

## Generous Gift from Carter Family Revamps Library's Academic Success Center



*The newly renovated Carter Center for Academic Success includes a space for the PRIDE program, which focuses on academic & personal excellence for student-athletes. Donna Winge photo.*

In the summer of 2020, the Carter Center for Academic Success, formerly known as the Academic Resources Center, received a facelift thanks to alumnus Maury Carter '53 and his family.

"Seven siblings from my generation were Ferrum scholars," said Carter. "Ferrum College provided more than a college textbook education. Taught there was an outstanding education, but equally important: compassion."

"It is an exciting time for those of us who work in the Carter Center for Academic Success," said Dean of Student Success and Assistant Professor David Wiggins. "Now the Carter Center is even more beautiful and functional. The students are thankful for a place where they can study individually or collectively, get peer-assisted tutoring, and learn new skills to help them with their academic success. We are very grateful to the Carter family for their gift."

Located on the lower level of Ferrum College's library, the newly renovated Carter Center is open 24 hours a day and boasts all new furniture, paint, carpeting, and ceiling tiles, plus a new camera and monitoring system. It provides resources and services to help students achieve their greatest academic potential, including one-on-one tutoring support, individual advising sessions, study groups for first-year students and military veterans, and support for students with learning differences.

Carter's family was not financially secure during the College's early days. "A family of ten. Mom and Dad and eight siblings," remembered Carter. "A poor family a bit different from the students from more populated areas. Our parents could not have afforded to send any of us to college. Ferrum College made the dream of attending college possible for our family. The professors understood us and taught us well."

After graduating from Ferrum, Carter went on to enjoy a successful career in real estate investment, primarily in Virginia and central Florida. Based in Orlando, Maury L. Carter & Associates has closed approximately \$1,500,000,000 in real estate transactions on over 200,000 acres of land since the 1990s.

"The Carter family moved to Ferrum in 1914, one year after the College opened, and have been part of the Ferrum story ever since," explained Vice President for Institutional Advancement Wilson Paine '07. "This gift represents over one hundred years of support from the Carter family, and is a testament to their commitment to our students, the College, and the region."

"I love the people there," said Carter. "I love the town and Ferrum College. When I am on the College's campus, I have a special feeling: a feeling of being at home."

Learn more about the Carter Center for Academic Success by visiting [here](#).

Read 1953 alumnus Maury Carter's full thoughts below:

*"Not Self, But Others.' Ferrum College provided more than a college textbook education. Taught there was an outstanding education, but equally important: compassion. 'Not Self, But Others.'*

*"There in them hills was a family called Carter. A family of ten. Mom and Dad and eight siblings. Seven siblings from my generation were Ferrum scholars. A poor family a bit different from the students from more populated areas. Our parents could not have afforded to send any of us to college. Ferrum College made the dream of attending college possible for our family. The professors understood us and taught us well.*

*"I believe my brother began attending Ferrum around 1920. Many of our family members have attended during our 100 year relationship with Ferrum College.*

*"On a personal note, I say that Ferrum College kept me out of tanks in Korea. I graduated in 1953 and entered the U.S. Army. After the rigorous basic training, we were being assigned locations, most to Korea. Out of a group of several hundred, I was selected to serve as a personnel specialist. This assignment taught me how to perform in an office environment and it prepared me for a position in aerospace.*

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For an in-depth account of Carter's early life and achievements, please visit the Maury L. Carter & Associates, Inc. website.