The Broward County community is blessed with individuals who devote their time, energy and resources to grow our businesses, serve our not-for-profit boards and tackle difficult issues that challenge our future.

These visionaries are gift-givers who selflessly step outside their own successful lives to ensure opportunity for those who follow, especially those who need a boost to achieve their dreams.

Roy and Kathryn Krause and their family epitomize the definition of visionaries, Roy providing leadership in the Broward Workshop, United Way, Mission United and the American Red Cross while Kathryn impacts countless lives through HANDY, Junior Achievement and the Broward County Guardian ad Litem Program.

The Krauses sought the perfect partner to continue their contributions to our community and found that partner in Broward College. Broward College has been recognized as one of the top 10 community-based colleges in America. Our 68,000 students form the core of the economic engine that will propel our community to greater heights.

What Roy and Kathryn discovered within Broward College were students, faculty and administration leadership second to none. Their focus became fixed on the exceptional health sciences and nursing programs offered at the college.

To ensure continued success of these programs, The Krause Family Foundation has generously donated $1 million to the Broward College Foundation to honor Kathryn, who dedicated 46 years of service as a nurse and nurse practitioner.

These funds establish a Kathryn Krause Book Award for HANDY students, The Kathryn Krause Nursing Scholarship, an industry lecture series, and provide for medical simulation mannequins in the Health Sciences Simulation Center.

Broward College is proud to strive for excellence in transforming students' lives and grateful for the extraordinary generosity and foresight of the Krauses and their Family Foundation.

John Hart is chairman of the Broward College Foundation.