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PRESS RELEASE

A Brilliant Event Honors 75 Years Since the Founding of AHEPA University Hospital

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A brilliant anniversary event, which highlighted the long history, contribution and prospects of the AHEPA University General Hospital, honored 75 years since its founding. The historic institution, inextricably linked with the course of Aristotle University, the development of Greek Medicine and the contribution of public Health to society, celebrated its anniversary at a special event titled "UGHT AHEPA: Past – Present – Future" on Wednesday 25 November 2026 in the Ceremony Hall of Aristotle University.

AHEPA, which the Greek community of the United States founded in 1951 on its own initiative, has represented from the outset a significant investment in Health and Education. Over its 75 years, it has evolved into one of the most important University Hospitals in the country, combining public care with the training of young scientists, clinical research and scientific innovation.

This year's anniversary coincided with a new institutional starting point for the Hospital. The agreement between the Greek State and Aristotle University, ratified in 2026, secured the continuation of AHEPA's public operation for another thirty years, while the University retains ownership of the facilities and the Hospital keeps its university character.

Aristotle University highlighted as its central aim the development of AHEPA into a modern University Ecosystem of Health, Education, Research and Innovation that will connect an upgraded hospital with new rehabilitation and biomedical research infrastructure.

The program of the anniversary event unfolded in four thematic sections: “Past,” “Present,” “Future” and “People & Stories.” Within these sections, Alfred Baritz, Chair of the AHEPA Hospitals Committee and member of the AHEPA Board of Directors; Professor Stefanos Triaridis, Chair of the Department of Medicine of Aristotle University; and Panagiotis Panteliadis, Hospital Administrator, delivered speeches.

The Rector of Aristotle University, Professor of Cardiac Surgery Kyriakos Anastasiadis, presented the vision for the AHEPA of the new era, a special highlight of the event.

The “People & Stories” section featured personal testimonies and experiences that illuminated key moments in the Hospital’s history, with the participation of the Regional Governor of Central Macedonia, Athina Athanasiadou-Aidona.

A distinctive musical tribute by the “Giannis Mantakas” Choir and the Choral Workshop of Aristotle University, under the direction of Eriphyli Damianou, concluded the anniversary evening.

The event took place with the support of Aristotle University and under the auspices of the 4th Health Region of Macedonia and Thrace.

Photographs are attached.

The full text of the speech by the Rector of Aristotle University, Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, is attached.

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