Established in 1992 by Dr. James Pressly Hamilton and Grey Hunter Hamilton, in honor of their parents, Isabel Reid Hunter and Richard Moore (Tex) Hunter, lifelong devoted friends of Davidson College; and Frances Pressly Hamilton and Buford Lindsay Hamilton, servants of their Lord with forty-two years as missionaries in Pakistan.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.”

Philippians 4:13

“Great people are often ordinary people with extraordinary amounts of determination.”

Author Unknown
There is much undiscovered potential within each of us, which, if inspired by the right teacher, can change the world.

Author Unknown

Teaching is at the heart of the Davidson experience. Alumni remember this; students feel it every day; the faculty makes it happen. The dynamic collection of men and women who teach at Davidson come from the world over with academic credentials from institutions large and small. They are scholars who engage in the international academic conversation, publishing, presenting at conferences, and researching in their disciplines.

While they are indeed scholars—they must be—each one believes that his or her primary place is in the classroom. It is a matter of focus, priority, mission, and preference.

They come to Davidson because they love to teach.
“To watch her give a lecture is to see performance art that fully engages the class.”

**Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award**

In 1992, the late Charlotte physician Jim Hamilton, Davidson Class of 1954, and his wife, Grey Hunter Hamilton, established an award at Davidson to recognize the special joy and enthusiasm that are part of the teaching profession.

Beyond the joy, the Hamiltons sought to identify and honor teachers whose way of life uniquely inspires the full potential of each student, to celebrate professors whose care and enthusiasm mold and change the lives of their students, and who continue to inspire their students long after college days are over.

In addition to the honor it bestows, the Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award carries a stipend of $15,000, half of which goes directly to the recipient and half of which goes to an academic department or program selected by the recipient.

**Hunter-Hamilton Award Criteria**

The Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award is given each year to two Davidson College faculty members judged by a committee of their peers to display an exemplary love of teaching. The selection committee seeks letters from a wide spectrum of students, faculty, and alumni nominating Davidson professors who exemplify the love of teaching. The testimonies expressed in these nominations serve as the basis for each year’s selections. The winners are kept strictly confidential until they are announced each year during commencement.

A Hunter-Hamilton candidate must:

- Be a full-time faculty member having taught at Davidson College for at least five years, including any sabbatical leave;
- Have established a record of contagious enthusiasm for classroom teaching and tutelege;
- Be dedicated and patient with students, with service to them being of highest priority;
- Have the ability to stimulate extraordinary accomplishments in students, including those with average abilities as well as those with exceptional abilities;
- Have an ability to clarify complex matters for students;
- Be able to develop self-esteem, self-reliance, and a desire to learn in their students;
- Treat students with dignity and respect, making every effort to know them by name.

Dr. James Hamilton, Hunter Hamilton, Richard (Tex) M. Hunter