

Engineering a legacy of support

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Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering graduate, Catherine Ni '00 and her husband, James, have funded engineering scholarships for Rowan University students since 2012. But in fall 2016 they decided to create an endowed scholarship to build a lasting legacy of support for engineering students with big dreams.

The Catherine '00 and James Ni Endowed Scholarship Fund was established with a \$30,000 commitment that will be matched by the couple's employer, Lockheed Martin.

"As one of the Pride 2000 scholars I was part of the first class of engineers to go to Rowan," said Ni. "There wasn't an engineering college back then; there wasn't even a building. We all took a

huge risk, and you know what, it was absolutely worth it." Catherine and James both graduated with master's degrees from Drexel University—Catherine studying engineering management and James, electrical engineering. Ni spoke in depth about her husband's enthusiastic support for Rowan University even as an undergraduate alumnus of the University of Michigan.

Ni explained that the couple's continuous support for Rowan stems from their desire to invest in what they believe in and ultimately what gave Catherine such a bright future.

The Catherine '00 and James Ni Endowed Scholarship will provide scholarships to students majoring in Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Engineering Entrepreneurship, with the first recipients selected for the 2017–18 academic year.