

LINDEMANN LEAVES HIS *Mark* ON LYNN



President Kevin Ross, Stefano Papaleo, Don Ross, Charles Lindemann and Angela Juliano at the annual Employee Recognition Breakfast



Torie Clarke, CNN correspondent and former Pentagon spokesperson, with Charlie Lindemann and Carol Moseley Braun, former senator and one-time presidential hopeful

Charles "Charlie" Lindemann, a longtime friend and benefactor of Lynn University, passed away last December, leaving his mark on Lynn University and on the hearts of those on campus.

Lindemann helped advance the university by serving on its board of overseers for more than 20 years. He was treasured by faculty and staff for his endowment of the Employee of the Year Award program.

Born June 25, 1908, in Philadelphia, Lindemann studied mathematics at Temple University for two years and completed a seven-year program in mechanical engineering, earning a degree from Drexel University in 1936. He completed the program in four years, finishing first in his class.

He worked as chief draftsman for Electric Storage Battery Company and Atwater Kent Manufacturing Company and as an engineer for Philco Radio. In 1937, Lindemann joined General Electric (GE), where he received numerous achievement awards and five patents, including developing a patent for automatic washing machine timing devices.

During World War II, Lindemann worked in GE's War Project Division where he helped design protective crash helmets for soldiers, airplane grenade launchers, and a submarine detector. He also constructed a radio that identified the location of fighter pilots shot down into water and an improved ignition system for a fighter plane.



A young Charlie Lindemann

In 1968, Lindemann retired from GE and moved with his wife, Margaret, to Boca Raton. Margaret died in 1980. Lindemann remarried, and he and his second wife, also named Margaret and known as "Peg II," became very involved with Lynn.

In 2001, Lindemann endowed the Charles and Margaret Lindemann Employee of the Year Award through a personal gift and matching funds from GE. The award is given out each year in April at the Employee Recognition Breakfast. Lindemann attended every breakfast. Additionally, he gifted Lynn with a Daneker grandfather clock, which now stands in the president's office.

Recognizing the role Lynn plays in preparing students for personal and professional success, Lindemann provided for the university in his will, continuing his practice of making gifts to the university. While his 100th birthday was just beyond reach, there are hundreds of students who will benefit from his generosity, ensuring that Lindemann's legacy lives on.