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Former Amgen staff member Margery Nicolson (right) in Bhutan. Photo provided by the International Crane Foundation.

Women's History Month Brings to Mind One of Amgen's First Scientists

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As we mark Women’s History Month, we celebrate the women who helped build Amgen into a global force in human health. Prominent among them is Margery Nicolson, PhD, whose remarkable three-stage career continues to this day.

Margery invested the first stage of her career in academic research and teaching. A Stanford graduate, she earned her doctorate in biochemistry from Baylor, did a post-doctorate at the California Institute of Technology, and spent 15 years with the USC School of Medicine, teaching biochemistry and pursuing research into virology.

The second stage of her career began in 1980, when Margery came to Amgen, among the first scientists recruited to the then-startup. Lab space was so tight that Amgen’s first CEO, George Rathmann, moved into a small trailer to free up room for scientific work.

On March 12, 1985, Margery was awarded Amgen’s first patent for the science that led to the development of Amgen’s second approved medicine. During Margery’s 18-year career, her scientific work helped drive Amgen’s global growth, and she witnessed the expansion of the company from less than 100 people to more than 16,000.

After her retirement, Margery launched the third stage of her career, which continues today. She and her late husband, Iain, devoted their full energies as advocates for global sustainability and the care of natural habitats.

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... Foundation, the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club and the Nature Co

Margery's amazing legacy includes an improved understanding of retroviru
of more than 1,000 physicians, countless lives changed through the applica
scientific work, and a major Audubon Center, named for Iain, on the Platte
Nebraska.

Thank you, Margery. You continue to inspire all of us at Amgen.

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Margery has blazed trails from Nepal to cancer. She is a mentor of mine when I served on a board with her. And quickly became a friend. Nice shout out Amgen!

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It's women like Margery who serve as encouraging roll models for all young girls to aspire to achieve their dreams. Margery did it back in the day when women had even more challenges than today. She paved the way for the rest of us, not with resentment, but with persistence. I too have served on a Board with Margery, California Audubon, where I first met her in 2000. I am so privileged to call her my friend to this day. Thank you Amgen for acknowledging her achievements!

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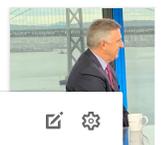


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