



James M. Golding Memorial Fund

Three years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, James M. Golding passed away peacefully on June 10th, 2020 at a long-term care facility in Florida. Jim graduated from the Ohio State University with a degree in Engineering and shortly thereafter earned his P.E. (Professional Engineer) certification of which he was extremely proud. After college, Jim relocated to the Pittsburgh area and began a long and storied career as the Manager of Purchasing with Aristech Chemical Corporation, a division of U.S. Steel Corporation, before becoming the Managing Director - Purchasing at FedEx Ground in Pittsburgh, eventually retiring in 2012. For many years, he served on the board of directors of a skilled care facility near his home of Upper Saint Clair.

Jim's involvement with PFEW began in 1993 when he served alongside 14 other rookie Company Advisors during the brand-new Week 3 session when the program expanded to four weeks. That experience was so powerful it would mark the start of a 24-year love affair with PFEW. Jim mentored a total of 33 PFEW teams, often volunteering for multiple weeks when extra help was needed. He was so committed to PFEW that in 2015, he served as a Company Advisor for three of our five sessions! He impacted the lives of over 500 students during his tenure and even mentored teachers who took part in the PFEW Educator Program in the 1990's. Always the first to say 'yes' to PFEW, he was instrumental in the creation and eventual purchase of PFEW's business simulation and primary programming tool, BizSim which remains in use today. Jim spent years working to refine the program to make it relevant and an invaluable learning tool for our students. Known by many as "Sim Jim", he loved doing the Monday morning presentations and working with countless high school students as they struggled to understand this complex college level simulation.

Never one to shy away from an opportunity to help, Jim was named to the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education's board of directors in 1999, and for the next 17 years served with distinction as Treasurer and Vice Chairman. Jim also served multiple times as a Stockholders Judge at the program. His generosity didn't stop with volunteering. Over his time with PFEW, he personally sponsored 62 students to attend PFEW.

Jim absolutely loved helping students figure things out. He loved and was loved by his fellow Company Advisors. He possessed a keen intellect but an even keener sense of humor, and each year his cackling laugh could be heard reverberating through the halls of PFEW. He was a man of deep faith who dedicated his life to helping others and he was a true friend to all who had the privilege to know him. His legacy of kindness, caring and generosity lives on in the James M. Golding Memorial Fund of the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education.