Arthur W. Gielow Meteorology Fund

Founded in 2011, the ‘Arthur W. Gielow Meteorology Fund’ was established in memory of Mr. Arthur Gielow, a member of the Buffalo State Community from 1970 until his passing in 2010. Art, who earned a MS.Ed. in secondary education in the geosciences, joined the SUNY Buffalo State community in 1970 as a technical assistant in the General Science Department. In 1980 he became assistant director of the Ferguson Planetarium at SUNY Buffalo State, associate director in 1982, and director in 1984. Along with astronomy, Art held a life-time interest in meteorology, an interest he practiced while quartermaster in the Navy, and later shared with faculty and students at SUNY Buffalo State. For years he interacted with meteorology faculty and hosted the monthly meetings of the Western New York Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

This fund is dedicated to supporting students studying in our meteorology & climatology program at SUNY Buffalo State. This support comes in the form of financial assistance to support student participation at conferences and on field trips, to bring in guest speakers, to provide resources for student projects, and even refreshments at student meetings.

The Arthur W. Gielow Meteorology Fund is administered solely by Art’s widow, Kathy Gielow. We are grateful to the support provided by Kathy Gielow and to others who have made donations to this fund. This fund, other than supporting meteorology & climatology student activities at SUNY Buffalo State, is not linked to the College’s administration or faculty.

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Art Gielow’s contributions to SUNY Buffalo State were recently recognized when his image was carried to the top of the atmosphere on the Bengal II upper-air balloon launch of May, 7, 2014. The photo to the right is the balloon and payload, and the photo above was taken by Bengal II showing the earth’s curvature and sun. “It is fitting to think of Art traveling through our atmosphere and reaching into outer space – two of his passions.”