



GOVS WHO LEAD THROUGH SERVICE-

JIM AND MARK HOLLEMAN

Jim Holleman and his son Mark Holleman are a father-son team who have over 45 years of combined service to Austin Peay State University Foundation. With their commitment to Austin Peay and their shared belief that there is no better way to help a young woman or man's prospects than to make an education at Austin Peay State University accessible to them, these individuals have volunteered countless hours of service and support to help grow the APSU Foundation to what it is today.

James Holleman Sr. insists that everyone call him "Jim." Raised in a house on Home Avenue, Jim spent his childhood roaming and playing on the Austin Peay campus. While he did not enroll at the local university, his wife Christa attended for two years and five of his children and daughter-in-laws have attended.

Jim has dedicated much of his adult life to furthering the Austin Peay mission of enriching the Clarksville community and beyond. He began serving on the Austin Peay State University Foundation in the early days of the Foundation. He served as President and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Foundation, and he helped form the Investment Committee to help oversee the growth of the Foundation and University Endowments. Jim has had continuous service to the foundation since it began in the mid-80s. He and his late wife, Christa, established the James G. and Christa Holleman Endowment in the College of Business, and he is a member of the APSU Legacy Planned Giving Society.

Jim had a successful, 55-year career in the real estate and insurance industries as president of Conroy, Marable & Holleman Inc. He also served on a number of boards, including Baptist Health Care Systems, Nashville Baptist Hospital (now St. Thomas Hospital), Baptist Three Rivers Hospital (Waverly, Tennessee), Belmont University, Clarksville Academy, CMH Commercial Properties, Heritage Bank & Heritage Financial Services, Guaranty Federal Savings Bank and Queen City Communications. He served as a council member for the city of Clarksville, as well as a past vice president for Leadership Clarksville and president of the Clarksville Rotary Club. Jim is a life-long member, deacon and past chair of deacons and Sunday School at First Baptist Church.

Mark Holleman, Jim and Christa's son, is a 1987 APSU College of Business graduate. He is a long time business owner, community leader and long-standing member of the Austin Peay State University Foundation. Mark and his wife, Ricki, are both members of the APSU Tower Club and supporters of two of the University's most significant campaigns—the Stadium Improvement Project and the Mabry Concert Hall Celebration. While serving on the APSU Foundation, Mark has advanced from President to Chairman. When the APSU Foundation was transitioning from a long time Executive Director, Mark was asked to remain as Chairman of the Foundation to provide stability and leadership during that transition. Mark agreed without hesitation and has served as four consecutive terms as Chairman. During his tenure, the APSU Foundation has undertaken tremendous changes to better serve the University.

Mark recently sold the family home place on Home Avenue to APSU to support the University's need for continual expansion.

Jim Holleman didn't plan to alter the history of APSU when he and Christa settled into an apartment across the street from campus 62 years ago, but that is what they did when they started their lives as thoughtful citizens of the Clarksville/APSU community.

Through their leadership, Jim and Mark Holleman have established a family legacy that will continue to enhance the University, the Clarksville community and the surrounding region.