

Richters fund tutors for students with learning disabilities

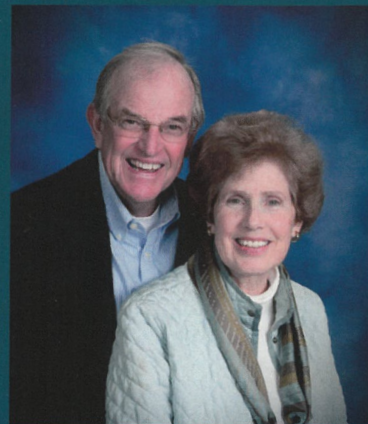
An endowed fund created by **James Richter '65** and his late wife, **Julia Irwin Richter '65**, will provide crucial academic support for students with significant learning disabilities.

The Richters established the James '65 and Julia Irwin Richter '65 Learning Support Endowed Fund to provide and increase intervention, remediation and accommodations for Hanover's students with dyslexia, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, general anxiety disorder or other learning disabilities. Through the gift, a group of nearly 20 student instructors – Richter Tutors – will work in conjunction with the Gladish Learning Center to provide a vital supplement to the College's extensive academic assistance and accommodations. The mentors will be paired with students who need additional support in navigating their academic and personal journeys. Building on each person's strengths, the partnership will use an individualized approach to help students create a foundation for academic success, overcome areas of challenge and navigate college life.

The Richter Tutors will also provide professional development opportunities for Hanover's faculty members and student mentors. Selected students, along with professors and Gladish Center professional staff members, will receive training to use multi-sensory approaches that support students with learning differences.

Julia Richter, who died Nov. 15, 2024, was a pioneer in education for students with dyslexia. She founded Camp Delafield for Children and the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana (DII). A lifelong educator, she taught in public and private schools, capping her teaching career with 20 years of service as a learning support teacher at The Orchard School in Indianapolis.

In 1993, Richter received the International Dyslexia Association Indiana Excellence in Education Award. She was awarded the Excellence in Education Teaching Award from the Indiana branch of the International Dyslexia Association in 2003. In 2018, she was presented with the International Dyslexia Association Indiana Lifetime Achievement Award and received DII's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.



James and Julia Irwin Richter

