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OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a picture of Andrew Fasseas sitting in front of the statue of Hippocrates surrounded by several unknown people. On the far left is a man with dark hair and thick-rimmed glasses. Next to him is a man with dark hair streaked with gray and also wearing glasses. Next, to the left of Fasseas, is a woman with light hair wearing a light-colored skirt suit and a string of pearls, with her hand on Fasseas's arm. To the right of Fasseas is an older man with thinning hair. Next to him is a woman with dark, curly hair wearing a light-colored skirt and sweater and pearls and holding a light-colored handbag.

ORIGIN

Hippocrates was a Greek physician born in 460 BC on the island of Cos. Hippocrates created the field of medicine as it is known today, establishing it as its own profession. Hippocrates made a number of important contributions to the field of medicine, many of which are still relevant. He is known as the Father of Western Medicine. He is believed to have written the Hippocratic Oath, which outlines the ethical standards that physicians are bound to uphold, and which is still in use today. The sculpture was created by Costos Georgakos in Greece in 1972. It was given to the University of Illinois by Andrew Fasseas, a prominent member of the Greek-American community, and the Hippocrates Monument fund and was unveiled in 1980. Fasseas was born in Sparta and immigrated to Chicago at the age of 12. As an adult, Fasseas worked for the state government, as well as owning a baking company, a newspaper, and a bank. He also provided money and supplies to help improve his native region of Greece and to aid Greek disaster victims. He was honored by the Greek government in 1969 and died in 1988. He was survived by his wife, Angelyn, and his two sons, Milton and Peter.

CITATION

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