Lee Roy Ash Architecture Scholarship

University of Kentucky College of Design Alumnus Lee Roy Ash and his wife Carolyn, of Louisville, KY, have established an endowed scholarship for architecture students through a deferred gift from their estate. The Lee Roy Ash Architecture Scholarship will support one or more annual scholarships for students enrolled in the School of Architecture who have successfully achieved sophomore status and are in good academic standing. The Ashes hope that the scholarship will provide financial support to students, particularly students from Kentucky, to help with the cost of pursuing an architecture degree. Majors in architecture often have expenses for materials, travel and technology beyond tuition, housing and living expenses.

A Louisville native, Lee Roy earned his B.Arch Degree from UK in 1970. His first year in the architecture program was spent in the Reynolds Building, formerly the Reynolds Tobacco Warehouse which is currently being renovated to become the Gray Design Building. When completed, the Gray Design Building will house all the disciplines in the College of Design — architecture, interiors, product design, and historic preservation — as well as the landscape architecture program in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Lee Roy served in the Army after graduating from UK and then earned a Masters of Architecture from Rice University in 1974. He returned to Louisville for a successful career in healthcare facility design and planning until his retirement. Over the course of his career, Lee Roy developed a specialty for creating master plans for hospitals which include complex data analysis and needs assessments for building, renovating and expanding medical facilities. “While developing projects in over 40 states, I most enjoyed the problem solving and programming phases of the architectural process.”

After 55 years of marriage which started while at UK, Carolyn and Lee Roy are very supportive of establishing a scholarship for future generations of UK students. “This scholarship fulfills our vision of a way to give back to both the School of Architecture and the University.”

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