Douglas Hagestad Education Fund

Established in Memory of Doug Hagestad – teacher, leader, railroader, and above all….Friend!

Douglas Dean Hagestad was a passionate teacher, a relentlessly positive colleague, and a rock-solid friend to those lucky enough to be close to him. Doug died on the morning of July 26th, 2007, succumbing to heart problems he suffered for many years. He was 63 years old.

Doug joined the Transportation Center officially in August of 2006, when he was appointed Associate Director. But he worked with the Center for years beforehand, animating the Sandhouse Gang since its inception, and helping it grow into the lively forum it is today.

Beyond any single contribution, or his vast wealth of experience and knowledge, he is missed most for the enthusiasm and warmth he shared every day with his friends and colleagues.

Hagestad Education Fund Established

Following Doug’s unexpected passing, the Transportation Center announced the establishment of the Douglas Hagestad Education Fund in Doug’s honor to support the programs closest to his heart.

The Hagestad Fund will provide financial support for the continued activities and programs of the Hagestad Sandhouse Gang. In addition, in keeping with Doug’s commitment and affection for students, a primary focus of the Fund will be to support opportunities for students involved in transportation studies and programs at Northwestern, including support for student research, attendance at academic and professional conferences and meetings, field trips, and career development. It will also provide funding for the management and promotion of the Center’s undergraduate Minor in Transportation & Logistics which is providing a unique introduction to the field of transportation to impressionable undergraduate students looking for interesting career options.

Donations to the Hagestad Fund can be sent to the Transportation Center, Northwestern University, 600 Foster, Evanston, IL 60208.

See attached response form for additional information.