Judy Spires started her career at Acme Markets while she was a student at La Salle, working as a cashier to earn money for college. She stayed in the supermarket industry after graduating from La Salle in 1975, and her career took her to executive-level positions at American Stores, Albertsons, and Supervalu. She became President of Acme Markets, the Delaware Valley’s market-leading supermarket chain, in 2006. As President, Spires oversees 129 Acme stores in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

Spires, a member of La Salle’s Board of Trustees, was honored with the University’s Leadership Award at the recent Charter Dinner, which celebrates La Salle’s founding in 1863. She has also been honored by Progressive Grocer magazine, the Network of Executive Women, the American Heart Association, and the Philadelphia Food Trades Organization.

“La Salle taught me to be an independent thinker and to have confidence in myself,” Spires said. “When I walked out of there, I felt I could be anything I wanted to be.”

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