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# The Dr. Katherine E. Mortimer– Charlotte W. Newcombe Endowed Scholarship

## About

### Katherine Mortimer

#### ***A Former Marine Pursues Her Calling in Education***

Dr. Katherine E. Mortimer joined the United States Marine Corps in 1975, at a time when very few women served. Receiving promotions during her tenure in the Marines, eventually becoming Staff Sergeant, Mortimer attended college at night at every opportunity. During her transition to civilian life ten years later, she worked to support herself and her family and, again, sought to continue her college education. It was a challenge to return to college full-time as a single mother with two small children. At the time, the military did not provide education assistance to veterans. Mortimer says that being the recipient of a Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation Scholarship\* had a profound impact on her life.

*\* The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation was established in 1979 to support students in their pursuit of higher education.*

#### ***Professional and Educational Success***

Mortimer earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Education at Rider in 1992, Summa Cum Laude. While working at a large public secondary school district, Mortimer went on to complete her Master of Science degree with honors in Organizational Dynamics at the University of Pennsylvania. She was promoted to a department coordinator in her school district and subsequently went on to complete her Doctorate in Education at Nova Southeastern University with a focus on Leadership, Curriculum and Educational Technology. Thereafter, she advanced in administrative positions demonstrating leadership throughout her school district.

In its first four years,  
the scholarship provided nearly

**\$11k**

in much needed financial support  
to deserving students

**Carolyn Witrock '19**  
2018-19 scholarship recipient

“ I am greatly honored to have been chosen as a recipient of this scholarship. Because of your support, I can now achieve what I have always hoped and dreamed I would: the opportunity to complete my college education. ”



# Scholarships

## create opportunities

Mortimer joined with the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation to create an endowed scholarship. Her gift established her legacy at Rider and will continue to help other mature women students like her in perpetuity.



### Inspiration and Encouragement

Mortimer credits her scholarship with setting her on a path for continued learning and professional success.

“ Being notified that I was the recipient of The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation Scholarship lifted my spirits immediately. More importantly, I felt my decision to return to college was validated. I felt very inspired to do my best in my studies – to forge ahead in the world and that I mattered.

Now that I am retired, I feel honored to pass along some inspiration and encouragement by setting up my own scholarship to benefit others. ”



**Melissa Rosen '18**  
2017-18 scholarship recipient

“ For me, receiving The Katherine E. Mortimer-Charlotte W. Newcombe Endowed Scholarship was more than just a financial award. I felt like the message was, 'We see you! We are acknowledging your hard work. We believe in you so much that we are going to help you out.' This was the type of encouragement that I needed. ”

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