

ROGER AND ANN LOOYENGA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Roger Looyenga earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business and psychology from Minot State College in 1968. After graduating from university, Roger started his career with Auto-Owners as an auditor-engineer in Minnesota. It was at Auto-Owners where he met his wife, Ann.

After a year with the company, he was transferred to its corporate headquarters in Lansing, Michigan and started to work as an underwriter, while Ann worked for Auto-Owners part-time. The couple married in June of 1972. Roger retired in 2008 as CEO and as Chairman of the Board in 2009 after nearly 40 years with Auto-Owners. Roger and Ann reside in Traverse City, MI during the summer months and Oro Valley, Arizona during the winter. They have two adult children, Justin and Nathan.

In the fall of 2010, Roger and Ann created the Roger and Ann Looyenga College of Business Leadership Endowment to enable the College of Business to increase students' knowledge and practice of leadership. From that endowment, the Looyenga Leadership Development Program was born. MSU announced in November 2019 a \$1 million gift from the Looyengas to broaden offerings in the area of leadership. Along with financial contributions, Roger served as Minot State's Commencement speaker, has been featured as a guest lecturer in the classroom on multiple occasions, and was a recipient of the MSU Golden Award in 2017