in his or her chosen field. Preference is given to a first-generation college junior with financial need and will be renewable through the student's senior year. The scholarship is named in honor of Daniel W. Close, PhD, in recognition of his role in founding and directing the Family and Human Services program and his mentorship of thousands of students. This scholarship project represents a unified effort among students, faculty, and members of the College of Education community who have had the honor of calling Dan a mentor, colleague, and friend. Established in 2015, the scholarship will be endowed by the year 2020 to honor his legacy in perpetuity.

The Dan Close Legacy

Dan Close, PhD, has been affiliated with the UO since October 1977. He started as a research associate with a courtesy appointment in the Department of Special Education, and was promoted to associate professor in 1985. In 1987 he took a leave of absence to work with Governor Neil Goldschmidt on the federally mandated downsizing and closure of Fairview Hospital and Training Center. He founded the Oregon Supported Living Program that provides residential support to hundreds of adults with developmental disabilities. Dan returned to the UO in 1992 to train special education PhD students; since then he has taught graduate and undergraduate students, founded and directed the Family and Human Services program, and has been integral to local, state, and international efforts in the areas of human services and developmental disabilities. Dan was the first faculty in residence at the UO and happily provided mentorship to hundreds of students in UO residence halls for 15 years.

Since 1978, Dan has taught more than 14,200 students in 300 undergraduate and graduate courses in special education, teacher education, and family and human services. He is recognized throughout the campus community as a valued member of the faculty and has earned numerous awards, including the Thomas F. Herman Award for Lifetime Distinguished Teaching. Dan has served on the boards of directors for many local private nonprofit agencies and has been widely recognized for his work. His commitment to teaching and mentoring students and community partners is unsurpassed.