

About Diane and Gary Tooker

Tooker House, a new Arizona State University seven-story, co-ed living and learning community, is named for ASU alumni and long-time supporters Diane and Gary Tooker.

Diane Tooker is an alumna of ASU's Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College (BAE '61) and Gary Tooker is an alumnus of the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering (BAE '62). She is a former elementary school teacher and business owner and he is former chairman and CEO of Motorola.

A legacy of Sun Devil support

The Tookers' contributions in support of the advancement of ASU and the New American University mission and charter include generous gifts made over the course of 34 years to the Fulton Teachers College, Fulton Schools of Engineering, Arizona PBS, Educational Outreach and Student Services, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sun Devil Athletics and other programs. In addition, the couple has led numerous ASU advancement efforts through programs including the ASU Foundation's Women & Philanthropy and President's Club engagement groups.

Gary is an ASU trustee, served on the ASU Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1992 to 1994 and from 1994 to 1997, served on the board of the ASU Research Park in Tempe and served on the Engineering Dean's Advisory Board.

Together, the Tookers have advanced ASU through the President's Club as lifetime members, serving as co-chairs from 2011 to 2013. Diane and Gary have invested both as individuals and through the Tooker Family Foundation to create endowed scholarships for students, supporting the ASU Medallion of Merit Scholars Program, President's Club scholarships, and endowed scholarships in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College and the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering.

In late 2007, the couple endowed the Diane and Gary Tooker Chair and Professorships in Effective Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The multidisciplinary appointment combines their areas of undergraduate study and their passions: using science and engineering to improve education.

ASU recognition

Gary received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1983, an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1996 and an Engineering Excellence Award in 1999.

Also in 1999, Diane and Gary were joint recipients of ASU's James W. Creasman Award of Excellence.

Industry leadership

Gary Tooker joined Motorola in 1962, rising to chief operating officer in 1988, president in 1990 and vice chairman and CEO in 1993. He retired from Motorola after serving as chairman of the board from 1997 to 2000.

In addition to serving on Motorola's board of directors, Gary served on the boards of Eaton Corp, Avnet Inc., ARCO, and Axcelis Technologies, Inc. He also served as a board member and Chair of Board on a number of industry association boards, including the U.S. Semiconductor Industry Association, the American Electronics Association, the Pacific Basin Economic Council, and the Chicago Junior Achievement board. He has served on the Business Roundtable and the executive committee of the Council on Competitiveness, and as a director of the National Alliance of Business . Additionally, Gary was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering in 1996.

Gary's contributions to fostering Arizona's tech sector were recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award presented at the Governor's Celebration of Innovation in 2012.