



Remembering Evelyn Allen

Lifelong student and benefactor of Napa Valley College

Someone once said that leadership is an action, not a position. Evelyn Allen, Napa Valley College alumna, embodied the actions of leadership.

Born in 1926 into a humble home, Evelyn knew she wanted to make a difference in the world. She first trained as a journalist and a teacher and capped off a 25-year teaching career by enrolling at JFK University where she earned a law degree. After working in the legal field for a few years, she went back to Napa Valley College where her insatiable desire to learn led her to viticulture and wine making classes. She went on to own and manage a premium vineyard in the Napa Valley for many years.

For Evelyn, leadership meant actions, not positions. She mentored students throughout her life. She gave opportunities to those who needed them most. Her generosity to the College grew with every passing year, and she personally sponsored many Napa Valley College students throughout their educational careers. Evelyn was a woman of actions. She was a real leader and her love for the students and the College will live on in perpetuity.

Evelyn passed away on May 8, 2021 and gifted the bulk of her estate to the Napa Valley College Foundation. The estate includes three Napa Valley homes and her 13-acre "Evelyn's Vineyard," all in support of the College's agriculture and adaptive physical education departments.

We are humbled by Evelyn's generosity, and grateful for the legacy of support she left to the College.



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