David and Denise Brenner of Grand Rapids, Michigan, established the David and Denise Brenner Family Library Endowment in honor of their parents.

Dave (‘73) has spent his entire career fostering entrepreneurial initiative. Following a long career in general management with leading consumer packaged good firms, he started IdeaWorks, which specializes in new business formation and development. Dave has lectured on marketing and new business development topics at Notre Dame, Yale, and other universities. An early supporter of the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, he sits on its advisory board and is an Irish Angel with strong ties to the annual business plan competition.

Denise (‘76) matriculated with the first class of women at Notre Dame. Following in her parents’ footsteps, she has devoted herself to a life of service at home and in the church and community. She tutors at Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School, leads many parent programs and initiatives at Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School, volunteers for Meals on Wheels, and is a Eucharistic minister. She and Dave have three children: David (‘05), Marie (‘08), and Cindy (‘09).

The multi-purpose Brenner Endowment is intended to foster innovative learning and research initiatives in technology, facilities, and approach. The Brenners also hope to ensure that Catholic teachings and traditions will remain an integral part of the education of future leaders.