Our Generous Benefactor

Kroger Recognized Among Top UGA Honorees

The avid support of Kroger earned the corporation and David Leitch ('73), Atlanta Kroger Metropolitan Area Pharmacy Merchandiser, a respected seat in the spotlight at the University of Georgia’s 2013 Celebration of Support. This annual black-tie event, held at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, recognizes individuals and organizations whose gifts have distinguished them as inductees into The 1785 Society.

For more than 25 years, Kroger has vastly enhanced the quality of our student’s education through its giving. Its generosity to the VisionPlus Comprehensive Campaign encompassed the development of the Kroger Professorship in Community Pharmacy, the White Coat Ceremony, postgraduate training, and the Kroger Learning Center.

Additionally, Kroger has created the Kroger Endowed Student Scholarship along with several outright scholarships, which include The Robert E. Long Kroger Pharmacy Scholarship and the Heidi Flye Kroger Memorial Scholarship. Moreover, Kroger supported the entire Pharmacy South building expansion. The immense support of Kroger in the past is equally represented in its plans for future partnership with the College of Pharmacy exemplified by Leitch, who said, “We are excited to continue building on our long-standing relationship with the UGA College of Pharmacy. Each year, we look forward to supporting the College’s faculty and staff, and helping students achieve their pharmacy careers.”

The contributions of Kroger to the College of Pharmacy are extensive and interweave nearly every aspect of the College. Dana Strickland ('81) executive director of external affairs, stated, “Working with Kroger has been my honor for almost two decades. Through this partnership, I have been privileged to get to know David Leitch both professionally and personally. He is a person that cares deeply about his family, friends, Kroger Pharmacy, the pharmacy profession, and the College of Pharmacy.”

This same enthusiasm is mirrored by Chuck Page ('86), assistant pharmacy merchandiser, “The role of the pharmacist is ever expanding and it’s a pleasure to be a part of a company like Kroger that recognizes the need to further shape the healthcare landscape. Investing in The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and our future is absolutely the right thing to do.”

The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy is honored to be the recipient of such unwavering support.