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XUGPHSA ALUMNI FUNDRAISING FOR THE "ARLINGHAUS HEALTH COMMONS" IN THE HUB



XUGPHSA Alumni from the years 1966-1992 instantly recognize this man. We all have our own stories about being in the program when he was the MHHA director. We all dutifully collected the "Arlinghaus-O-Grams". We knew he had a few idiosyncrasies, like a fear of heights and needing to be on the first floor in buildings. No matter how we felt about Ed while in the program, there's one truth we alumni all hold about him to this day:

Dr. Edward J. Arlinghaus had no equal in health services administration education and we are the beneficiaries. We emerged as professionals and healthcare executives-to-be with a ton of academic and practitioner skills. We knew how to dress. We understood the 8-5 plus workday. We had year-long administrative residencies. We were ready for healthcare administration executive positions. And we had him to thank.

Since 1958 HSA has been in Hinkle Hall, Boylan Hall, Walker Hall, Becker House, Edgecliff Campus, Cohen Center, and Schott Hall. Now our HSA students have a new academic home in Xavier's Health United Building (HUB). One of the outstanding and much-needed features of the HUB is a large gathering space on the 4th Floor that will be called the "**Arlinghaus Health Commons**". XUGPHSA Alumni are working on the \$1.5M funding to make this happen assisted by XU Development.

Thanks to another well-known MHHA faculty member, **Dr. Al Bocklet**, whom many of us remember and who also served as interim program director in 1992-1993 following Ed's death, we have a video recording of a brief speech by Ed. He was unable to attend the annual ACHE Congress in Chicago in 1990 and so he sent video greetings.

With the magic of Xavier's Digital Media Lab, we now have the original VHS tape preserved on a link, so here's Ed "live" for you to experience and enjoy:

https://app.vidgrid.com/view/kzCC3LIroLNW
Ed never changed his message of constant professionalism or his solid advice focused on our purpose of studying health services administration. The program has continued to maintain those high standards through today, our 61st year, thanks to the outstanding program faculty over the years. We still hold the ideals Ed promoted.

The fundraising is still in progress and we need generous donors from across our XUGPHSA alumni. **Ask yourself, which educational pursuit got you to success as a health services executive?** It wasn't your high school diploma. It wasn't your undergraduate degree. It wasn't some other graduate degree. **It was your Xavier MHHA or MHSA degree.**

Your gift to make the "Arlinghaus Health Commons" naming a reality will establish an important place on Xavier's campus in which everyone can come to meet and to appreciate Dr. Ed Arlinghaus, the person who was responsible for such high standards and excellence in Xavier's health services administration graduate program.

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