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Legacy Donor Highlight: Jessica H.J. Ryu, M.D.



Supporting education is an important and simple way to benefit the next generation of Orthopaedic Surgeons. By providing a \$100,000 life insurance policy legacy gift to the AANA Education Foundation, Jessica H.J. Ryu, M.D., an AANA Member since 2014, will help ensure funding for important arthroscopic educational opportunities and initiatives for years to come.

Dr. Ryu's decision to pursue a career in orthopedic surgery, specifically arthroscopy, was in large part due to the influence of her father, Richard K.N. Ryu, M.D., a past president of AANA who has created his own legacy of advancing arthroscopy and minimally invasive surgery, and who remains an active donor to the AANA Education Foundation.

"My dad has had a big influence on my life and my career," Dr. Ryu explains. "He has been one of many AANA mentors who have had a profound effect on my surgical practice, my skills acquisition and the development of my practice. AANA has always been a pivotal and influential organization for my father, and from an educational and collegial standpoint, has also become the most important orthopaedic organization for me in advancing my knowledge and skills."

In addition to her father's mentorship, Dr. Ryu credits the many AANA mentors who have contributed to her success as an arthroscopist. "As a surgeon who is early in practice, I've benefited from the advice and hands-on training from some of the most talented surgeons in the world: Drs. Buddy Savoie, Mark Getelman, Steve Snyder, Jeff Abrams, Rick Angelo, Nick Sgaglione and Mike O'Brien to name just a few. My interactions with these thought leaders and skilled surgeons have been through AANA meetings and OLC courses where their instruction and interactions are superb. It is important for surgeons who are early in their career to have the opportunity to improve their arthroscopic skills and their confidence. Through AANA, I have met amazing, dedicated surgeons who inspire me to be the best surgeon I can possibly be."

While legacy giving might seem a bit daunting, Dr. Ryu notes that it is straightforward, and perhaps one of the most impactful ways to donate early in one's career. "Legacy giving is a pathway for young surgeons who don't have a lot of resources or discretionary income to donate early in their

careers. By purchasing a life insurance policy that can be paid for either yearly or as a single sum, once the cost has been met, AANA will own the policy in perpetuity. Given my younger age, the policies are very affordable, and I was able to pay the policy premium as a single sum and now I have the comfort and satisfaction of knowing that I am paying it forward so that others like me will benefit from all that AANA does to make us better surgeons and colleagues.”

As an organization created to foster education and improve patient care, AANA can do just that thanks to generous donations and legacy giving from surgeons like Dr. Ryu. “We, as surgeons, have a responsibility to improve ourselves for our patients,” she adds. “AANA does a tremendous job of better preparing Orthopaedic Surgeons, no matter their career stage, for the demands of a successful practice. If you are benefitting from AANA’s numerous educational opportunities, I encourage you to consider a legacy gift to an organization whose purpose helps not only the surgeon, but more importantly, our patients.”

Become a legacy donor like Dr. Ryu and make your first legacy gift today.

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To take advantage of this offer, select **AANA4for40** during registration at aana.org/AANA22.

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Friday, May 20 | San Francisco, California | 5:30–7:30 p.m. PDT

Donors and guests are invited to join us at the Press Club for an exclusive wine event celebrating AANA's 40th Anniversary! Sample and taste dozens of wines while learning about them along the way. *Purchasing a ticket is required to attend this event.* [Learn more.](#)

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In keeping with AANA's mission to promote advocacy, the Health Policy Fellowship was created to develop and engage early career Orthopaedic Surgeons in the national discussion on health care. The selected Health Policy Fellow will choose a research topic and present the results of this project to the membership upon completion of their Fellowship at a future AANA Annual Meeting. The AANA Education Foundation is proud to support fellowships such as this one. [Learn more.](#)

AANA Traveling Fellowship Program

The AANA Education Foundation is proud to help fund the AANA Traveling Fellowship Program with generous donations from individuals and corporations like you. This important program affords selected Orthopaedic Surgeons a unique and invaluable opportunity to forge new relationships, learn the latest arthroscopy techniques and cherish memories for years to come. The 2022 journey will culminate at AANA22 in San Francisco. [Learn more.](#)

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