

Mary Ng Dooley, who earned her BA in art and art history from Rice University in 1983, felt privileged not only to have been accepted to Rice, but also to have her tuition and expenses covered by a combination of a scholarship and grants.



**M**ary comes from an immigrant family that struggled to adapt to the world of 1960s rural Texas. Her Rice scholarship changed her socioeconomic destiny, she says, and because of that, she feels a duty to help enable the education of future Rice students. Inspired by previous alumni such as Burton and Deedee McMurtry, Mary established the need-based Don Shek and York Ling Ng Scholarship in 2002 not only to reciprocate her gift of education from Rice but also to honor her parents. Mary's mother passed away later that year.

Today, the modest scholarship is a testament to the values of Mary's family, which include remembering the people and the institutions that provide formative experiences and assisting people

in need regardless of one's personal or financial status. Recently, Mary made a bequest through her will to further benefit the Don Shek and York Ling Ng Scholarship. The reason? While there always will be worthy philanthropic efforts, Mary chooses to support organizations that withstand time, such as museums, schools, and community foundations. In addition, she sees Rice University as an incubator for tomorrow's intellectual, business, and public management leaders.

Mary strongly believes that the essence of gift-giving is in the act of giving rather than in the amount of a gift. For her, participation in the well-being of future Rice students carries on a tradition of making Rice affordable to exceptional students of modest means as well as honoring her own gift of a world-class education.

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