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Lindsay D. Pettus Scholarship Fund Announced at USCL

USC Lancaster announces the establishment of the D. Lindsay Pettus Endowed Scholarship Fund, which will be awarded to USC Lancaster students who live in Lancaster or Chester Counties.



The award is named for Lancaster historian and conservationist Lindsay Pettus, who not only leaves a legacy of supporting USCL, but also a legacy of helping establish USCL's Native American Studies Center, both which will continue to benefit students for years to come.

Campus Dean, Dr. Walter Collins noted, "It is impossible to quantify the influence that Mr. Pettus's generosity has had on the USC Lancaster campus. We are grateful for his long-standing support, acts of kindness, and philanthropic benevolence that have had and will continue to have tangible impacts on the work of students and faculty."

Pettus was instrumental in acquiring one of the Center's most significant collections of Catawba and Native American culture, serving as the catalyst for the development of the Native American Studies academic program and the Native American Studies Center itself. The collection consists of around 1,000 pieces of Catawba pottery from around 88 potters, the largest collection of Catawba pottery in the world, as well as 65 Pamunkey and 37 Cherokee pots.

"Mr. Pettus was a strong supporter of the Native American Studies Center from the very beginning and he visited us several times a week," said Center Archaeologist and Assistant Director

Christopher Judge. "His donated collection of some 85 pieces of Catawba pottery includes some artists underrepresented in existing collections as well as some unique pieces."

Some of these donated pieces can been seen in the permanent exhibit, "The Story of Catawba Pottery," located in the Center's D. Lindsay Pettus Gallery. While the Center is temporarily closed due to safety concerns regarding current spikes in COVID-19 cases, viewers can take a virtual look at the exhibit at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/PVXG1SVt5oUfD/>.

For more information about the Native American Studies Center, visit www.sc.edu/Lancaster/NAS or call (803) 313-7172.

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USC Lancaster announces the establishment of the D. Lindsay Pettus Endowed Scholarship Fund, named for Lancaster historian and conservationist Lindsay Pettus. USCL's Native American Studies Center houses the D. Lindsay Pettus Gallery which features the permanent exhibit, "The Story of Catawba Pottery."

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