Why did you choose Connecticut College?
It pretty much chose me. My high-school biology teacher graduated from Connecticut College, and she called Robert Cobbleidick, the director of admission, to say, “You can’t let this young girl go to another school.” Dean Cobbleidick worked hard to make sure that didn’t happen.

What did you like most about the College?
I loved the sense of community. Dean Gertrude Noyes, for example, was always available; she had an open-door policy. Plus there were two of the country’s best academics in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature here, Dorothy Bethurum and Rosemond Tuve — an amazing combination if there ever was one.

Why did you choose to fund a term scholarship?
It seemed like the right thing to do at this stage of my life. I want to change someone’s life in the way that Dean Cobbleidick changed mine. There are so many ways to give, and each dollar has a direct impact on a student’s life.

And you’ve named it in honor of the classmates you roomed with on 18th Street in Washington, D.C., after graduation.
I’m hoping the “18th Street Gang Scholarship” will honor each of us. It is also a reminder that 50 years ago, while the world may have been a different place for women, we received a first-rate education and went on to lead amazing lives — and that is worth celebrating.

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