

\$2M CUMMINGS GIFT

Honors Former Local Teacher, State Representative

Regis College creates Carol A. Donovan Endowed Dean of Nursing

Winchester residents Joyce and Bill Cummings' self-named Cummings Foundation has pledged \$2 million to Regis College. This gift will fund the Carol A. Donovan Endowed Dean of Nursing as well as a future health care clinic in the neighboring city of Woburn.

A 1959 Regis alumna, Donovan taught in the Woburn Public Schools system for 31 years before serving her first of seven terms in Massachusetts House of Representatives. She has remained active in the local community and was recently appointed to Governor Healey's administration as a Woburn Housing Authority commissioner.

Donovan became a trustee of the New Horizons at Choate senior living community in 1995. After a 2002 restructuring, she transferred to the Cummings Foundation board. With a combined 28 years of service, she is the Foundation's longest serving non-family trustee.

"Carol's exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to the people of Massachusetts shine brightly through her years of service, which commenced at Regis College," said Cummings Foundation co-founder Bill Cummings. "We are honored to recognize her commitment to both the Commonwealth and the Foundation with this investment in the next generation of health care professionals."

"I have seen the Cummings' generosity and wonderful work firsthand over many years—both in Woburn and in the broader community," said Donovan. "I am honored they would think of me for this special named gift."

Amid a regional and nationwide nursing shortage, enrollment in Regis College's Young Nursing School has grown by approximately 170 percent since 2011. The \$2 million



gift in Donovan's honor will support the Regis endowment and establish a Regis clinic in Woburn, where students will gain hands-on clinical experience while also serving the greater Winchester region.

"This generous gift and incredible partnership with Cummings Foundation will enable Regis to further expand its footprint in nursing and health sciences, educating our students in a state-of-the-art clinical space while also providing critical healthcare services to our neighbors in the northern suburbs," said Regis College president Antoinette M. Hays, PhD, RN.

Cummings Foundation has previously awarded funding to Regis through its annual **\$30 Million Grant Program**, including support for Regis Center for Global Connections in 2013 and Cummings Nursing Resource Center in 2016. Among the Foundation's other major contributions to health care

education are ongoing multimillion commitments to Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, the Paul Farmer Collaborative of Harvard Medical School and University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), Cummings School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Endicott College, and Cummings Institute of Global Health at UGHE.

ABOUT CUMMINGS FOUNDATION

Founded by Joyce and Bill Cummings, of Winchester, Cummings Foundation has awarded more than \$500 million to date to nonprofits based in greater Boston. This sum includes nearly \$10 million granted in Winchester alone. Among the Foundation's assets is a large portfolio of suburban Boston commercial real estate, all of which is managed—on a pro bono basis—by Woburn-based commercial real estate firm Cummings Properties. A complete list of Foundation grant winners is available at cummingsfoundation.org.