

## LOST FACULTY AND STUDENTS REMAIN FOREVER IN OUR MINDS AND HEARTS



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### ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP MAKES LYNN HISTORY



Ralph Norcio, associate dean and professor of finance and accounting in Lynn's College of Business and Management, was awarded the university's first-ever endowed professorship thanks to a generous \$1.5 million gift from the Homer and Martha Gudelsky Family Foundation. This high honor is in recognition of Norcio's consistently outstanding performance and ability.

"It was indeed a great honor for me to be awarded the Homer and Martha Gudelsky Endowed Professorship in Business," says Norcio. "The award is especially gratifying since the recognition was the result of my passion for teaching and advising students at Lynn University."

"The Homer and Martha Gudelsky Endowed Professorship in Business is not simply an individual honor for me but validation of the academic programs in general, and the business program in particular, at Lynn University," he adds.

"The Gudelsky family has been very successful in the private sector and their commitment to Lynn University is another winning investment in their portfolio."

#### *Editor's Note:*

*Norcio also was named one of the 2010-11 Faculty Members of the Year by the deans of the university's five academic colleges, the Conservatory of Music, School of Aeronautics and Institute for Achievement and Learning, as well as by a vote of faculty peers.*

### GUDELSKY FAMILY GENEROSITY EXTENDS TO STUDENTS



The newly-established Martha Gudelsky Endowed Scholarship provides funds to students in need who demonstrate exemplary talent and leadership potential. Energy Maburutse of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, is the first recipient of this scholarship.

"In my Shona culture, when a child is born, the whole village celebrates the feather in the parents' cap. But on Oct. 15, 1989, when the third child was

born to the Maburutse family, not any beasts were slaughtered. Instead, years of conflict and finger-pointing began because I was the first disabled person born to the extended family, the first disabled person born in my village," writes Maburutse, who has Brittle Bone Syndrome.

Although most children like him in Zimbabwe are kept at home, mostly out of shame, his mother sent him to school in the capital of Harare when he was 7. That is where he learned that he was not alone – there were tens of thousands of disabled children like him; and a vehicle, called a wheelchair, not only existed, but could offer him means of getting around on his own.

Motivated to prove wrong all those who doubted his ability to succeed scholastically, Maburutse was determined to advance in his studies. He was awarded a scholarship to continue his education in Zimbabwe at the King George IV School for Disabled Children, where he learned independent living and gained self-esteem and hope for his future.

Lynn University is pleased to welcome Energy to campus, where he is currently enrolled in the Eugene M. and Chistine E. Lynn College of International Communication. His life goal is to become a leader in disability rights across the globe. "I need to sort out how a young boy in a wheelchair from a remote corner of a landlocked country can make a difference," he says.