Florida Atlantic University’s Treasure Coast campus received a $200,000 gift from Eric Alexander to establish The Eric Alexander Engineering and Computer Science Endowed Scholarship Fund.

As an endowment, Alexander’s gift is eligible for a state match of $100,000. This endowment will provide scholarship funds annually to deserving College of Engineering and Computer Science students on the Treasure Coast campus.

“I do not have great personal resources, but I want to leave something that will benefit deserving students from the area who want to attend FAU,” said Eric Alexander, 94, a resident of Port St. Lucie. “I’ve always enjoyed learning and valued the importance of a college degree. Hopefully my gift will inspire others.”

Born in Austria, Alexander was separated from his family prior to World War I. He eventually immigrated to the United States and grew up in New York City. Alexander also attended Princeton University for two years until finances cut his studies short.

“Education is expensive and good students should have the opportunity to succeed. Engineering and computer science are difficult subjects, and students should worry more about their studies and less about tuition,” said Alexander.

“What a privilege it is to have an endowment focused on advancing our engineering programs in engineering and computer science on the Treasure Coast campus,” said Karl K. Stevens, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. “We are grateful to Mr. Alexander for this most generous gift and for the many opportunities it will provide our deserving students.”

“Mr. Alexander has made a gift that will perpetually impact Treasure Coast campus students,” said Gerri McPherson, campus vice president. “His personal gift, combined with the support from the state’s matching program, will leave a lasting legacy on campus for future generations.”