

## David V. Aldrich Memorial Scholarship in Marine Ecology

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**Established in 2024 by Anita S. Aldrich '67**

Anita Aldrich, class of 1967 established this scholarship to honor her late husband and continue his philosophy that every student has potential and that financial means should not be an impediment to their education.

After graduating from Kenyon College in 1950 and earning his Ph.D. from Rice University in 1954, David began his career as a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Passionate about teaching, he joined the marine biology faculty at Texas A&M University at Galveston in 1966, where he furthered his research on toxic dinoflagellates and taught graduate courses in mariculture and estuarine ecology for 26 years until his retirement. When he wasn't in the classroom, he would be found teaching students lessons in ping pong during lunch. I've had the pleasure of talking with several folks that were on the Fort Crockett campus during this time... and the ping pong games sound like a shared core memory for everyone!



Anita received a master's degree in biology from Texas A&M University. Although she was awarded her degree from the College Station campus, she completed her studies in Galveston, making her one of our very first female students – it's also where she met David.



Anita was a research technician in the same lab as David and continued to work in this lab for 20 years. Through this scholarship, Anita aims to support students pursuing a degree in marine biology, with a focus on marine ecology, in honor of David's commitment to recognizing and providing opportunities for promising students. Thank you, Anita, for establishing this meaningful and impactful scholarship.