

## **Bill Thorndike celebration of life at SOU**

SOU will host a public gathering and celebration of the life of William Downie (Bill) Thorndike, Jr. on Sunday, April 27. Thorndike was a prominent statewide civic servant, SOU's first board chair and recipient of the SOU President's Medal - university's highest honor.

Those who attend the event, at 1:30 p.m. in the SOU Music Recital Hall, are encouraged to wear something identifying their affiliation with Thorndike - whether a hat, uniform, sweatshirt or organizational nametag. The celebration of life will also be livestreamed on SOU's Oregon Center for the Arts YouTube page:  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/HJA35w9fFXQ?feature=shared>

Thorndike is survived by his wife, Angela; brothers Dan and his wife Joan, and David and his wife Sally; and by five nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Oregon Community Foundation for the William and Angela Thorndike, Jr., Arts, Educational and Cultural Interest Fund ([oregoncf.org/thorndike-fund](http://oregoncf.org/thorndike-fund)).