Looking Back, Shaping the Future

After trading the East coast for the Arizona desert, David Radivonyk, CSH’80, finally has the time to reflect on his life and his long career.

“Northeastern was in my top three schools to attend,” David recalls. A visit to campus confirmed his choice, and his decision to major in economics laid the groundwork for his career. “During my five years at Northeastern, I found the faculty to be outstanding,” David says. “The skills I learned, including interpersonal skills, brought it all together.”

After graduation, he was offered a full-time job at New England Telephone, the company that later became Verizon. Northeastern had prepared David to adapt to the quickly changing landscape and growth of the telecommunications industry, and, because of that, he had a long and successful 32-year career at Verizon.

David did not slow down after retiring from Verizon, and he launched his own thriving wine and spirits shop. “The foundation of how well I succeeded, whether it was at Verizon or at my own business after I retired, was due to what I learned at Northeastern,” David says.

In addition to his five-year pledge to fund research opportunities for current students, David wants to make it possible for future students to have the same opportunities he had. He has named Northeastern as a beneficiary in his estate plan, grateful for the impact it has had on his life and career. A recent visit back to Boston left him in awe of the many new changes on campus. “Seeing some of the old buildings brought back a lot of memories,” he says. “I’d like to help make the same kinds of memories for other students.”
The Power of Percentages

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