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## **Couple supports University's values education initiative**

A couple from Los Angeles has pledged \$1 million in cash and deferred gifts to support the University's effort to incorporate discussion about values into the academic and CO-curricular experiences of all students. Donors are Hugh Smith, a 1953 graduate, and his wife, Barbara Smith.

The announcement was made last night at a dinner attended by board members of the Alumni Association and the BGSU Foundation Inc. as well as by members of the University's Board of Trustees.

The gift will enable the University to increase the number of incoming freshmen who participate in BGeXperience: Vision and Values.

Now in its third year, the general education instruction incorporates critical thinking about values to make learning relevant and applicable to decision-making in everyday life. It is the only program of its kind at a public university in the country.

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