“My grandfather had a very instrumental role in many lives,” said Testa, a member of the Class of 1990. “He had a profound influence on my mother and on me.” He remembers his grandfather as outgoing and generous. Testa saw him lend a hand to many—family members, neighbors, and friends. Welsh was a vigorous promoter of local business and community recreation programs. He was particularly interested in education, and often assisted in making that dream a reality for others. Testa and his mother decided to support the College because of his positive experience as a student, which included meeting his future wife, Theresa Vosbikian ’92. There are other family connections as well. Testa’s grandfather’s nephew, Phillip A. Ollio, graduated in 1951 and returned as a professor of education from 1963 to 1978, when he became dean of the School of Education until his retirement in 1992. A cousin, James DerHagopian, now is a junior business major at TCNJ.

Michael, who until this year was a director of investment sales for a major financial services company and now helps manage a family-owned real estate and investment firm, has fond memories of his time at the College. He transferred in as a sophomore, having had a “so-so” experience at a much larger school. At TCNJ, he says, he found the right size school and a solid education that “really made a difference for me.” His grandfather helped make that happen, just as he did for many others. And now, with a beginning contribution of $25,000, the giving will continue to help high-achieving junior or senior business students through the Louis A. Welsh Scholarship.