



# The Grosso family: planning together



*Diane Holahan Grosso '52 from the 1952 yearbook*



*Frank Grosso and Chris Grosso '85*

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A strong desire to make a positive impact on our youth and a natural wish to honor his family legacy fueled Frank Grosso to create the Grosso Family Scholarship at Allendale Columbia School several years ago. Inspired by the way his scholarship shaped one student's life, Frank recently increased his commitment by including AC in his estate plans. Frank recently shared, “The efficacy of giving is palpable. You feel it. This is such a personal thing, and you are helping somebody.”

The Grosso family is devoted to extending their multi-generational AC legacy to future students. Their connection to AC started in the fall of 1948 when Frank's late wife and love of his life, Diane Holahan Grosso '52 attended high school at the Columbia School. After getting married, Frank and Diane actually lived on the AC campus in the “Honeymoon Cottage” that once stood sandwiched between the nursery school building where Kay Shed taught, now known as Cleveland House, and the AC driveway. Diane's student experience made such a positive impact on her that they decided to send their son Chris '85 to Allendale Columbia. “While it was difficult to pay the tuition, the best thing we ever did was send him to Allendale Columbia. I understand that most current AC

families also find it difficult, and now I am in the position to do something about it.”

After Diane passed away, Frank wanted to honor her, and he changed his legacy strategy. He included Chris in his estate planning and decided to focus on impact. “Our original wills had a more sprinkling effect, giving money to a whole series of organizations, but we decided that it was more meaningful and strong to give a significant gift to a special organization.”

Even though Frank did not attend Allendale Columbia, his desire to honor his family and support our “nation's next generations” inspired him to change his will. “Legacy and family are everything; it is passing the torch and giving. I would like my money to go to my family and to a place we care about and who will use it wisely.”

Frank and his family have and will continue to make an enormously positive, if not life-changing, difference in the lives of future generations of AC students. “Sometimes I get letters that say ‘if it were not for your scholarship, I would not be here,’ and it feels so nice to know we are helping. I am proud of the students we have supported and their accomplishments. I can't think of a better place to support.”