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LILLIAN LI-YEN WANG

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MINOR: EDUCATION

Class of 1951



The Lillian L.Y. Wang Yin, Ph.D. (Chemistry, Class of 1951) Scholarship Fund is a scholarship established in 2002 by Huo-Bing (H.B.) Yin, in honor of his wife Lillian, who passed away in 2000. Mr. Yin passed away in 2010. “H.B. and Lillian Yin have made a lasting tribute to the people and programs at Dominican” said President Joseph R. Fink (1988-2011). “Thanks to their vision and generosity, their tremendous legacy will advance the education of future science students for generations to come.”

Lillian Li-Yen Wang was born in Shanghai, China and moved to the United States in 1948. She graduated from Dominican College in 1951 with a B.S. in Chemistry. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania and completed postdoctoral research at the University of Pennsylvania, Hahnemann Medical College, the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania, and the State University of New York. Following her education, Dr. Yin joined the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1968 as a laboratory research chemist. In 1972 she joined the Office of Medical Devices and in 1977 she was appointed the acting Director of both the Division of Obstetrics-Gynecology and Radiology and the Division of Gastro-Urology and General Hospital Medical Devices in the Office of Device Evaluation. For 20 years, from 1979 to 1999, Dr. Yin served as the Director of the Division of Reproductive, Abdominal, Ear, Nose and Throat, and Radiological devices. She led the team that created the FDA’s product development protocol process, winning her a Hammer Award in 1999. That same year she joined the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, and, shortly before her death in September 2000, she worked for the Office of Regulatory Affairs coordinating efforts on human subject protection and clinical investigators.

Dr. Lillian Yin enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the health and natural sciences. She was a pioneer who pursued a career in the sciences when few students at Dominican – and few women anywhere – did so. Dominican University of California is proud to celebrate her life and her achievements with The Lillian L.Y. Wang Yin, Ph.D. (Chemistry, Class of 1951) Scholarship Fund.