Chan Family’s Leadership Strengthens School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
A generous gift from a family of pharmacists with deep ties to Pacific will benefit students at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for generations to come.

The gift from Tony and Virginia (Chang) Chan, both ’77, and their family will be used to renovate and expand facilities and endow scholarships for pharmacy, physical therapy and speech-language pathology students. Their gift also will endow a Student Success Center to support academic performance, career readiness, and job and residency placements for pharmacy students.

Endowed components of the Chan family gift will be matched by the $125 million Powell Fund established by the late Regents Robert and Jeannette Powell, which will double the impact for Pacific students.

Virginia Chan, a Regent of the University, and her husband, former Regent Tony Chan, both earned doctorates in pharmacy from the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. They met in line during commencement ceremonies, being that their names were so close alphabetically.

After graduating from Pacific, the Chans went on to successful careers in pharmacy. They have a son, Jonathan ’09, and a daughter, Megan ’13, who earned doctorates in pharmacy as well. Siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and spouses of family members also went on to graduate from Pacific.

Tony, Virginia, Jonathan, Megan and members of their extended family now operate many private practice pharmacies in Southern California. Their combined efforts serve several thousand patients each year.

Tony Chan served as a Regent for nearly a decade and the couple was inducted as inaugural members of Pacific’s 1851 Society, which recognizes donors who have contributed $1 million or more to the University.

Over the years, gifts from the Chans have benefited the University and its community across the full spectrum: from scholarships to building renovations; from program enhancements to faculty innovation funds; from classrooms to clinics and beyond. Their generosity has enhanced University facilities, student success and program offerings.

“The Chan family sets an inspiring example of service and philanthropy,” said President Pamela Eibeck. “Tony and Virginia and their children have made a gift that will help to strengthen and secure the excellence of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for decades to come. We are deeply grateful to them for this gift and for their long legacy of generosity and leadership on behalf of the entire University.”

The recent gift from the Chan family will make updates to the following facilities possible:

- An expansion of the Chan Family Health Sciences Learning Center, which was dedicated in 2008
- Modernization of classrooms and laboratories in the Edward & Alice Long Memorial Hall
- Recently completed renovation of the former Brookside Hall, a residence hall adjacent to the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

“Our family has been privileged to realize the American Dream through our Pacific education. This affords us the opportunity to give something back and ensure that future generations have the same chance to realize their dreams.” —Tony Chan ’77

The family and their philanthropy were celebrated at a ceremony in October when the former Brookside Hall was officially renamed Chan Family Hall.

“The Chans’ generosity will benefit our students and impact the health and well-being of people in communities served by our graduates all around the country in profound and lasting ways,” said Phillip R. Oppenheimer, dean of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.