AE Alumni Seek to Endow Award in Memory of AE Student Records Staff Assistant, Sharron Williams

It is hard to believe, but it has been almost six years since the AE Department’s long-time staff assistant, Sharron Williams, lost her battle with cancer and passed away. For many AE alums, Sharron was a go-to resource; she may be most well known for her ever-present candy jar, warm smile, and wealth of advice on all things related to course scheduling and degree audits.

In 2004, the AE Class of 1999 began awarding a scholarship in honor of Sharron. With her passing in 2007, the scholarship has been awarded as the Sharron E. Williams Memorial Scholarship in AE. The current fund is not endowed with Penn State and thus funds are eroding from this account with each annual scholarship given.

With your generosity, we are launching a campaign to finally endow the award in Sharron’s memory. We have a good start, but need your support and dollars to adequately remember our beloved friend and colleague. We must reach our $20,000 goal by December 2013 in order to continue the award at the AE Senior Thesis & Awards Banquet next spring.

To donate via check, please make checks payable to Penn State. In the check memo, please indicate “Sharron Williams Award.” Checks can be sent to: Geoff Halberstadt, College of Engineering, 101 Hammond Building, University Park, PA 16802

To donate online, please visit www.giveto.psu.edu and follow the online giving instructions. Please select “other” and write in the Sharron Williams Award in AE.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for remembering Sharron.

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