

**OLLI at Aquinas College honors Deb Bailey and mourns her loss.**

April 28, 2020

Aquinas College President Kevin G. Quinn issued the following statement on the death Monday of Deb Bailey, two-time member of the Board of Trustees and 2020 recipient of the Norbert J. Hruby Emeritus Award presented by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Aquinas College:

“On behalf of the entire Aquinas College community, I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Deb Bailey, former trustee, alumna, volunteer, co-worker and dear friend. I had the chance to speak with her recently as she helped lead our Contributing to More Campaign efforts and as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Aquinas College honored her with the 2020 Norbert J. Hruby Emeritus Award. Deb was a true force of nature, and with her support you felt like you could move mountains. Her loss is profound. We mourn with the Aquinas community and the West Michigan community that she cared for so deeply, and we will continue in her spirit to serve one another and our communities with courage.”

The virtual Emeritus Evening Celebration program honoring Deb Bailey and Mary Alice Williams was recently mailed. If you received this mailing, we ask that you consider writing a message on the provided notecards – or a card of your choice - for Mary Alice, and for Deb’s family. Deb reviewed and approved the Emeritus Evening information. Your personal notes will be a comfort to her family.

Please mail your notes to:

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