

THE AUBURN FAMILY'S

Enduring Legacy



INGRID SHAVERS-LEWIS '15 is an educator who believes that learning is a lifelong process. It is this conviction, combined with her love of Auburn University, that led her to include a bequest in her will to create three

scholarships for future Auburn students.

"My hope is that my gift will continue to give students what they need to transform their lives and develop a love of learning," she said.

Shavers-Lewis describes her own path to an Auburn degree as "perfectly imperfect."

In 1985, her time on the Plains began. While on a school break, she took an exam for a well-paying government job, never believing she would land the position. But she did, and after making a difficult decision, she left Auburn during the 1987 spring quarter.

Eventually, she married and had children, and her plans for returning to college were put on hold. At the age of 40, she

decided to pursue what she had left behind. She obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary education from a local university in Birmingham, then went on to receive her master's degree in collaborative education.

"But there was still a void," Shavers-Lewis said. "Even though I had two degrees from other institutions, I had unfinished business with 'the love of my life' — Auburn University. I never had closure, and Auburn never left my heart. I was determined to finish what I started."

In 2014, she enrolled in Auburn's Education Specialist program and graduated in 2015 with an Ed.S. and a 4.0 GPA.

"I began this journey in 1985, and it wasn't until 30 years later that I finally accomplished my goal," she said. "Of all the degrees I have received, there is only one that hangs on my wall with pride — the one from Auburn."

Through her planned gift, Shavers-Lewis will create similar opportunities for an Auburn education for those who come after her.