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His retirement dinner in late January marked the formal end of the Harry Shucker Era at Furman — but certainly not the end of his legacy to the university.

After more than 40 years as a Furman student and administrator, the last 22 as vice president for student services, Shucker, a 1966 graduate, began the “retired” phase of his life — as a temporary volunteer for the Furman development office. One of his tasks has been to help raise $500,000 to endow the university’s leadership programs, which have been named in his honor.

Shucker says he considers establishment of the leadership programs one of his greatest accomplishments at Furman. Directed by Kim Keefer, the programs promote the ideals of citizenship and community service and are designed to help students develop and pursue leadership opportunities on campus and off. They reflect Shucker’s belief that “leadership is an action, not a position.”

Emilyn Sanders, an outgoing member of the board of trustees, has said, “After serving as a trustee representative on the Student Services Committee for more than 10 years, I can say that at all times student issues were Dr. Shucker’s issues. He was never affected by the success of an undertaking. If he felt it the right thing to do, he was for it regardless of the possible outcome.”

Certainly the marks of a true leader. And given Shucker’s pride in the success of the leadership programs, naming them in his honor is the perfect way to extend his legacy at Furman.

To join students, alumni, colleagues, friends and family in supporting the Shucker Leadership Programs, call Betsy Moseley ’74, director of special projects, at (864) 294-3491, or e-mail betsy.moseley@furman.edu.