



## **Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation**

*Changing Lives...Making Dreams Come True.*

### **Who Is L.L. Via?**



*The L.L. Via Scholarship was established in memory of a highly respected and much loved business educator in Arizona. Via—as he was called—was a man of great vision, endless energy, as well as enthusiasm. He had a deep commitment to providing the highest quality of education for students enrolled in business and information technology courses at the community college level.*

*In addition, Via mentored and provided guidance to a large number of business educators throughout the state as they began and continued their business education teaching careers.*

*Via taught at William Woods University in Missouri, Montana State University in Havre, Montana, and the University of Denver before beginning his teaching career in Arizona at Arizona Western College in the mid-60s. He was one of the “founding fathers” of Maricopa Technical College—now known as GateWay Community College—in 1968. He transferred to Scottsdale Community College in 1974 and continued his teaching at SCC until his retirement.*

*Via genuinely cared about students and conveyed to each student the importance of setting educational and career goals. He also assured students that they had the potential to achieve those goals if they were willing to work hard and not be distracted from their educational journey.*

*In memory of Via and his commitment to education, his many friends and colleagues established this scholarship in his name.*