

Announcing the creation of the

Thomas J. and Virginia S. Monaco Horticultural Science Graduate Fellowship Endowment for Diversity



Tom and Jenny, center, with their three sons. I-r: Dr. Thomas J. Monaco, Jr.;
Dr. Joseph W. Monaco and Michael A. Monaco, Esquire.

In an effort to continue their support and affection for the Department of Horticultural Science and North Carolina State University, Thomas J. and Virginia S. Monaco are creating the **Thomas J. and Virginia S. Monaco Horticultural Science Graduate Fellowship Endowment for Diversity.**

Dr. Thomas J. Monaco began his career in the Department of Horticultural Science in 1967, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1973 and Full Professor in 1977. He had research and teaching responsibilities in Weed Science. Over his career he has served as advisor or co-advisor for 15 Master's degree students; 15 Ph.D. students and served as a member of over 30 other graduate advisory committees. In 1988, he was appointed the eleventh Head of the Horticultural Science Department and will retire from that position on May 1, 2003. Virginia Monaco graduated from Rex Hospital School of Nursing before attending Watts Hospital School of Anesthesia. As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) she has been employed by Critical Health Systems (formerly Raleigh Anesthesia Associates) and has subsequently become the Chief CRNA of the practice. Thomas and Virginia have three sons, all of whom have received BS degrees from NC State University.

Income from this endowment will be used to provide fellowship awards for graduate students enrolled in the Department of Horticultural Science in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NC State. The purpose of the award is to attract under-represented groups (currently those groups defined as women and minorities) to the graduate programs in the Department. This award shall be in the form of a supplement to the basic graduate assistantship awarded to an entering graduate student(s).