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Quick Facts

- Reconnecting with her late professor's family encouraged Boyer to give two new gifts totaling \$26K to the Sadie Livingston Boyer – Dale Boyer Endowed Scholarship Fund.
- Boyer, a math major, had a successful 32-year career with NASA's Langley Research Center.



Sadie Boyer

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – One piece of advice from a math professor had a profound impact on **Sadie Boyer's** career and life. Nearly 60 years later, she's had the opportunity to thank her professor's family and pay forward that kindness through a scholarship for **young women pursuing STEM careers**.

Boyer's connection with the late professor's family helped her decide to make **two major gifts totaling more than \$26,000** to the **Sadie Livingston Boyer – Dale Boyer Endowed Scholarship Fund**. The fund supports students majoring in mathematics, chemistry, biology, environmental studies, human nutrition or pre-engineering, with

first preference given to female students.

As a Winthrop senior in 1958, **Boyer** said she had plans to work for a stock brokerage firm. But Professor of Mathematics **G.W. Hahn**, who recognized her talents, warned **Boyer** that opportunities for women in the field were slim and encouraged her to pursue other career options. Hahn's advice led her to accept a position with **NASA** – the beginning of a fruitful 32-year career punctuated with numerous achievements and firsts.

Hahn's earnest advice, Boyer explained, changed the course of her career and her life. At NASA, **Boyer** was able to advance, and she and her husband, Dale, were able to save money and travel the world.

"Over all those years, I've thought about this man and realized that if he hadn't come to me and advised me, I probably would have gone to work for a stock brokerage firm and been stuck there," said **Boyer**, who credited **Ken Sheetz**, associate vice president for advancement at Winthrop, with helping her locate Hahn's family.

Connecting with his family in Maryland has given her "great closure," while learning more about Hahn's life encouraged Boyer's decision to make additional gifts to the **Sadie Livingston Boyer – Dale Boyer Endowed Scholarship Fund**.

"Part of Professor Hahn's happiness was helping people," said **Boyer**. "I had the wonderful opportunity to thank the family of the man who made my life better, and who made the lives of other people better."

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