

Young Alumni Donor using monthly gift to preserve a legacy

*The Young Alumni Club allows recent Adrian College graduates the chance to give back via an affordable monthly gift. This gift can be applied to support any area of campus.*

*This month's profile features Danielle Prielipp, a 2012 graduate from Britton, MI.*

The late Dr. Robin Bott had a far-reaching impact on many of Adrian College's students. Danielle Prielipp was one of them.

Like many of the relationships formed throughout life, Danielle's friendship with Dr. Bott was by chance. The two met during Welcome Week of Danielle's freshman year as Dr. Bott was her advisor. Typically, Dr. Bott served as the advisor for transfer students during Welcome Week, but Prielipp was assigned to her since she had taken college courses in high school.

Recalling her first week on campus, Danielle said Dr. Bott quickly made an impression.

She was lucky enough to have Dr. Bott as her advisor for the next four years as well.

Danielle said Dr. Bott was a great advisor, especially for those who may not have been sure what they wanted to study.

"She would help to make sure you were checking off all your boxes each semester while still giving you the freedom to explore various other interests," she said.

Danielle developed not only a professional relationship within the classroom with Dr. Bott, but a friendship as well. Many of Dr. Bott's students did, especially the ones who studied abroad with her. Danielle, who also worked in the Study Abroad office with Dr. Bott, was no different.

"Study Abroad exposed me to a different way of life and different ways of thinking about the world, Danielle said. "I saw personally the impact Study Abroad could have and also watched as she guided many other students on their study abroad journey."

When she decided to become a member of the Young Alumni Club, it was obvious what her monthly donation would go to; Study Abroad. After Dr. Bott's passing, Danielle said she had her donation start going towards the Robin Bott Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship has been set up to finance future students who wish to study abroad.

The '12 grad said that becoming a member of the YAC was a great way for her to give back, especially as someone who no longer lives in the area (Danielle now lives in New York City).

"I can't physically come back to campus and do things, but I can help to support the programs that benefitted me while I was at Adrian," she said. Obviously there is tuition money coming in, but that doesn't always cover the smaller programs that happen all across campus. It's a good way to keep those programs going without actually being there."

The affordability of the monthly donation made becoming a donor an even easier decision, though having the opportunity to have an impact on students' lives was the biggest payoff, according to Danielle.

"It's no different than paying for Netflix and Hulu," she said. "It's an opportunity to have an impact on students' lives and (for me) making a difference whether or not someone gets to go abroad when it might not have been financially possible."