

Theodore (“Ted”) Spak (1932 – 2016)



From left to right: Dean R. Alexander Acosta; Robert Spak; Rosalind Spak; Ted Spak; President Mark Rosenberg; and Howard Lipman, Senior Vice President of FIU Advancement.

Theodore Spak served for 25 years as a member of the FIU Foundation Board of Directors and is an Emeritus Director of the Foundation. He supported FIU since its founding as one of the first major donors in FIU history. He was the founder of FIU’s football program and helped to build the presidential house. He was a founder of the medical and law schools. He helped establish the Albert Morrison Jr. Scholarship Endowment for students in the School of Accounting. With gifts and donations to numerous programs, he began the Theodore and Rosalind Spak Scholarship Endowment in 1997. In 2013, the Spaks expanded their original endowment, donating \$1.2 million to the College of Law. In addition, they donated \$50,000 for the Albert Morrison Jr. Endowment at FIU and donated artwork to the Frost Art Museum.

Theodore Spak, a lawyer and businessperson, began his career as a credit analyst for First National Bank of Chicago in 1952. He was also on the board of Florida Grand Opera and was a trustee of the Beth David Congregation. He was an early donor to the University of Miami’s medical school. He made substantial

contributions to his alma mater, Northwestern University School of Law. He died at 83 in 2016.

“The Spaks are an integral part of the FIU fabric and two of our most enthusiastic supporters,” said FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg. “Ted had a vision for FIU very early on. The Spaks’ many contributions of time and treasure have helped us advance and improve our students’ educational experience.”

“On behalf of the College of Law, I want to thank the Spak family for their generous contribution that will benefit both our current and future students,” said R. Alexander Acosta, Dean of the College of Law at FIU. “They believed in the College of Law before its doors were opened and their continued support is a testament to the quality legal education we provide here at FIU.”