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My name is Tina Ottman and I am a biology professor on the Collier Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College. I am writing to ask for your support for a very special project on our campus in Naples, Florida. I have obtained permission from the college administration to coordinate the installation of a gazebo in front of the J-Building to benefit all of the students, staff, faculty and visitors with a shaded place to relax between classes and enjoy the beautiful paradise we call home.

This gazebo will serve as a Memorial to our beloved English professor, **Dr. James Langlas**, who, sadly, passed away in August 2018. Jim was a friend to everyone and had a way of making students, colleagues, and staff feel special and significant. He truly listened to even casual conversations and thought carefully about his responses, making sure his words would only bring comfort, strength, wisdom, and joy.

He had a knack with words and many of his poems have been published, where they continue to speak to readers. In his book, "Heart of a Warrior", Jim drew upon his 40-plus years of practicing and teaching Taekwondo to present seven simple but powerful principles drawn from the martial arts tradition and also tied to modern character education to help his students build happy, healthy, successful lives.

The seven principles, to be incorporated into the gazebo design to allow for inspiration and personal reflection, are:



Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control, Indomitable Spirit, Community Service and Love

The cost of this project includes the gazebo and installation, signage for the seven principles, site preparation, and landscaping (Jim was especially fond of gardenias).

Any funds raised in excess of the amount needed to complete this project will be given to the Dr. James Langlas Memorial Scholarship Fund. Additionally, if this campaign does not raise enough money to actually put up the gazebo by the end of the fundraising campaign, any donated funds will instead be given to the Dr. James Langlas Memorial Scholarship Fund as well, so that your donation will still serve to honor his memory.

I am hoping that this request can be shared with all students from FSW who were lucky enough to know Dr. Langlas. Your donation to this project will allow future students to know how special he was to all of us and to learn from him as well. **Every donation, no matter how small, is a show of love and respect for Dr. Langlas.**

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.