The Janis Davis Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Janis Davis, wife of Wayland Baptist University’s eleventh President, Wallace E. Davis, lived in Plainview only a few years but exerted a profound influence upon the university and its surrounding community. Janis quietly assisted students who showed great promise but had limited financial means through procuring the help of others who invested in their education.

She led efforts to renovate the women’s residence halls and was instrumental in the dedication ceremonies of the Learning Resources Center.

Janis was born in Bastrop, Louisiana. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in 1953, and her master’s degree from the same university in 1955. Janis and Wallace Davis were married on August 20, 1955 in Jasper, Texas. She taught in the Corpus Christi Independent School District from 1955 until she moved to Plainview with her husband in 1991. The Davis family was active members of First Baptist Church in Corpus Christi, and later at First Baptist Church, Plainview, where Janis was a member of the Searchers Sunday School Class.

Several hundred individuals and organizations contributed to this scholarship to pay tribute to a woman whose faith, love, and encouragement created positive change at Wayland Baptist University.