

Michael E. '71 and Belinda Tavary Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2021 by Michael and Belinda Tavary

Belinda and Mike '71 were high school sweethearts who married just four weeks after Mike returned from his senior cruise at Texas A&M University at Galveston. They are blessed with two daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren.

Mike received a bachelor's degree in marine engineering. While a part of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, he has many fond memories: Knowing the Strand before it was the "Strand"; living on board the Clipper docked at Pier 19; enjoying \$2, 16-inch pizza's at Mario's; the olive in the beer glass at the Golden Greek; and three-month cruises to Europe and many islands in between.

Belinda graduated from Texas Woman's University in 1971 with a nursing degree. During her career, she was employed in hospitals, doctor offices and public schools and has enjoyed many volunteer activities since retirement. During Mike's 42-year career with Dow, he worked in the marine, ocean transportation and maintenance technical service departments before retiring in 2016.

Seeing the spirit of the students and staff at Texas A&M-Galveston inspired them to give a scholarship in their names. To the Tavarys, being an Aggie by the Sea means being part of an institution that has given so much to the industry and to themselves. It is their pleasure to give back to the campus that gave Mike his education, experience and training.

