

ANGELOS FRANGOPOULOS

Citation for the conferral of a Doctor of Arts (*honoris causa*)

Chancellor, it is a privilege to present to you and to this gathering, for the award of Doctor of Arts (*honoris causa*), Mr Angelos Frangopoulos.

The University Council has resolved to confer this award on Mr Angelos Frangopoulos in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Charles Sturt University as a member of the University Council and as a supporter of the media graduates of the University.

Mr Frangopoulos has been a key influencer in growing the Australian and New Zealand pay television news sector, playing a central role in transforming the television news industry and establishing a new paradigm for journalism in Australia and elsewhere. He has held senior news executive roles in Australia and the United Kingdom and is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Australian News Channel. Mr Frangopoulos' passion for journalism started at the early age of 14, which led him to Charles Sturt University in Bathurst, then known as Mitchell College, to study a Bachelor of Arts Communication (Journalism). During his student years, Mr Frangopoulos was extensively involved throughout the developing years of community radio, with a focus on Sydney, Orange and Bathurst community radio.

Following his graduation in 1989, Mr Frangopoulos embarked on a career as a reporter with Mid State Television in Orange and Prime Television in Canberra. He then moved into production with the Nine Television Network before joining British Sky Broadcasting. During this period, a notable achievement was the joint ventures with Seven West Media, Nine Entertainment Company and British Sky Broadcasting. Mr Frangopoulos has throughout his career worked to do things differently. To quote what he once said 'if you go back to 1996 people didn't know who we were. We couldn't get interviews with the Prime Minister; you had to explain what pay TV (was) before you could even start to convince someone to come on the channel. The tables have turned'. Mr Angelos Frangopoulos turned those tables.

Other contributions were related to his engagement as a corporate citizen. Mr Frangopoulos has been an active chair, director and member on a number of corporate Boards and Councils. These include his membership of the Charles Sturt University Council and the Victor Chang Institute Board, Chair of the Australia Day Council of NSW, Chair of the Advisory Board of Macquarie University's Centre for Media History and Director for the Australian Subscription Television and Radio Association.

Mr Frangopoulos has been one of the most loyal, active and committed graduates of the University, serving as a member of the University Council for 12 years, and holding key roles on University committees. He has mentored students, employed graduates, and made significant financial contributions to the University including scholarships, television production equipment, and a Sky News subscription over many years.

As an active and generous alumnus of this University, Mr Frangopoulos is held in high regard for his continued support and generosity, in recognition of which the University has appointed him to the newly created office of Pro Chancellor (Sydney). Chancellor, I now present Mr Angelos Frangopoulos, an outstanding media business leader and supporter of Charles Sturt University, who has made, in the words of Charles Napier Sturt, a significant contribution to the "public good" by making an outstanding and continuing contribution to journalism and higher education in Australia, and to the University.

Dated this Eighteenth Day of December Two Thousand and Fourteen