



FISK
UNIVERSITY

FEATURING FISK! The Riches of Education



LaVerne Prager (center) with her children Debra and Kevin

LaVerne Prager '56 donates \$100,000 to establish the Karsten Prager Endowed Scholarship

According to LaVerne Lane Prager, Fisk University was the first predominately Black school she attended. Before enrolling in Fisk in 1954 she attended Michigan University for two years. Her Fisk experience taught her many things that were not found in classrooms or books and played a significant role in her social development. It was at Fisk, Laverne says, that she forged relationships that still exist today. After spending two years at Fisk she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1956 and returned to Michigan where she obtained a master's degree in social work.

While working at the University of Michigan Hospital in the Neuropsychiatric Institute, LaVerne met her husband Karsten. Married in 1960, LaVerne and Karsten began a life filled with extraordinary jobs and world travel: LaVerne with the United States Information Service and *US News and World Report*; and Karsten with the *Associated Press* and *Time Magazine* covering the Vietnam war. Moving from Thailand, to Bangkok, Singapore, Malaya and Hong Kong, the Prager family grew by four over the years with many other stops along the way including Beirut, Spain, and Greece before permanently settling in New York.

These days, Mrs. Prager says, "As I become an older person, I have begun to realize how fortunate I have been. I would like to help other young people rise and become. I was able to attend Fisk by the generosity of the Great State of South Carolina that paid for Black South Carolinians to go to school outside of the State. It

is my plan to continue to support and contribute to the Fund in my husband's name to help bring the riches of education to as many young people as possible.”

Support Fisk!