

GUS RANIS '52 MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. Gustav Ranis

Family and friends made gifts in honor of Dr. Gustav Ranis after his death in October 2013 to the Gus Ranis '52 Memorial Endowed Scholarship, designated for Heller PhD students.

Dr. Gustav (Gus) Ranis '52 was part of Brandeis' first graduating class and also served as its valedictorian, alongside the first commencement speaker and former first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt. A leading economist and author, he received Master's and PhD degrees in economics from Yale University and became a professor at Yale University. His international expertise brought him to be an economic advisor to the President of Ghana and served as a consultant to many organizations, including UNDP, FAO, World Bank, Brookings Institute, and Ford Foundation, to name a few. He was a member of the Brandeis Board of Trustees, beginning in 1968, and always stayed very engaged with the Brandeis community, including the Brandeis Alumni Association and reunion activities.

“To Gus’ critics — there were very few — he was amazingly stubborn. To his friends, he was highly principled and a source of wisdom and creativity... Gus never forgot the scholarship aid that allowed him to attend Brandeis. He generously supported the university and embraced the values it stands for, serving on the Board of Trustees for 27 years. He was indefatigable in encouraging and enticing alumni to ensure Brandeis’ ability to meet the scholarship needs of students.” - Ed Stavis '52