

Mrs Angelica Anna Poulos, OAM

Chancellor,

I have the pleasure of presenting Mrs Angelica Anna Poulos with an Honorary Doctor of Letters today.

Mrs Poulos is an esteemed member of the Darwin community and works tirelessly to promote and preserve the Greek culture and civic endeavors in a volunteer capacity.

Mrs Poulos is also the co-founder of CDU's Guardians of Greek Language and Culture Program which was established in 2012.

The program works closely with the NT community and since establishment has raised over \$1.5 million to develop Australia's best Hellenic and Greek Studies program.

Mrs Poulos has played a significant role in this fundraising and spreading awareness of the program in the Territory, across Australia and beyond.

The program incorporates opportunities for study tours to Greece, postgraduate research, exchange programs, and advancing the understanding and appreciation of over 5,000 years of Greek influence on world history and culture.

Mrs Poulos has also been pivotal in the program's In Country Study Program and ongoing liaison with Greek and Australian stakeholders and funding bodies.

In addition to her volunteer work, Mrs Poulos has had an extensive and successful career in executive-level corporate and government positions before working full time in the company she established with her husband.

She is Co-Director at Nakara Electric and Building Co Pty Ltd based in Darwin.

Mrs Poulos has also served on the executive committee of the Hellenic Macedonian Association of the NT from 1977 to 2020 and is now a life member. She has also served on the Greek Orthodox Community Greek School Committee, and the Glenti Festival committee for more than 30 years. In 2012 she was awarded the Chief Minister's Medal for outstanding service to the Northern Territory's multicultural community.

In 2023, along with her Husband, Efstratios Poulos, Mrs Poulos was awarded the Medal of Order of Australia (OAM).

Chancellor,

In recognition of her contribution to promoting Charles Darwin University globally, and spreading awareness and preservation of Greek culture, history and language in the Northern Territory and beyond, Charles Darwin University Council awards Mrs Angelica Anna Poulos the title of Honorary Doctor of Letters.