



BROMMEL-HAHS-STEINBERG SCHOLARSHIP IN GLOBAL STUDIES

The entire field of higher education has been rapidly changing. Students now must take a larger view of the world and study how other places, cultures, and economic systems interact! Northeastern must now prepare more students to face a complicated and interwoven national and international government system. Both Dr. Sharon Hahs and her predecessor, Dr. Salme Steinberg, have led the way in expanding the mission of Northeastern to encompass global issues. In 2013 a major and minor in Global Studies was created and has now graduated many students.

This scholarship honors the leadership of these first two women presidents of Northeastern. " Dr. Steinberg encouraged and helped me start the 1846 Founders Society, an organization to solicit gifts and endowments to further projects, lecturers, scholarships and faculty research projects," said Dr. Brommel. " Strangely Northeastern with roots going back to 1846 had little or no endowment. There were far too few scholarships. I had approached other presidents at NEIU to bolster support for this endeavor. I got nowhere. The earlier presidents dismissed me and said there was no need, for they got enough funds from the legislature in Springfield. I never trusted those politicians to consistently provide the necessary resources to maintain a first-rate university!"

Dr. Brommel continued, " Dr. Steinberg listened in a different way and acknowledged the needs that state funds do not meet. She became co-founder of the Founders Society, and hosted the first events. Today we know of some 60-70 people who have indicated an interest and commitment in their estate plans to give something to Northeastern. Dr. Steinberg throughout her 13 years as

Dr. Hahs has continued to encourage the Founders members with annual receptions in her home. Her gracious hospitality and home provide a place for us to meet. In the fall of each year, there is an annual meeting and public program that presents the progress and development activities of the university. Key supporters have been recognized and honored for their gifts. In her years as president, her efforts continue to build the endowment. When I mention that the first \$10 million