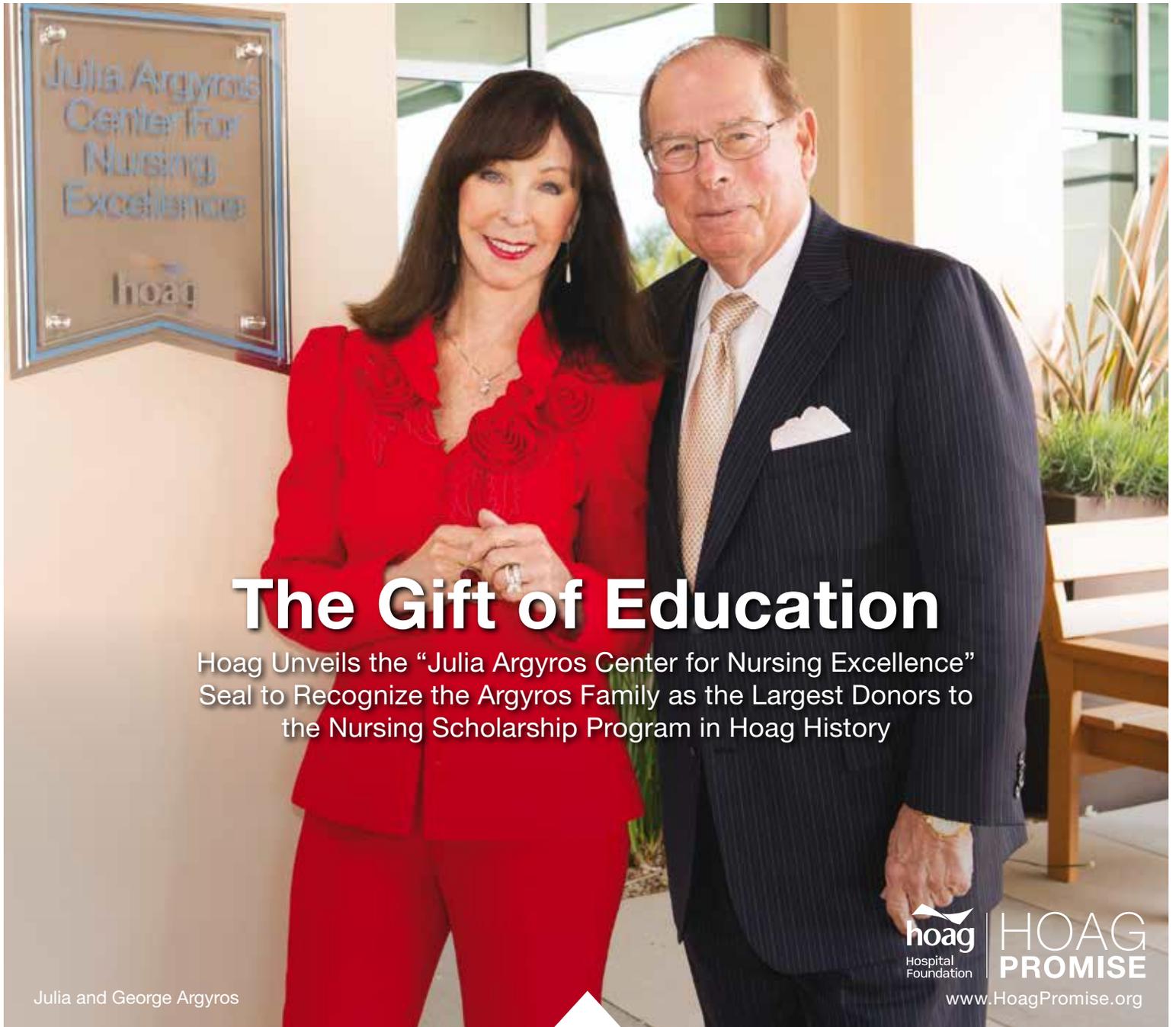


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Hoag Unveils the “Julia Argyros Center for Nursing Excellence” Seal to Recognize the Argyros Family as the Largest Donors to the Nursing Scholarship Program in Hoag History

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends of Hoag:

There was a palpable excitement when philanthropists Julia and George Argyros made a surprise appearance at the annual Hoag Nurse's Day Luncheon to announce an unprecedented gift to support nursing scholarships at Hoag.

With humor and poignancy, Julia shared the couple's passion for supporting nurses. She went on to announce their intention to commit \$10 million in cumulative giving to assist Hoag nurses in meeting their educational goals. I was touched by the story of how she connected with the nurses who treated George during his recuperation from a recent procedure. She was inspired by their personal stories and also reminded of her sister's long career as a dedicated nurse.

After the gift announcement, Hoag nurses lined up to personally thank and hug both Julia and George. As many of you know, this isn't the first time the couple has supported nursing education at Hoag. In 2013, their gift of \$2.5 million was the largest ever made to Hoag nursing at that time. It allowed Hoag to increase annual scholarship awards from \$2,000 to \$6,000 for each nurse scholar.

One key statistic eloquently tells the story of the impact of their generosity. Today, 59 percent of Hoag nurses hold a BSN or higher degree – up 11 percent since the \$2.5 million commitment. This simply would not have happened without the visionary support of Julia and George and our *Choose Nursing, Choose Hoag* donors.

In this special edition of *Scanner*, you will read a few excerpts from the many thank-you letters that have poured in from nurse scholarship recipients expressing their deep gratitude and appreciation. I know that when Hoag nurses walk by the Julia Argyros Center for Nursing Excellence seals, posted in places of honor throughout Hoag campuses, they feel a personal connection to an extraordinary woman who truly cares about them, their dreams and their goals to serve their patients.

Please join me in thanking visionary donors, Julia and George Argyros, for their years of generosity to Hoag. I applaud their commitment to ensuring the highest quality nursing care delivery in our community for years to come. I also extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Hoag nurse scholarship recipients who have earned their advanced degrees.

Sincerely,

Flynn A. Andrizzi, Ph.D.
President, Hoag Hospital Foundation

A Message from Rick Martin, Ed.D, MSN, RN

Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of Hoag

We at Hoag are overwhelmed by the generosity of Julia and George Argyros. Their gift has provided a solid platform for nursing education that is propelling us forward. They are true champions for the future of nursing at Hoag.

They understand that patient care is evolving. They know that the increase in nursing specialties makes it vital for nurses to invest in upgrading their education so they can perform at the higher standards required across the continuum of care. Their gift is helping Hoag deliver on its promise of exceptional care for both inpatients and outpatients.

Our nurse scholars report that, from their very first classes, they are bringing back valuable information that they apply immediately at the bedside. Even 20- and 30-year veteran nurses share that going back to school brings them up to date with best practices,

gives them a deeper understanding of “why” we do what we do and helps them to contribute even more than they previously thought possible.

We thank Julia and George for building on the legacy of community support from such visionaries as Marion Knott and our many wonderful *Choose Nursing, Choose Hoag* donors. Their extraordinary gift will help fund scholarships over the next five years. Each and every gift we receive builds on this tremendous platform, strengthens the program and ultimately elevates patient care.

I speak for all Hoag nurses when I say that we are touched that Julia and George believe so greatly in Hoag nurses that they provided this remarkable gift. The Julia Argyros Center for Nursing Excellence seal is a tangible reminder and an inspiration for all of us.



Doug Meece, Flynn A. Andrizzi, Rick Martin, Julia Argyros, George Argyros and Robert Braithwaite

The Gift of Education

Hoag Unveils the “Julia Argyros Center for Nursing Excellence” Seal to Recognize the Argyros Family as the Largest Donors to the Nursing Scholarship Program in Hoag History

Hundreds of nurses at Hoag Hospital Newport Beach and Hoag Hospital Irvine enjoyed Hoag’s annual Nurse’s Day celebrations on May 5 and May 12, 2016. The décor was 1930s art deco, cruise liner chic and the food was fabulous. But the real treat was the surprise revelation by special guests, Julia and George Argyros. Cheers and thunderous applause followed the couple’s announcement of their latest gift and the presentation of a \$10 million ceremonial check representing their cumulative giving to expand nursing scholarships for Hoag nurses.

A highlight of the luncheon was the unveiling of the Julia Argyros Center for Nursing Excellence seal, which will permanently commemorate the Argyros’ generosity to Hoag. The seal is now proudly displayed throughout Hoag campuses. The support of Hoag’s renowned nursing program reflects the Argyros family’s passion for supporting nurses and their belief in the transformative power of education.

“My sister was a nurse for more than 40 years and I saw how dedicated she was to ensuring her patients received the best care possible,” Julia Argyros shared. “George and I are privileged to support Hoag’s incredible team of nurses and give them the opportunity to achieve their educational goals and further their commitment to delivering outstanding care to their patients.”

Robert T. Braithwaite, Hoag president and CEO, was on hand to personally thank Julia and George and celebrate their extraordinary philanthropic vision. “We are incredibly grateful for the Argyros’ generosity and dedication to Hoag and our nurses,” said Robert. “This donation will empower nurses to achieve their educational goals, take on advanced clinical roles in patient care, broaden their skill sets, mentor new Hoag nurses and improve patient care, which is the heart of what we do.”

Impact of Philanthropy

\$2M+ in annual philanthropic funds supports 450+ Hoag nurses working toward advanced degrees to meet the national federal mandate for Hoag to be 80% BSN or higher certified by 2020

59% of Hoag nurses hold a BSN or higher, an 11% increase in the last two years

465 scholarships awarded by Hoag in FY15 for a total of 1,200 scholarships since the founding of *Choose Nursing*, *Choose Hoag* in 2004

\$6K Thanks to philanthropy, Hoag increased the annual scholarship award from \$2,000 to \$6,000 to each nurse

\$30M Donors have committed \$30 million to support nursing during the Hoag Promise Campaign

If you would like more information on supporting excellent nursing care at Hoag, please contact Angelina.Morano@hoag.org, (949) 764-7221 or visit www.HoagPromise.org.



Thank You!

Grateful Hoag Nurse Scholarship Recipients
Express Their Appreciation

**Karen Koeller, RN, MSN, OCN
Oncology
Outpatient Cancer Treatment Center
Hoag Hospital Newport Beach**

Thanks to the Argyros Family Foundation nursing scholarship, I have been able to complete the California State University Long Beach Family Nurse Practitioner program. Your visionary compassion and steadfast commitment to the health care community and nursing profession is legendary.

**Elizabeth Gomez, RN, BSN
Cardiovascular Intensive Care
Hoag Hospital Newport Beach**

I want to thank Julia Argyros for her generosity to Hoag nursing. It was due to her gift that I was able to receive my BSN in nursing without it being a financial burden on my family. It means the world that she chose to donate this money to Hoag nurses!

**Jennifer F. West, RN, BSN
Perioperative Services
Hoag Orthopedic Institute**

My dream of graduating with a BSN Magna Cum Laude from California State University, Dominguez Hills came true because of the nursing scholarships from Hoag. You have made a difference in my life, the lives of my family and, most importantly, the lives of my patients I am blessed to serve each day.

**Diana Malcomson, MSN, RN, PHN
Administrative House Supervisor
Hoag Hospital Newport Beach**

With your scholarship, and through Hoag's support, I was able to graduate with my MSN in Leadership in Healthcare. The nurses here at Hoag will continue to honor you through the care we provide.

**Rania Hanna, RN, BSN
Hoag Orthopedic Institute**

My lifelong dream of being a Family Nurse Practitioner is moving forward thanks to the educational scholarships you funded. Thank you for your generosity. Without scholarship patrons willing to support nursing education, students such as myself would be unable to pursue advanced health care degrees.

**Siddarth Arya, RN, BSN, PHN
Oncology
Outpatient Cancer Treatment Center, Newport Beach and Irvine**

A simple thank you seems inadequate for the deep gratitude I feel towards you for affording me the opportunity to enhance my nursing education. Thank you for believing in the quality of nursing at Hoag. Because of your generous donation to Hoag's nursing scholarship program, my personal educational goal came to fruition.

Cristi Bristol, RN, CDE
Diabetic Patient Educator
Hoag Hospital Newport Beach

I want to personally thank you so much for your generous gift that is helping me achieve my academic goals. Without your generous financial support, it would be extremely difficult to finance this degree on my own and would take much longer to accomplish. Although I have not completed the program yet, I am learning so much. I am so very grateful that you would help a complete stranger in such a selfless and amazing way!

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Congratulations to Rachel Russell, BSN, RNFA **2016 Hoag Nurse of the Year**

Rick Martin, Ed.D, MSN, RN, senior vice president and chief nursing officer of Hoag, had the honor of presenting the 2016 Nurse of the Year award to Rachel Russell, BSN, RNFA at the annual Hoag Nurse's Day luncheon on May 5, 2016.

Rachel is a cardiothoracic operating room nurse who has been with Hoag for 20 years. She is being recognized for going above and beyond to provide excellent care for her patients and for her role as a mentor to the team. A former recipient of the DAISY Award, a national recognition for the work nurses do for patients every day, Rachel's dedication to her patients extends beyond Hoag. She is a board member and volunteer with The Plasticos Foundation, traveling with teams providing surgical services for overseas patients in need. During her trips, she also conducts specialized training for the local surgeons and nurses so that they can continue to care for their patients post-surgery.

Always striving to advance her nursing knowledge and education, Rachel received a scholarship from Hoag to pursue her BSN in 2007.