During his 57 years as an educator, Nelson L. Haggerson, BA’49, opened a new high school and an experimental elementary school, and supervised 201 doctoral dissertations.

The Classes

Clever Hands and Claw Feet

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David Strayhorn, MD’59

Peyton Hoge

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Shumway performed the first human heart transplant in the United States in January 1968. He and a surgical team at Stanford performed the transplant on a 54-year-old steelworker who died 14 days after the operation. While some on the same path gave up, Shumway continued his research, helping to improve techniques and patient survival rates. Thirteen years later he performed the first heart-lung transplant.

The son of a Michigan dairy farmer, Shumway joined the faculty at Stanford in 1958 and remained there his entire career. He also pioneered a procedure for correcting birth defects through bypass surgery and developed techniques for total surgical correction of “blue baby” heart defects.

Shumway is survived by his ex-wife; a son, Michael; three daughters, Amy, Lisa and Sara, MD’79, who directs the heart and lung transplantation program at the University of Minnesota; and two grandchildren.

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His father, also a physician, made furniture as well, and David picked up the hobby at an early age. His wife, Sue, thinks it has been a perfect pastime for a busy internist, now retired. “He would come home from work, change clothes, and run down the stairs—three at a time—to get to his shop. So he was always at home for the kids and for his patients who called,” she says.
What Goes Around Comes Around

Soon after Al Dotson arrived in Miami to start his legal career, he and nine other businessmen started 100 Black Men of South Florida to extend the reach of its parent organization, 100 Black Men of America.

Today, Dotson is chairman of the international 100 Black Men organization, overseeing activities of 205 chapters worldwide. In addition to one-on-one mentoring, the organization and local chapters provide hundreds of scholarships and sponsor educational opportunities for thousands of students.

But the most important thing 100 Black Men offers young people is “the opportunity to meet people they otherwise would not meet, who will expose them to career opportunities and positive life choices,” says Dotson, who is an equity partner with Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod.

“Our programs enable young people—many of whom have never left their neighborhoods—to travel to other cities and gain exposure to different cultures and lifestyles.”

In the 16 years since Dotson and colleagues founded the South Florida Chapter, some of the young men he mentored have returned and joined the organization. “There’s nothing more rewarding than seeing that cycle complete itself and repeat itself.”

“Steven Winkler, BA’76, and his wife, Monica, helped set up a field hospital for Katrina victims at an empty K-Mart store in Baton Rouge, La.”
"Andrea Zonn, BMus’93, has produced a CD featuring music of Scotland, Ireland and the United States."

Rebuilding Lives

"Talk about some serious community health care," says Kathleen Quinn. "I didn’t realize that I knew emergency medicine until Katrina hit and I was faced with people in the streets needing help."

A psychotherapist and a nurse practitioner in women’s health, Quinn has offices and homes in New Orleans and in Pass Christian, Miss. Both became part of Katrina’s ground zero.

Two days after the hurricanes, Quinn returned to Pass Christian and began providing health services with supplies from her medical bag. The National Guard brought patients to her severely damaged home for treatment because it was one of the few standing buildings.

"Six thousand doctors and nurses from down here will not be coming back," she says. "We are still sorely lacking in hospitals in New Orleans and on the Gulf Coast." She currently is the only psychotherapist practicing in Orleans Parish, and the sole health-care provider in Pass Christian.

When the question arose as to whether Pass Christian might be bulldozed, Quinn took a political stand to protect remaining properties. She has become Pass Christian’s watchperson on the ground. "We will rebuild the Pass," she declares.

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