

# Scholarships

## **SERVICE CONNECTED SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Program:**

Since the program's inception in 1949, Arkansas law has provided for the granting of scholarships to medical students willing to commit to practicing full time primary care medicine in a rural community in Arkansas, in the hopes of increasing the number of physicians in rural areas of our state. The program is administered by the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board. Applicants must be Arkansas residents to participate.

Rural is defined as "an area reasonably determined by the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Board to be medically underserved." Primary Care is defined as Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics, General Internal Medicine/Pediatrics, General Obstetrics/Gynecology, General Surgery, Emergency Medicine, and Geriatrics.

Interested students (and alternates awaiting admission) must be interviewed and approved by the Board. Applicants approved for the Rural Practice Program may receive a maximum of \$16,500 per academic year, pending the availability of funds. The assistance given during medical school is considered a loan until the student completes residency training and begins practicing primary care in the rural community of their choice. The loan is then converted to a scholarship/grant on a one-to-one ratio; one year of assistance is forgiven after one year of service. Under this program, the recipient does not have to commit to a specific rural community until the end of his or her residency training.

Special provisions apply to alternates who are on the waiting list for acceptance into medical school who wish to apply for the Rural Practice Program. Interested alternates should contact Tammy Henson, Administrator, Rural Practice Programs, 501-526-4266.

**Ethel Brickey Hicks Rural Practice Scholarships:** The late Ethel Brickey Hicks of Knox County, Tennessee, established the Ethel Brickey Hicks Endowment Fund to provide scholarships for deserving medical students who would agree to practice medicine in the state of Arkansas and preferably "away from the large population centers of Arkansas and in cities and towns where doctors are few in number." A portion of the endowment fund has been set aside for this purpose. The endowment fund provides scholarships to sophomore, junior or senior medical students. The scholarship becomes a loan that must be repaid with interest should a recipient default on the scholarship contract. Applicants must be bona fide residents of the United States of America. Both Arkansas and non-Arkansas resident medical students may apply for this program. Students approved for the scholarship sign a contract promising to practice full time medicine in a rural community in Arkansas. For this scholarship program, rural is defined as a community in Arkansas with a population of 15,000 or less. Funds received through this endowment will be converted to grants, one year of service for each year of assistance. The inaugural awards were presented in 1994 and currently provide approximately \$19,000.00 per student for each year approved for the scholarship. The scholarship is renewable provided the recipient maintains a high level of academic performance and sufficient funds are available each year. Applicants interested in applying for the Hicks Rural Practice Scholarship program should contact the Office of Admissions or Tammy Henson, Administrator, Rural Practice Programs.

**Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Programs:** The Army, Air Force and Navy offer scholarship programs for medical students who are willing to commit to military service. Students interested in a military scholarship should contact an appropriate recruiting officer. Scholarships are competitive and students are advised to apply early (one year in advance of matriculation to medical school). Military scholarships generally cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and equipment, and provide a monthly stipend. Recruiting officers can provide additional details.

**National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program:** The Department of Health and Human Services administers a scholarship program designed to place primary care physicians in health professions shortage areas. The NHSC Scholarship pays for tuition and fees as well as a monthly stipend. Contact the NHSC Scholarship Program for more information at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarship>.

## INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who wish to be considered for an institutional scholarship must submit the College of Medicine Scholarship Application to the Office of Medical Student Admissions by May 15. Scholarship applications are available at [www.medicine.uams.edu/formedical-students/financial-aid/](http://www.medicine.uams.edu/formedical-students/financial-aid/). Freshmen must complete and submit the “Entering Freshman Scholarship Application” and rising Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors must complete and submit the “Upperclassman Scholarship Application.” Below is a listing of College of Medicine institutional scholarships awarded by the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee.

**George Link Ackerman Scholarship:** An anonymous donor established a scholarship in 1997 to honor Dr. George Ackerman. Dr. Richard P. Wheeler, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Medicine, shared the following comments about his mentor and friend: “Dr. George Link Ackerman is a 1954 graduate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. He did his internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital and completed his residency in medicine and took further training in Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases at UAMS. He joined the faculty in 1961 and quickly rose through the academic ranks, caring for patients, teaching and publishing. He has received the ‘Golden Apple Award’ from students as the outstanding clinical teacher. He has also received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Medical Alumni Association, the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Medicine Interns and Residents, and the Abernathy Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine from the Arkansas Chapter of the American College of Physicians. He has even had the UAMS yearbook, the Caduceus, dedicated to him. His ability to teach and inspire young physicians is legendary. His secret is his passion for life and learning.” Upon learning that a scholarship had been anonymously given to honor Dr. Ackerman, he requested that the name of the scholarship be the Dr. George Link Ackerman Scholarship. According to Ackerman, “George S. Link was a successful small businessman in West Texas in the first half of the century. He married my father’s cousin who had been reared in my grandparents’ home and was more a foster sister to my father than a cousin. My father and Mr. Link became close friends and I was named for him. Their son, George S. Link, Jr., was a handsome, charming fellow, a Naval Aviator in World War II during my teenage years, and a boyhood idol of mine. He financed my medical education so it pleases me to include the Link name in the formal description of this scholarship.” When reflecting on the criteria for the scholarship recipient, Dr. Ackerman stated, “I have always been an avid reader and literature is perhaps my chief avocation.” Therefore, he would prefer the recipient be a student who has demonstrated a keen interest in literature and/or scholarly approach to his or her studies. The inaugural award was presented in 1997 to Amy Wiedower-Lamb of Guy, Arkansas.

**Betsy Ledbetter Askew Scholarship:** This scholarship was established in 2008 with a very generous bequest from Dr. Askew who graduated from the College of Medicine in 1950. After practicing anesthesiology in Shreveport, Louisiana for many years, she retired to her hometown of Jonesboro, Arkansas where both of her brothers practiced medicine. It was her fervent wish to help medical students and she requested that preference be given to a female student or students at the direction of the scholarship committee. The inaugural awards were presented in 2010.

**David Littleton Baker, Sr. Scholarship:** The establishment of the David Littleton Baker, Sr. Scholarship for students in the College of Medicine fund is to provide a scholarship to a deserving student in the College of Medicine in loving memory of David Littleton Baker, Sr. by his family David and Nina Baker (donors), John and Karen Baker, James and Hollie Baker, and Mark and Julie Ferguson. The funds have come from philanthropic motivations of the family. The student who receives this scholarship will be enrolled in good standing in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The student will be selected by the Scholarship Committee within the College of Medicine. The inaugural award was presented in 2012-13 to Shyann Renfro of Watson.

**Eddie Ball Memorial Scholarship:** The friends and family of E.B. Ball of Eudora, Arkansas, founded a scholarship in memory of Eddie Ball, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1984 during his sophomore year of medical school. The scholarship is awarded annually to a member of the sophomore class who excelled academically during his or her freshman year of medical school and who demonstrates a willingness to serve others. The student must exemplify “diligence in the pursuit of becoming a humane and compassionate physician” in keeping with the wishes of the Ball family. The inaugural award was presented in 1985 to Richard Lochola of Mena.

**Barton Foundation Scholarship:** The income from an endowment given to the College of Medicine in 1964 by Mrs. T.H. Barton of El Dorado is used to recognize students based on their previous year's academic performance. Barton Scholarships are given each year to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. Barton Scholarships are awarded to students who completed the prior year of medical school with a 4.0 GPA. The Barton Foundation Scholarships are among the oldest and most prestigious awards offered by the College of Medicine. Since its creation in 1964, approximately 1000 students have received 1.8 million dollars in Barton Foundation Scholarships.

**Robert and Dorothy Bowling Scholarship:** Robert E. Bowling, Ph.D., established a scholarship fund in 1991 to honor the memory of his wife, Dorothy, and to celebrate his retirement after 34 years as a member of the faculty of the College of Medicine, which included 17 years as Associate Dean for Admissions. Dr. Bowling passed away in 2000. The Bowling scholarship is awarded annually to a rising sophomore who demonstrates academic promise, a desire to serve others, and has financial need. The inaugural award was presented in 1992 to James Kevin Rudder of El Dorado.

**Hettye Sue and Mike Bridger, M.D. Scholarship:** W. Mike Bridger, M.D., Class of 1967, received a Barton Scholarship during his time at the UAMS College of Medicine and established this scholarship in appreciation of the financial assistance. The Barton Scholarship is awarded to medical students earning the top grade point average during the prior year of medical studies. Dr. Bridger believed he received an excellent education at UAMS, and the atmosphere that existed then was conducive to receiving an excellent training which enabled him to go anywhere and practice medicine. The award is made at the discretion of the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee. The inaugural award was presented in 2011 to Laura Johnson of Little Rock.

**Aristo Brizzolara, Sr., Scholarship Fund:** In August, 1980, Charles M. Brizzolara, M.D. sent a letter to then Associate Dean for Finance, Mr. George Warner, wishing to establish a scholarship fund in memory of his uncle Aristo Brizzolara, Sr. It was the desire of Dr. Charles Brizzolara, Class of 1936, who attended medical school during the Great Depression, to provide financial aid to medical students who were in need of assistance. Dr. Brizzolara lived with his uncle during medical school. Aristo Brizzolara was born in Milan, Italy and immigrated to the United States and became a respected businessman in Little Rock, dealing primarily in real estate. He is the progenitor of the distinguished Little Rock family, which includes a nephew, grandson and great grandson who became physicians. Over the years, hundreds of medical students have been assisted by the Brizzolara Fund. Initially, the intent was to establish a scholarship fund and monies received were awarded as scholarships on an annual basis until 1990. However, the trust agreement document subsequently received referred to the fund as a "loan" rather than a "scholarship". Brizzolara funds were disbursed to medical students as loans until 2005. In 2005, Mr. John Coffin, Director of UAMS Institutional Development, conversed with A.J. Brizzolara, M.D. who approved converting the fund back to a scholarship. As loans have been repaid and sufficient interest has accrued, the College of Medicine resumed awarding scholarships to medical students beginning with the 2014 academic year.

**Harold Braswell Challenge Scholarship:** Dr. Harold Braswell graduated from the College of Medicine in 1955. He attended his 35-year reunion in 1990 and enjoyed his alumni weekend so much that he designated the Arkansas Caduceus Club, the College of Medicine alumni organization, as beneficiary of a new insurance policy. Upon his death in 1992, part of his gift was used to endow a scholarship for medical students. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 1995 to Michael Wells of Hensley. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student on the basis of academics, character and financial need.

**Dr. King David Brown Scholarship:** Dr. King David Brown left a substantial part of his estate to be used to provide scholarships for college students at three of the schools he attended: Meharry Medical College; the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; and the College of Medicine at UAMS. Dr. Brown, whose own background necessitated financial assistance to medical school, established this scholarship for a student, preferably from his hometown of Magnolia, with a demonstrated need for financial assistance. The inaugural award was presented in 1998.

**Rita and Robert Homer Bryant Memorial Scholarship:** Mrs. Frances Bryant Edens of Corsicana, Texas, established a memorial fund in memory of her parents, Rita and Robert Homer Bryant. Robert, a 1915 College of Medicine graduate, joined the Army during World War I and was stationed in France. His surgical team operated much like a MASH unit. Dr. Bryant was impressed by the successful treatment of physical wounds but distressed by the lack of understanding of mental illness. Thereafter, Dr. Bryant and his wife made psychiatry their life work. Dr. Bryant retired from the Little Rock Medical Division of the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in 1958. The scholarship is awarded annually to an entering first-year student on the basis of remarkable achievement both inside and outside the classroom. The inaugural award was presented in 1988 to Belinda Shirkey of Lonoke at the first scholarship banquet hosted by the College of Medicine.

**Buchanan Key Scholarship:** The Buchanan Key is among the oldest and most prestigious awards presented by the College of Medicine. According to Anna Buchanan, the late Dr. A. S. Buchanan (known in the family as Dr. Al), Class of 1905, established the Buchanan Keys in 1939 in memory of his brother, Dr. Gilbert Buchanan. One student is selected annually from each class, based on the vote of his/her classmates. After Dr. Buchanan's death in 1953, the award was continued by his daughters, Mrs. Carl Dalrymple and Miss Katherine Buchanan, in honor of their father who practiced nearly 50 years in Prescott, Arkansas. The award consists of an engraved Buchanan Key. Beginning in 1999, the College of Medicine Founders Society voted to provide a \$1,000.00 scholarship for each Buchanan Key recipient. In recent years, the Key was replaced with a commemorative plaque. The College of Medicine regards the award as a significant accomplishment because the winners are chosen not only on the basis of superior academic achievement but also by the vote of their classmates.

**Class of 1937 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1937, a product of the Great Depression, remembered the adversity of its medical-school years and recognized a continuing need to assist students with the costs of a medical education. Fourteen of the original 62 members of the Class of 1937 attended their 50-year Alumni Reunion in 1987 and decided to fund the first scholarship ever presented by an alumni class to the College of Medicine. Dr. J.A. Henry, who was instrumental in establishing the annual scholarship stated: "The chief reason for establishing the scholarship was in recognition of the School of Medicine which has provided for us the opportunity to become doctors. The remembrance of the austerity which characterized and tempered our medical school days no doubt influenced this scholarship. We only hope that any future recipient of this scholarship will feel gratitude and pride in his/her medical school alma mater which has prompted the creation of the Class of 1937 Scholarship." The scholarship is awarded to an entering first-year student on the basis of outstanding academic achievement and need. This scholarship, along with the Class of 1981 Alumni Scholarship, is recognized as the genesis of the successful alumni scholarship effort spearheaded by Mrs. Janet Honeycutt, past Executive Director of the Arkansas Caduceus Club, and Dr. I. Dodd Wilson, former Dean of the College of Medicine and UAMS Chancellor. The inaugural award was presented in 1989 to Alan Newman of Benton.

**Class of 1942 Alumni Scholarship:** Members of the Class of 1942 returned to Little Rock in 1992 to celebrate the golden anniversary of their graduation from medical school. During this time, they also decided to fund an endowed scholarship for the College of Medicine, and they accomplished their goal in only two years. The inaugural award was presented in 1994 to Chris Gibert. The Class of 1942 Scholarship is given annually to an upperclassman who has demonstrated superior academic achievement throughout medical school.

**Class of 1945 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1945 determined at its 45-year reunion in 1990 to establish a scholarship by the time of its 50-year reunion. Class agents campaigned for contributions from their classmates. The class presented its endowment to the College of Medicine during its golden anniversary celebration in 1999. The scholarship is awarded each year to a medical student on the basis of financial need and academic excellence. The inaugural award was presented in 1995 to Peter Ball of Springdale.

**Class of 1946 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1946 decided in 1991 to fund a scholarship and, like the Class of 1945, present it to the College of Medicine on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their graduation. The class presented the scholarship to the College of Medicine in June 1996. The scholarship is awarded to a student on the basis of outstanding academic achievement. The Class of 1946 reserved the right to amend the selection criteria in the future. Kay Kinneman was the inaugural recipient in 1996.

**Class of 1947 Alumni Scholarship:** In the midst of World War II, the accelerated class matriculated about 60 students in 1944 (Class of 1947) - the smallest medical school class since the depths of the Depression. Many of the members of the class were actually in the military (Army Specialized Training Program or Navy V-12 Program) while medical students, and school was held year-round so they graduated in a little over three years. Most were discharged after the end of the war while they were still in medical school, and were not called to active duty during World War II. However, many members of the Class of 1947 served during the Korean conflict. When they returned for the golden anniversary of their graduation at Alumni Weekend in 1997, the class decided to fund an endowed scholarship for the College of Medicine. In 2002, the Class of 1947 presented an endowed scholarship to Dean I. Dodd Wilson on the occasion of their 55th anniversary of their graduation. The inaugural award was presented in 2002 to Theresa Wyrick.

**Class of 1949 Alumni Scholarship:** The scholarship of the Class of 1949 is awarded annually to an upperclassman on the basis of superior academic achievement, both inside and outside of the classroom. Class agents, Dr. Bernard Thompson, retired professor of surgery, and his wife, Dr. Dola Thompson, retired professor and Chair of Anesthesiology, were influential in establishing this fund. The inaugural award of the Class of 1949 Alumni Scholarship was presented in 1994 to Ruth Ann Blair of Carlisle.

**Class of 1950 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1950 was the first post-war class. Most were veterans and most were living on the GI Bill Stipend. They were an older group. Many were married before they started medical school, and almost all were married by the time they graduated. Class President Tom Ed Townsend recalls that some of the students were older than the faculty and were accused of having a cavalier attitude toward school and life. For instance, June Cross and Hal Black charged Frank Cantrell a quarter to ride the elevator up to the top floor for Gross Anatomy. Tom Ed rode free. When Cantrell protested, they explained that he wasn't a vet. Sixty-two graduated in Fayetteville - the last class to do so. The inaugural award was presented in 2000 to Tommy Moseley.

**Class of 1952 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1952 made plans during its 1992 reunion to endow a scholarship in recognition of the high cost of medical education and the indebtedness of many medical students. Dr. Rex Morgan, Class Agent, presented the College of Medicine with a generous scholarship endowment during the 1997 Alumni Weekend to provide encouragement and financial aid to their younger colleagues. The Scholarship Committee selects a worthy student each year to receive the award. The inaugural award was presented in 1997 to Jeri Mendelson of Roland.

**Class of 1953 Alumni Scholarship:** Members of the Class of 1953 established an endowed scholarship fund for the College of Medicine during its 40th anniversary celebration of their graduation from medical school. Dr. Purcell Smith, Class Agent, presented this generous endowment to the College during Alumni Weekend in 1998. The inaugural award was presented in 1998 to Michelle Rodgers of Fayetteville.

**Class of 1954 Alumni Scholarship:** Dr. Harold Hyder initiated a drive among his classmates to fund a medical student scholarship in 1989. After the untimely death of Dr. Hyder, Dr. Joe Bennett, Dr. George Ackerman and other members of the Class of 1954 spearheaded efforts to continue. Today, it is the largest scholarship endowment ever presented to the College by an alumni class. A remarkable 81% of class members supported the scholarship fund. The inaugural presentation of the scholarship was made in 1994 to Shannon Turner of Russellville. The award is presented annually to a freshman or sophomore.

**Class of 1955 Alumni Scholarship:** Dr. Robert L. Chester's love of the outdoors was equaled only by his affection for the University of Arkansas and his love of medicine. As an anesthesiologist in the class of 1955, he was exemplary in his care for patients. Their well being always came first. The respect he had for his profession also found expression in the fondness he felt for his medical school class. He was, therefore, pleased that through his estate he could make arrangements to add significantly to the funds available for scholarships awarded on behalf of his class. The scholarship is awarded annually at the discretion of the College of Medicine scholarship committee. The inaugural scholarship was awarded in 2008 to Eric Wright of Quitman.

**Class of 1956 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1956 established its College of Medicine endowment in 1991. The class elected to fund a scholarship initially, but reserved the right to designate the income for other specific purposes as institutional needs change. The inaugural award was presented in 1996 to Drew Finkbeiner of Little Rock. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement.

**Class of 1957 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1957 always has an excellent turnout at its Alumni Weekends. The class presented an endowed scholarship to the College of Medicine during its 45-year reunion. They designated the scholarship to be awarded annually at the discretion of the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee. The inaugural award was presented in 2002 to Naveen Pemmaraju, sophomore class president from Hot Springs.

**Class of 1958 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1958 decided to fund an endowment for the College of Medicine during its 1998 Alumni Weekend. Dr. James Basinger guided those early efforts. The class decided during the 2003 reunion to fund a medical student scholarship from its endowment. The inaugural award was presented in 2003 by Dr. R.H. Nunnally, Camden, and his wife Anne, to Matt Sellars of Bryant

**Class of 1961 Alumni Scholarship:** At the 1991 Alumni Weekend, the Class of 1961 announced the culmination of their ten-year effort to endow a scholarship. Sitting at the front table was Dr. Asa Crow, Class Agent for the Class of 1961, who asked for a chance at the microphone. Dr. Crow declared his class wasn't going to "let those young whippersnappers out do us" and announced without consultation with his classmates the five years hence, the Class of 1961 would present an endowed scholarship to the College of Medicine ... and they did! The inaugural award was presented in 1996. The Class would like for the Scholarship Committee to consider three things: 1) Need, 2) Record of volunteerism and Leadership, and 3) personal commitment to make contributions to a UAMS College of Medicine endowed fund when he/she is able to do so in the future. The inaugural award was presented in 1996 to Jacob Kaler, Hot Springs.

**Class of 1963 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1963 decided to endow a scholarship for the College during the 30th anniversary of their graduation from medical school in 1993. Dr. J. Malcolm Moore, Class Agent, presented an endowment to the College of Medicine in June 1998. The class determined that the recipient must be a sophomore who is an Arkansas resident, who has financial need and whose grades fall in the mid-range of the class. The recipient is eligible for renewal of the scholarship until graduation if the financial need continues. Michael E. Barnett, M.D., a leader in establishing this scholarship was selected by his class to make the inaugural presentation in 1998 to Nat Robertson of North Little Rock.

**Class of 1964 Alumni Scholarship:** Class Agent, Rex Easter, M.D., and his fellow classmates presented a scholarship to the College of Medicine during the 1999 Alumni Weekend marking the 35-year anniversary of their graduation from medical school. The scholarship recipient must be an Arkansas resident with financial need who is in the mid-range of his/her class. The scholarship is awarded to a sophomore and will be renewed until graduation providing the recipient continues to meet the criteria. The inaugural award was presented in 1999 to Mark Dyer of Little Rock.

**Class of 1965 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1965 established a scholarship fund in 1995 and class members continue to make contributions to this fund. Upperclassmen who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement are given priority consideration. The Class of 1965 reserves the right to modify scholarship selection criteria. The inaugural award was presented to Lori Cheney of Mountain Home in 1995.

**Class of 1968/A.J. Thompson, M.D., Memorial Scholarship:** The Class of 1968 was deeply saddened by the 1988 death of its admired classmate, Dr. A.J. Thompson, who once had been selected as Outstanding Intern and then Outstanding Resident at UAMS. Later, he became the personal physician to the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. Dr. Thompson founded the Little Rock Cardiology Clinic and is credited with bringing state-of-the-art cardiology to central Arkansas. He also helped organize several missions through his church to benefit those less privileged in other countries. Dr. Thompson was named the College of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus, one of the most prestigious honors bestowed by the College of Medicine, only one year before his valiant struggle with cancer ended his life. Dr. Jack Blackshear and Dr. Frederick E. Joyce led the effort to establish a scholarship fund in his memory. The inaugural award based on outstanding academic achievement was presented in 1993 to Torin Gray of Waldron.

**Class of 1969 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1969 began contributing to its scholarship fund in 1994. They accomplished their goal after five years. Class Agent, Dr. Jerry Kendall, presented the College of Medicine with the Class of 1969 Alumni Scholarship at its 30-year reunion during Alumni Weekend in 1999. The inaugural award was given in 1999.

**Class of 1971 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1971 voted unanimously to establish an endowed scholarship during their 25th reunion in 1996. Rallied by class agents Dr. John C. Jones and Dr. Hugh Burnett, classmates contributed generously to the endowment fund over the next several years to build a lasting gift for future medical students. Class members were pleased to present the inaugural scholarship in 2006, marking their 35th reunion year.

**Class of 1973 / Hank Jordan Memorial Scholarship:** Following the death of Dr. Harry J. Jordan of Jonesboro, his medical school classmates and many other northeast Arkansas physicians contributed to a scholarship fund in his memory. Members of the Class of 1973 note that they were blessed to have had the late Harry J. Jordan as a classmate: "In studying with him, we learned to admire him; in working with him, we learned to respect him; in knowing him, we loved him." This scholarship gives preference to a freshman student from Jonesboro or northeast Arkansas who, like Dr. Jordan, demonstrates integrity, character and compassion. The inaugural award of the Class of 1973 Hank Jordan Memorial Scholarship was presented in 1994 to Rodney McDonald of Paragould.

**Class of 1974 Alumni Scholarship:** A year after the Class of 1974 celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation, class members agreed that it was important to establish a scholarship fund as a permanent means to assist in recruiting and retaining top medical students for the College of Medicine. Carroll Chappell, M.D. and Ron Hardin, M.D. led the appeal with initial pledges and the campaign was launched. The recipients of this scholarship will be selected at the discretion of the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee.

**Class of 1976 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1976 began efforts to endow a scholarship at its twentieth reunion. The Class officially presented its scholarship to Dean I. Dodd Wilson in 2001, in celebration of the Silver Anniversary of their graduation from medical school. However, the class members accumulated sufficient funds by 1999 and did not want to delay another two years when students had need now. Therefore, the inaugural presentation was made in 1999, two years prior to their Silver Anniversary celebration, at the College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet held in the Grand Ballroom of the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock on September 17, 1999. Members of the Class of 1976 were on hand to make the inaugural presentation including Dr. Richard P. Wheeler, Dr. William Henry, and Dr. LeRoy LeNarz. The inaugural award was presented in 1999 to Morris Kelley of Pine Bluff.

**Class of 1977 Alumni Scholarship:** The class consisted of students from a wide range of ages and experiences, including many Vietnam veterans, a record number of women and a variety of personalities. The Class of 1977 donated its scholarship simply to help reduce the debt of their colleagues in medicine. The College of Medicine Scholarship Committee selects the recipient. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2002 to Reta Graham of Clarksville.

**Class of 1978:** At the 35th anniversary of their graduation, a decision was made to award their scholarship fund as a permanent means for the class to help medical students today and into the future. Under the leadership of class agent Sharron Leslie, M.D., the criteria for their scholarship was developed to benefit students with financial need. Recipients are selected at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The inaugural award was presented in 2014 to Robert O'Neal of Fort Smith.

**Class of 1979 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1979 Alumni Scholarship fund was established in 1994 to provide an annual scholarship based on demonstrated academic achievement and character. The class also established a fund in memory of classmate, Susan Campbell Rector, to award a scholarship to an outstanding senior woman who chooses a career in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The inaugural award was presented in 1994 to Paige Cash of North Little Rock.

**Class of 1981 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1981 voted to establish a scholarship fund as a graduation gift to the College of Medicine. Contributions and accrued interest were significant enough to begin awarding scholarships in 1992. The class goal is to earn sufficient interest on the principal in order to present a full-tuition scholarship annually. The recipient should be a rising senior. Members of the senior class vote for a classmate who is seen as a promising young physician and one who has never received a scholarship or grant during medical school. The student with the majority vote receives the award. This scholarship, along with the Class of 1937 Alumni Scholarship, is recognized as the genesis of the successful alumni class effort to endow scholarships for the College of Medicine. The inaugural award was presented to Timothy Eric Bowen of Little Rock in 1991.

**Class of 1982 / Dr. Morris Hughes Memorial Scholarship:** The Class of 1982 created a scholarship in memory of classmate, Dr. Morris Hughes, who was killed in an airplane crash in 1988. Dr. Hughes had experience in many fields before coming to medical school, including electrical engineering, construction, ambulance services and volunteer fire services. Dr. Hughes' classmates often joked that he would be able to operate on his patient, repair the patient's car, and then go to the patient's home, rewire it, repair the plumbing and add a room. To memorialize his spirit of selflessness and excellence in diverse fields, this scholarship fund was established to be awarded to the Junior Medical Student who, in the eyes of his or her classmates, best exhibits the qualities of selflessness, creativity and energy in solving problems of his or her classmates. The junior class selects the recipient of this scholarship each year through a class vote during registration. The inaugural award was presented in 1992 by Dr. Lee Archer on behalf of his classmates. The inaugural award was presented in 1992 to Robert Haley Shaw of North Little Rock.

**Class of 1983 Alumni Scholarship:** The College of Medicine Class of 1983 awards a yearly scholarship to a medical student who exhibits leadership, shows compassion, and has good academic standing. The scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the College of Medicine scholarship committee. The inaugural award was awarded in 2009 to Daniel Shepherd of St. Paul, Arkansas.

**Class of 1984 Alumni Scholarship:** The College of Medicine Class of 1984 determined during its first Alumni Weekend in 1994 to fund a scholarship in five years to be presented to the College of Medicine at its next reunion. The goal was met and the inaugural scholarship was presented by Dr. Kris Shewmake on behalf of his classmates in 1999. The 2008 recipient was Samuel House of Conway.

**Class of 1985 Alumni Scholarship:** The Class of 1985 decided at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation to establish a scholarship fund as a permanent means for the class to help medical students today and into the future. The cost of tuition in 1985 was \$3,500.00 compared to \$17,980.00 in 2010. Under the leadership of James Graham, M.D., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, a campaign was launched with his generous contribution. The recipients of the scholarship will be selected at the discretion of the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee.

**Class of 1987 / Dana A. Martin Memorial Scholarship:** The Class of 1987 established a memorial scholarship in honor of its classmate, Dana Austin Martin, who died in 1986 in an automobile accident during his sophomore year of medical school. Donations from his classmates and the Martin family created the scholarship. Two scholarships are awarded annually to entering first-year medical students with the hope the recipients will someday realize Dana's dream of becoming a caring and compassionate physician. The inaugural awards were presented in 1989 to Karen Beard of Newport and Lawrence Dodd of Paragould.

**Class of 2000 Alumni Scholarship:** When the Class of 2000 graduated, they voted to donate the balance of their class treasury to the College of Medicine as an endowed scholarship for a future student. At their first class reunion, under the leadership of Todd Clements, M.D., they launched a campaign to increase their scholarship endowment in order to have a positive and lasting impact on the increasing need for larger scholarships. The selection criteria will be made at the discretion of the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee. The inaugural award will be presented when sufficient funds derived from interest become available.

**Class of 2002 Alumni Scholarship:** When the Class of 2002 graduated, they graciously voted to donate the balance of their treasury to the College of Medicine as an endowed scholarship for future medical students. The award is made at the discretion of the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee. The inaugural award was presented in 2010 to Heather Delahunt-Moore, a senior from Cabot.

**Marianna Clift Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Steven A. Clift, Class of 1977, along with family and friends, established this scholarship in memory of his mother, Marianna Campbell Clift, who instilled in her children the importance of education although she herself could not afford to attend college. She was unselfishly dedicated to helping others. The Clift family hopes the annual recipient will be encouraged to give unselfishly to those less fortunate and to honor the legacy of ideals, values and goals that mothers continue to pass down to their children from generation to generation. The annual award, first presented in 1995, is made to a student who ranks in the upper one-half of his/her class and has demonstrated financial need. The inaugural recipient was Jason Stewart of Hope.

**Cooper Family Memorial Scholarship:** The Cooper Scholarship is presented in memory of Dr. Burpee Cooper, Class of 1912, and in honor of his grandson, Dr. Curt A. Cooper, Class of 1973. The scholarship was endowed by Dr. Burpee Cooper's son, Mr. Arnold Cooper (the father of Dr. Curt A. Cooper) and by Burpee Cooper's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weichselfelder. The Cooper Scholarship was established to acknowledge their debt of gratitude to their father and to benefit outstanding medical students. Preference is given to Boone County/Harrison area students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement, good citizenship and whose families work in order to assist them. The inaugural award was presented in 1993 to Aaron Janos of Flippin.

**Dean's Office / College of Medicine Scholarships:** In response to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' "Invest in Life" Capital Gifts Campaign to raise \$5,000,000 in scholarship funds for students, the Dean's Office/College of Medicine staff employees established a scholarship fund designed to recognize and reward humanitarian public service. Three scholarships were awarded beginning in 1992, one each to a rising sophomore, junior and senior medical student. Students are nominated by their classmates and must demonstrate a superior awareness of and accomplishment in community and civic activities. A scholarship committee in the Dean's office makes the final selection.

**Dr. Edward Forrest Ellis Scholarship:** In 1989, Dr. Ruth Ellis Lesh of Fayetteville established the Dr. Edward Forrest Ellis Scholarship as a loving memorial to her father who practiced medicine until his death in 1957 at the age of 93. Dr. Ellis was the first physician to perform major surgery in northwest Arkansas. Dr. Ellis was born August 19, 1863 and moved to northwest Arkansas in 1866. In 1885, he graduated from Missouri Medical College in St. Louis, which later became Washington University Medical School. In 1885, he became a member of the Washington County (Arkansas) Medical Society and the Arkansas Medical Society (President 1918-19). Dr. Ellis practiced in Hindsville for ten years, Springdale until 1904 and Fayetteville until his death in 1957. Dr. Lesh, a respected member of the Arkansas medical community, established the scholarship to assist medical students who demonstrate superior academic achievement and who possess character qualities to become outstanding physicians. Preference may be given to a female student who desires to pursue a career in Surgery. The inaugural award was presented in 1990 to Tamara Hlavaty.

**Ruth Elizabeth Ellis, M.D. Scholarship:** Mary Carolyn Ellis, granddaughter of Dr. Edward Forrest Ellis and sister of Dr. Ruth Elizabeth Ellis, left a bequest for "scholarships for needy and deserving medical students at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, such scholarships to be awarded regardless of race, color, sex, age or national origin." The Ellis physicians were widely known and respected in the Arkansas medical community. Dr. Ruth Elizabeth Ellis was a member of the Class of 1948 University of Arkansas College of Medicine. The inaugural award was presented in 2012 to Kevan Tucker of Batesville.

**Dr. E. T. Ellison Scholarship:** This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. E.T. Ellison of Texarkana by his children, Dr. E.T. Ellison, Jr., Class of 1973, and Mrs. Mary Ellison Becker. Dr. Ellison was chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at UAMS (1947-1948) when he left to help found the Collum-Carney Clinic in Texarkana. He continued to maintain his academic interests while pursuing his career as an excellent clinician. He loved both the intellectual mastery of the medical sciences and the application of that mastery to the relief of human suffering. In addition to publishing numerous articles in his field, Dr. Ellison had a well-developed grasp of all aspects of medicine. He was an extremely gifted technical surgeon and attributed his skill in that area to his emphasis on economy of motion. He was always very energetic, open to new ideas, and attentive to the complaints of patients and suggestions of colleagues. Above and beyond his love of medicine and patient care, he had a wide range of interests. He was an accomplished artist, civic supporter, and an avid golfer—one of the few people ever to score a hole-in-one playing left-handed and later to score one playing right-handed. It is the desire of the Ellison family that this scholarship be provided to medical students who share his passions and ideals. Preference is given to an entering first-year student from the Texarkana area who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need. The inaugural award was presented in 1994 to Robert Lloyd Stuckey of Texarkana.

**Dr. Thomas Formby Scholarship:** Dr. Thomas Formby, Class of 1950, served in World War II and was a member of the first post-war class to enter the College of Medicine. He established a family practice in Searcy, Arkansas, and was especially instrumental in establishing a community-based hospital, the White County Medical Center, at a time when other community hospitals were closing. He recognized the need for specialists in small towns and the benefits of group practice. He helped start the first and now one of the largest, multi-specialty groups in the state. He encouraged a heart of service among his colleagues through his guidance in their professional, personal and spiritual development. Dr. Formby established this scholarship in 2000, the same year he received the College of Medicine's most prestigious honor, the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Dr. Formby died in August 2006. The inaugural award was presented in 2000 to Angela Grace Hughes of Searcy.

**Samuel L. Gaston, M.D., Memorial Scholarship:** This scholarship was established upon Dr. Gaston's death in 1994 to commemorate his dedication to academic excellence, medicine and family. Dr. Gaston attended Arkansas Tech on a football scholarship and, afterwards, coached high school sports for nine years in Harrison, his hometown. He entered medical school in 1960 despite the responsibilities associated with raising three small children. Dr. Gaston graduated from medical school with high honors and was selected by his classmates to receive the Buchanan Key Award his senior year. The Gaston family prefers the recipient to be a student who was married and had a family before entering medical school. The inaugural award was presented in 1995 to Richard Alexander White of Sherwood.

**Geriatrics Summer Research Scholarship:** The Reynolds Department of Geriatrics was established in 1997 through a \$28.8 million gift from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. In addition, the Reynolds Foundation funded the recent addition of four floors to the Reynolds Institute on Aging which houses the clinical, educational, and research facilities for the department. In the past decade, the Reynolds Department of Geriatrics has become one of the most recognized geriatrics centers in the nation and has been recognized in the top ten percent of academic programs in the country by U.S. News and World Report. The department has developed a robust and successful research program that provides a superb environment and also serves as an ideal laboratory for research education and clinical research. It is only through a comprehensive, interdisciplinary and holistic approach towards the aging process that the best diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic strategies can be designed for the older individual of tomorrow. To better inform and prepare our future physicians in the field of aging research, the Department of Geriatrics offers scholarships for a paid six week summer research study program for one (or two) medical student(s) between the first and second years.

**Jean C. Gladden, M.D., and William King Gladden Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Jean Gladden, Class of 1944, was the first board-certified surgeon to practice in north central Arkansas. He often joined his father, who was also a physician, as he made rounds delivering babies and caring for the sick in rural areas surrounding Harrison. Dr. Gladden served as president of the Arkansas Caduceus Club and chaired its Medical Student Loan and Scholarship Committee. He was concerned about medical student debt and wanted to assure no qualified medical school applicant would be prevented from becoming a doctor due to lack of funds. Family and friends chose to establish a scholarship in his memory upon his death. The inaugural award of this scholarship was presented in 1995. Dr. Gladden's son's name was added to the scholarship title in 2005, when he passed away at the age of 50. William King Gladden had been involved in the banking industry for over 23 years and was the founding Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Community First Bank. The recipient must be a student with financial need and who has an aptitude for working with people as demonstrated through volunteerism and community service. The inaugural award was presented in 1995 to Teresa Clark of Morrilton.

**Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Gray Scholarship:** Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Gray established a scholarship fund to assist medical students in 1986. Dr. Gray, Class of 1935, was the first residency-trained radiologist in Arkansas. He worked in private practice in Little Rock for thirty years while also serving as an Associate Clinical Professor of Radiology at UAMS. Dr. Gray was named Honorary Professor of Radiology in 1983. Dr. and Mrs. Gray were actively involved in many medical, civic, church and volunteer organizations. The Grays were committed to assisting deserving medical students with scholarship support. Dr. and Mrs. Gray, along with their daughter and son-in-law, were killed in an airplane crash in 1991. The College of Medicine continued to recognize their special contributions to mankind by honoring them at the annual Scholarship Banquet. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding freshman who demonstrates a caring and compassionate spirit and enjoys serving others – those qualities that reflect a lifetime of devotion and commitment by Dr. and Mrs. Ed Gray. In 1987, the inaugural award was presented to freshman medical student, Scott Cooper.

**Dr. E. M. Gray Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. E.M. Gray, of Mountain Home, died July 27, 1973, leaving a will which bequeathed 85 acres of land in Mississippi County to the College of Medicine. Money from the sale of this land established both scholarship and cancer research funds for the school. It was Dr. Gray's desire to help young people become better citizens and to help students complete college. He was a Scout leader and received the Silver Beaver award in 1956, the highest award for an adult in scouting. He worked in scouting until age 85. The Grays had no children but adopted a son who had lost both parents at an early age, Mr. Lyndell Norton of Batesville. Students selected should demonstrate leadership, community service and financial need. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 1976 to Frances Norfleet and David Nixon.

**Ralph B. Hamilton, M.D., Endowed Scholarship:** The Ralph B. Hamilton, M.D. Endowed Scholarship was presented in 2013 by and through the authorized representatives of the Ralph B. Hamilton, M.D., Scholarship Board, Steve Schoettle, M.D., President of the Board, Ann N. Goss, Secretary of the Board and Robert L. Goss, Treasurer. The scholarship was given to the UAMS College of Medicine to honor the life and career of Ralph B. Hamilton, a 1934 graduate of the UAMS College of Medicine, who was appointed as the first Chief of Staff at the Crittenden Memorial Hospital and who served the Crittenden County area with great distinction as a physician for 57 years. The purpose of the scholarship will be to support students enrolled in the UAMS College of Medicine who meet the following criteria: The student is a native of Crittenden County, Arkansas by virtue of being born in, or is otherwise from or once resided in, Crittenden County, Arkansas; and as long as the student is enrolled in the UAMS College of Medicine, the student will be granted a scholarship award, subject to the policies of UAMS and the UAMS College of Medicine; and in the event there are more qualified applicants than funds sufficient to grant awards in the number and amount desired by the College of Medicine, the College of Medicine may use the additional criteria of financial need to determine the final scholarship recipients in any given year. The selection of the scholarship recipients shall be made by the UAMS College of Medicine scholarship selection committee, consistent with applicable policies and guidelines of UAMS and the UAMS College of Medicine. If in the judgment of the scholarship selection committee, there are no qualified applicants to receive a scholarship in any given year, scholarship awards will not be distributed and may be returned to the endowment, or awarded together with the monies available for expenditure in subsequent years. The scholarship then may be awarded when a qualified student applies and is eligible for the scholarship award. The inaugural award was presented in 2014 to Jesse Wray of Crawfordsville.

**Dr. Fred W. Henker Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Fred Henker graduated from the College of Medicine in 1945, and served as a member of the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry, specializing in patient interview, psychosomatic illness, death and dying, and treating patients dually diagnosed with mental and physical illnesses. He served on the College of Medicine Admissions Committee and on a number of medical boards. Dr. Henker and his wife established a scholarship for medical students in 2003. Dr. Henker passed away in March of 2005 following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2005 to Benjamin Carlyle of Newport.

**John R. and Wilkie Dolby Hogan Endowed Scholarship:** John Rean Hogan and Wilkie Frost Dolby Hogan were married in January 1992 in North Little Rock. Mr. Hogan died March 7, 1999 at the age of 96 and Mrs. Hogan died November 27, 2009 at the age of 94. "Wilkie" was born February 17, 1915 in Huttig, Arkansas, the daughter of Amos Virgil and Wilkie Matilda Frost. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Tele-Bible Class. Previously, she had been a member of Central Baptist Church and Pike Avenue Baptist Church, both in North Little Rock. She was preceded in death by her first husband, A. J. Dolby, after 56 years of marriage; her second husband, John R. Hogan, after seven years of marriage; her first born son, John F. Dolby at age 39, three brothers and four sisters. Mrs. Hogan established an annuity and expressed her desire to "support the work of the College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and in particular scholarships for students enrolled in the College of Medicine". Upon termination of the annuity, the principal was distributed to establish the John R. and Wilkie Dolby Hogan Endowed Scholarship Fund. Her daughter, Annette Dolby Hester of Little Rock, stated it was her mother's desire that scholarships be awarded to medical students on the basis of need and merit. The inaugural scholarship was awarded in 2012 to Tammy Binz of Charleston.

**Dr. W. Mage and Janet Honeycutt Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Wesley Mage Honeycutt, a native of Nashville, Arkansas, graduated from the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in 1956, interned at the University of Arkansas Hospital, served in the United States Navy, then completed a residency in Dermatology at the University of Michigan and returned to Arkansas to enter the private practice of dermatology in Little Rock. He served as Professor of Dermatology in the College of Medicine where he made valuable contributions to his profession, particularly in the field of mycology. He earned the affection and appreciation of his patients. In his teaching career at the College of Medicine, he was demanding of and devoted to his students and residents, who called him "Attila the Honey." Dr. Honeycutt was honored with the College of Medicine Distinguished Service Award after his untimely death at age 48. His friends and family, led by a former student, Paul S. Greenberg, M.D., chose to honor him by presenting a scholarship in his name to be awarded annually to a medical student of character, compassion, collegiality and scholastic achievement.

Mrs. Janet Honeycutt served as the Executive Director of the Arkansas Caduceus Club for 20 years. She graduated from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where she met and subsequently married Dr. Honeycutt while he was in medical school. Janet was also awarded the College of Medicine Distinguished Service Award in 2004, making Dr. and Mrs. Honeycutt the only husband and wife team to win this award. Mrs. Honeycutt's poise and determination have been instrumental in earning the Arkansas Caduceus Club the reputation as one of the most exceptional alumni associations in the nation. Janet's grace, endearing charm, her infectious character, boundless energy, and her enthusiasm for life were the foundation of her many accomplishments. Janet passed away after a brief illness in 2004. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she has touched. Dr. and Mrs. Honeycutt's children chose to honor both their father and mother with this scholarship. The inaugural Honeycutt award was presented in 1997 to William McDonnell of Hot Springs. The inaugural scholarship to honor both Dr. W. Mage and Janet Honeycutt was awarded in 2004 to Shawn Marvin of Fort Smith.

**Linda Yaeger Hough Endowed Scholarship:** Linda Yaeger Hough, a North Little Rock native, graduated from Ouachita Baptist University with a major in music. She married Dr. Aubrey Hough in 1968, and when Dr. Hough came to UAMS in 1980, Linda became extremely active in the UAMS Auxiliary. In addition to many other duties, she served for many years as the Vice President for the University Hospital Gift Shop whose profits go into projects to benefit students and staff. She endowed a scholarship in 2004 for a deserving student with preference given to women pursuing a career in medicine. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2005 to Lindsey Erin Bell of Conway.

**LeNarz / Ingram Endowed Scholarship:** LeRoy LeNarz, a 1976 graduate of the College of Medicine, was concerned that he would be prevented from attending medical school because of lack of funding. However, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ingram of Pine Bluff offered interest-free loans through their private foundation, as well as their friendship, during his years in medical school. Dr. LeNarz repaid the loans by the time he finished his residency and became a respected cardiovascular surgeon. Later he served as a research advisor for Eli Lilly and Company. Dr. LeNarz determined to endow a major medical school scholarship through the Arkansas Caduceus Club for which he served as trustee in order to honor Mr. and Mrs. Ingram in the most appropriate way. The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas formally acknowledged Dr. LeNarz's gift and the generous matching gift from the Lilly foundation and established the LeNarz/Ingram Endowed Scholarship for the College of Medicine. The inaugural award was presented in 1999 to Jeffrey Graham of Rogers.

**Dr. and Mrs. Frank Maguire, Sr., Memorial Scholarship:** The Maguire Scholarship is one of the earliest scholarships established for College of Medicine students. Dr. Frank Maguire, Sr., and his son, Dr. Frank Maguire, Jr., provided over 100 years of service to Woodruff County and northeast Arkansas. Dr. Frank Maguire died September 30, 1997, just a couple of weeks before his 88th birthday. According to his obituary, "Frank Carroll Maguire, Jr., M.D., was born November 14, 1909, in Johns, Alabama, and was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Frank Carroll Maguire and Lucie Ferguson Carrel Maguire. He attended the University of Arkansas where he was a member of the Rifle Team, Scabard and Blade, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. From 1936 until 1941 he held various positions, including physician for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at Jasper, Public Health Director at Clarendon and Blytheville, and private practice with his father at Augusta. Affectionately known as "Dr. Frank" to his many friends and patients, he returned to private practice in Augusta following WWII where he retired in 1991. Anonymous donors established this scholarship in 1966 to honor Dr. Maguire and his wife who also served the Augusta area through many civic activities. The inaugural scholarship was awarded to Johnathan G. Sarlin in 1970. Interestingly, the student's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Sarlin, out of their gratitude for Johnathan's experience at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, established the Dr. George S. Wise Scholarship in 1974. The annual Maguire scholarship is presented to a rising sophomore who excelled academically during his or her freshman year of medical school.

**McClain Family College of Medicine Scholarship:** Charles M. McClain, Jr., M.D. and Patricia E. McClain of Batesville, Arkansas jointly pledged a gift to the University of Arkansas Foundation for the benefit of supporting medical students at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. They have established 1) an endowed scholarship fund and 2) an annual scholarship award in a non-endowed fund to support medical students at the UAMS College of Medicine. The purpose of the scholarship is to support students who have a financial need. If applicable, preference will be given to students who have provided sufficient information to demonstrate they have, through their own perseverance, overcome adversity or financial hardship, and who have an interest in medical mission work. The Scholarship Committee for the College of Medicine will select the scholarship recipients using these criteria. Dr. McClain graduated from the College of Medicine in 1967. After graduation from UAMS, the couple moved to Tulsa where he did a rotating internship at St. John's Hospital. His original interest was in Family Practice and he moved to Santa Rosa, California where he completed a Family Practice Residency at Community Hospital of Sonoma County. He later returned to UAMS to begin a residency in Radiology. His first position was in Searcy with Drs. Bell and Elliott. After the first year in Searcy, he was recruited to Batesville where he was the sole radiologist. His eldest son, Chuck, graduated from the College of Medicine in 1997 and followed in his father's footsteps by becoming an interventional radiologist. In 2003 when Dr. McClain was preparing for retirement, his son joined his practice. Dr. and Mrs. McClain have a long history of philanthropy and giving. They recently joined the Legacy Society by making a planned gift to the 1967 Class Fund and are members of the Dean's Society. "UAMS played an important role in the growth and success of my profession and my family's life. I consider my medical school education at UAMS a tremendous gift and privilege." The inaugural award was presented in 2014 to Lawson Smith of Mt. Ida.

**Betty Jane McClellan, M.D. Scholarship:** The McClellan Scholarship was established in 2009 for the purpose of providing recognition and financial assistance to UAMS College of Medicine students who meet the following criteria as determined by the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee: a full-time student at the UAMS College of Medicine, an Arkansas resident, who demonstrates superior academic achievement, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Preference may be given to eligible female students in the College of Medicine. The inaugural award was presented in 2010 to Lauren Licatino of Conway.

**McCracken Family Foundation Scholarship:** The McCracken Family Foundation Scholarship was established in August 2006 by Dr. John D. McCracken, his wife Marlise, and children, John Destin and Chase Fendley. Dr. McCracken is a 1958 graduate of the University of Arkansas College of Medicine. He served as Professor of Surgery at UAMS prior to entering private practice. He retired several years ago to manage family investments. It is the desire of the McCracken family to award the scholarship to a student with an exceptional academic record. The inaugural award was presented August 24, 2007, at the 20th annual College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. The inaugural recipient was Darren Freeman of Clarksville.

**M.D./Ph.D Scholarship:** The dual M.D./Ph.D. program at UAMS was developed to respond to the need for medical students trained in multiple medical and scientific arenas. Students selected for this program must first complete the initial two pre-clinical years of medical school. Students then study in a specific discipline in the Graduate School for two to four years. After completing requirements for the Ph.D., students return to the College of Medicine to finish their junior and senior years of medical school. The College of Medicine confers the M.D./Ph.D. degree at graduation. The M.D./Ph.D. Scholarship pays full tuition while in the College of Medicine and tuition plus a stipend when in Graduate School.

**Medical Alumni Scholarship:** The Medical Alumni Association of the College of Medicine awards \$10,000.00 scholarships each year to entering first year medical students. Students selected for these awards must demonstrate superior academic performance as well as proven leadership qualities as evidenced by extensive volunteerism and community service. These scholarships are among the most prestigious awards presented by the College of Medicine. The inaugural scholarship, known then as the Caduceus Club Scholarship, was awarded in 1987 to Frankie Griffin.

**Raymond P. Miller Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Miller was a beloved physician who graduated from UAMS College of Medicine in 1963. He was born November 26, 1936, in Cotton Plant, Arkansas. He graduated in 1955 from Cotton Plant Vocational High School and enrolled at Arkansas AM&N College in Pine Bluff where he received a B.S. degree in 1959. In 1972, Dr. Miller became the first black member of the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees. He served on many other boards throughout his career, including Worthen Bank and its successors, Entergy Corporation, and the Razorback Foundation. He received many honors in recognition of his professional practice and civic service. He was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society, Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, the American Thoracic Society, and a Diplomate of the American College of Physicians, and the American College of Chest Physicians. Dr. Miller died in 2005. In 2007, several friends of Dr. Miller convened to raise money that would endow a scholarship in his name. The endowment was established in 2008 and the inaugural award was presented in 2009 to Carla Brown of Wynne.

**Jewel Minnis Trust Fund Scholarship:** Miss Jewel Minnis, a former student at the University of Arkansas, bequeathed the proceeds of her rice farm to the University of Arkansas when she passed away in 1964. A perpetual trust was established that draws income from the sale of rice, soybeans and cotton crops. The proceeds are divided among the University of Arkansas campuses. Miss Minnis, an only child, was cultured and well-traveled. Though she lived in Monroe County, Arkansas, most of her life, she made many trips to the Mediterranean area as early as the 1920s. Freshman students in the College of Medicine are awarded this scholarship on the basis of academic excellence and financial need. The inaugural scholarship was awarded in 1990 to Todd Callahan of Little Rock and John Richard Duke of Searcy.

**Captain and Mrs. Charles Roy Moon Endowed Scholarship:** Charles Roy Moon was born in 1900 in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, and was reared in Nashville, Arkansas. He served in the Navy during his teenage years and after discharge, attended the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, graduating in 1926. He rejoined the Navy in the 1930s. He was on the U.S.S. Enterprise on December 7, 1941, stationed at Pearl Harbor, but was shuttling planes to Guam on that date and did not return to Pearl Harbor until December 9. Captain Moon retired in 1961 and practiced in a college setting in San Diego County until his death in 1970. In 1929, he married Marjorie, who had been a teacher of the deaf. They had no children. Mrs. Moon died in 2000 and her trust, after a few small personal bequests, designated half of her remaining estate to endow medical student scholarships for the College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The first Moon scholarship was awarded in 2002 to Lolita Palmer of Little Rock.

**Dr. Jerry D. Morgan Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Jerry Morgan, who graduated from the College of Medicine in 1965, dedicated 33 years to serving patients in Stuttgart and the surrounding area. His goal was to provide quality medical care to the people of rural southeast Arkansas. He helped build a medical center that provided the latest in technology, yet preserved a small-town atmosphere. His family, along with his colleagues, loyal patients, hospital administration and hospital board members, created a scholarship in his memory after his death in 1999. The scholarship is awarded to medical students from Arkansas, Monroe or Prairie Counties who have tentative plans to return to those areas to practice medicine. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2000 to Scott Chism of Stuttgart.

**Nolie Mumey, M.D. Endowed Scholarship:** Nolie Mumey, M.D., was born in 1891 and grew up on a farm in Jenny Lind, Arkansas. When he was a senior medical student, he was appointed to the faculty as “assistant in surgical technique.” He graduated from the University of Arkansas-Medical Department in 1916. After serving as a surgeon in the U.S. Army, he established a general private practice in Denver, Colorado in 1924. He held professional appointments at Presbyterian Hospital, Denver General Hospital and the University of Denver. He also served as company doctor for Continental Airlines for 32 years. He lectured on medical history at the University of Colorado School of Medicine from 1935 to 1960. Dr. Mumey died in 1984 at the age of 93. He and his wife, Norma L. Mumey, left a bequest to UAMS and the College of Medicine upon their deaths. A portion has been designated for scholarship support to students as a testimony of their love of medicine, learning and his alma mater. The inaugural award was presented in 2008 to Amy Taylor of North Little Rock.

**Dr. and Mrs. Lee Nauss Endowed Scholarship:** Dr. Lee Nauss and his wife Maria graduated from UAMS colleges. Dr. Nauss is a graduate of the College of Medicine, Class of 1971, and Maria is a graduate of the College of Nursing, Class of 1971. Dr. Nauss is an anesthesiologist and specialist in pain medicine at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. and Mrs. Nauss have endowed scholarships for their respective colleges in the hope of providing for a better future for medical and nursing students. The inaugural award was given in 2005 to Leticia Jones of Little Rock and Jennifer Short of North Little Rock.

**Durwood E. Neal, M.D., Class of 1945 and Howard Lucy Endowed Scholarship:** It was the expressed desire of Durwood E. Neal, M.D. to give a generous gift to the University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. The Gift will be used for a scholarship endowment for the purpose of making scholarship awards to eligible students of the College of Medicine at UAMS who are in good standing with the College of Medicine, with preference for those students who state an interest in and commitment to practicing Family Medicine. The scholarship honors the Donor’s father, Durwood E. Neal, M.D., a 1945 graduate of the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, and the Donor’s uncle, Mr. Howard Lucy. The name of the scholarship will be the **Durwood E. Neal, M.D. and Howard Lucy Endowed Scholarship**. The inaugural award will be presented in 2016.

**Dr. Robert H. Nunnally Endowed Scholarship:** Dr. Robert Nunnally, Class of 1958, began practicing medicine in Camden, Arkansas, in 1975. He was sponsored by the United States Air Force during medical school and served five years as a Medical Officer after graduation. Dr. Nunnally became a charter diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice in 1970. He was recognized with the W.D. Hussman Man of the Year Award in 1998 for his community service. This scholarship to honor Dr. Nunnally, was provided by his wife, Anne Geddie Nunnally, and their children, Robert Nunnally, Bruce Nunnally and Shanna N. Reed, as a Father's Day gift to him and the College of Medicine in 2000. Preference for this scholarship will be given to an Ouachita County resident who plans a career in Family Medicine. The inaugural award was presented in 2000 to Bridgette Jones of Camden.

**W. Robert Orr, Jr., Endowed Scholarship:** Dr. W. Robert Orr, Jr. established a Medical Missionary Scholarship fund at the College of Medicine in 1988 to honor his parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Robert Orr, Sr. The inaugural scholarship was awarded to John Richard Duke in 1990. At the bequest of the donor, the scholarship was not awarded from 1995 to 2005. In 2006, the scholarship was renamed the W. Robert Orr, Jr., M.D. Endowed Scholarship. Dr. Orr was a member of the College of Medicine Class of 1952 who worked selflessly as a medical missionary in several countries during the 1950s and 1960s. Dr. Orr grew up in Helena where his father was a surgeon. After his many years of service as a missionary, Dr. Orr lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, Little Rock and in Tyler, Texas where he died in June, 2005. His generous endowment to the College of Medicine was made in memory of his father, his mother, Helen Mays Orr, and other family members including Helen Pearsall Orr, Stuart Pearsall Orr, and Dr. William Clark Russwurm and Florence Russwurm. It was Dr. Orr's desire that preference be given to help fund the education of students who are interested in the medical mission work that he found so fulfilling and important during his own lifetime. The inaugural award was presented to John Richard Duke in 1990.

**Dr. Debra Velez Owings Scholarship:** Dr. Debra Velez Owings graduated from the College of Medicine in 1985 and completed her residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston before returning to Little Rock. She was a skilled pathologist with a genuine concern for her patients. As a wife and mother, she acknowledged that her family was her greatest accomplishment and most cherished gift. The untimely death of Dr. Owings in 1995, at the age of 42, prompted her partners, colleagues, classmates and friends to commemorate her life and accomplishments with an endowed scholarship to be awarded annually to a deserving medical student. The inaugural award was presented in 1997 to Sage Vermont Thurlby of Prescott.

**Alex A. Pappas, M.D. and Ann W. Maners, M.D. Endowed Scholarship:** Drs. Alex Pappas and Ann Maners have been a part of the UAMS community and strong supporters of the College of Medicine for over two decades. Dr. Pappas was an associate professor and professor in the Department of Pathology from 1984 until he retired in July 2005. Known as a passionate teacher and beloved by his students, he won the Red Sash award seven times and the Golden Apple Award twice. Students also honored him with the Humanism in Medicine Award by the Association of American Medical College's Organization of Student Representatives. Dr. Maners has been with the Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute (CARTI) since 1995 and has also served on the College of Medicine faculty. The couple has generously contributed to UAMS in many ways, including this scholarship endowment, which is intended to directly support deserving students. The inaugural presentation was announced by then UAMS Chancellor I. Dodd Wilson at the 19th annual College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet on September 9, 2006, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. The inaugural recipient was Carl Mitchell.

**Paul and Dorothy Reese Pelko Endowed Scholarship:** Growing up in Fort Smith, Dorothy Reese wanted to attend the University of Arkansas College of Medicine to become a doctor. Unfortunately, times were difficult and financial circumstances prevented her from realizing her dream. As a young woman, Dorothy married Paul Pelko and moved to southern California. More than a half century later, Mrs. Pelko, who died in 2002, named UAMS among her beneficiaries. She generously bequeathed more than \$300,000.00 to the College of Medicine to support scholarships for medical students and research in aging and Alzheimer's disease. The purpose of the Pelko endowed scholarship is to make medical school a reality for young students who, like Dorothy Reese Pelko, dream of becoming a physician. The inaugural presentation was announced by then UAMS Chancellor Dr. I. Dodd Wilson at the 19th annual UAMS College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet in September, 2006, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. The inaugural recipient was Tiffany Shelton of Little Rock.

**Tommy and Mamie Polk Scholarship:** Dr. Tommy Polk is a 1972 graduate and former anesthesiologist resident and intern of the UAMS College of Medicine. He and his wife, Mamie, have been loyal to the college throughout their years of practice, returning often to visit with friends and colleagues. When asked why he would endow a scholarship, Dr. Polk replied "Without financial help, I would not have been able to attend medical school. Now I want to help others to decrease their financial burden and give them some financial security during those difficult years." This scholarship is awarded based on financial need and at the discretion of the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee. The inaugural award was presented in 2011 to Dennis Wells of Collierville, TN.

**Phillip Leon Rayford, Ph.D., Endowed Scholarship:** Dr. Phillip Rayford was professor and chairman of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at UAMS from 1980-1994 and Associate Dean in the UAMS College of Medicine from 1991 to 1998. He served two years in the U.S. Army in the Philippines during World War II between his second and third years of college. Dr. Rayford's first research position was with the National Institutes of Health. Eventually, he was assigned by NIH to help build a new medical school in Ghana, West Africa. When he was recruited to UAMS in 1980, Dr. Rayford became the first African American department chairman in the College of Medicine. Dr. Rayford's family and friends, led by his wife, established a scholarship in his name in recognition of his extraordinary achievements as a scientist, educator, and mentor. Preference is given to a student who expresses an interest in research in physiology or endocrinology. Every effort will be made to identify deserving recipients from underrepresented groups based on academic achievement, community involvement and financial need. The inaugural award was presented in 2004 when the auditorium in the newly dedicated Biomedical Science Building was named after Dr. Rayford. The inaugural award was presented in 2004 to Frederick Johnson of Hope.

**Edward Roberson, M.D., Endowed Scholarship:** Dr. Edward Roberson, an El Dorado native, served as a B-29 pilot with the Army Air Corps in the Pacific theater in World War II. Returning from the war, he pursued his dream of becoming a physician by completing his undergraduate education and graduating from the College of Medicine in 1952. He was the founder of the Houston Northwest Medical Center and served as the first chief of staff and later as chair of the governing board. He was dedicated and committed to providing a higher and more efficient level of patient care. The Houston Northwest Medical Center and the Tenet Healthcare Foundation endowed a scholarship bearing his name at his medical school alma mater. The inaugural award was presented in 1999 to Nicole Bowen Lawson of Greenbrier.

**Annie Schoppach, M.D. Memorial Scholarship:** Annie Schoppach, M.D., Class of 1901, was the first female to graduate from the Medical Department of the University of Arkansas. The April 13, 1901 edition of the Arkansas Gazette news article read "WOMAN GRADUATED, Member of University of Arkansas Medical Class, Exercises Held Last Night." The article went on to say "The twenty-second commencement (sic) exercises of the Arkansas University medical department were held last night in the Capital Theater. The graduating class was twenty in number among whom was Miss Annie Schoppach of this city, a lady of refinement and culture, who will doubtless prove to be a physician of great service and ability." Annie Schoppach, M.D., was a woman with grit and determination. Born in 1858, she grew up along the shores of Lake Erie in Ontario, Canada and learned lessons in strength and perseverance. She lost her mother when she was just nine years old and lost her sister six years later. She was again faced with death at the age of 18 when her father and grandfather passed away just two months apart. She subsequently married James Cutting, and delivered two children, Herwald and Ada. The marriage ended and she moved to Michigan, taking Herwald with her and leaving Ada, Bonnie's grandmother, behind. In Michigan she met James Schoppach of Saline county, Arkansas and married him. The three moved to Arkansas and Annie gained admission to the Medical Department of the University of Arkansas in 1897.

During the next four years, she endured not only the grueling rigors of medical school, but also the pranks of her predominantly male classmates. In 1901, she became the first woman medical graduate from this institution. After two years of postgraduate work, she went into the private practice of Obstetrics/Gynecology in Little Rock, running her own maternity home at 1401 State Street. Her son, Herwald Cutting, joined her practice after he graduated from her alma mater in 1912. She practiced OB/GYN for forty-eight years in Little Rock where she died in 1949 at the age of 91. With the support of the UAMS Library's History of Medicine Associates, the Pulaski County Historical Society, the College of Medicine Alumni Association, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Axelson, and the Oakland Fraternal Cemetery, a monument was erected in the Oakland Cemetery in 2006 and formally dedicated on September 9, 2007, honoring Dr. Schoppach, her son, and daughter-in-law, who are buried there. Her great-granddaughter, Bonnie Axelson of Jamestown, Rhode Island, has honored Dr. Schoppach by endowing a scholarship in her name. To honor their ancestor, Dr. Annie Schoppach, the first female graduate of UAMS, the family intends that, consistent with applicable law and to further the articulated diversity goals of the College of Medicine at UAMS, the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee may give preference to a rising female sophomore with financial need who has exhibited character and scholarship. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2007. Dr. and Mrs. Richard Clark represented the donor's family at the College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet and presented the inaugural scholarship award to Jennifer Doyle of Fort Smith.

**Dr. and Mrs. Bill Scurlock Endowed Scholarship:** Dr. Bill Scurlock, Class of 1960, served for twenty years on the voluntary faculty of the Area Health Education Center in El Dorado while maintaining his private practice as a surgeon. The tradition of selfless service to patients and to the medical profession runs strong in the Scurlock family. Mrs. Scurlock is a registered nurse and their sons, David Ross Scurlock, M.D., and John Preston Scurlock, M.D., and daughter-in-law, Amy Jennifer Martin Scurlock, M.D., are also graduates of the College of Medicine. Dr. and Mrs. Scurlock desire to promote a dedication to professionalism based on principles inherent in the Judeo-Christian tradition and have established a scholarship to be awarded to a senior medical student who demonstrates a commitment to professionalism and ethics. The inaugural award was presented in 1999 to Jason Merrick of Cabot.

**Dr. Winston K. Shorey Scholarship:** One of the oldest scholarships at the College of Medicine, the Dr. Winston K. Shorey Scholarship was established in 1976 by the Women's Auxiliary of the UAMS Medical Center. Dr. Shorey was the 16th Dean of the College of Medicine and is remembered for his role in the development of the Arkansas Caduceus Club, the medical alumni organization for the college, and the Area Health Education Center plan for Arkansas, among his many other accomplishments. The scholarship is awarded annually to an entering first-year medical student whose character and ability indicate a career of professionalism and humanitarian service in the practice of medicine. The inaugural awards were presented in 1976 to Thomas Briggs, Rebecca Edge and Henry Simon.

**The Neil and Clara Spain Endowed Scholarship:** This scholarship was established in 2011 through a generous bequest to UAMS. Little is known about their connection to the University of Arkansas College of Medicine. However, this does not in any way diminish the College of Medicine's appreciation for their generous scholarship for medical students. The memorials for Neil Spain and Clara Spain listed below provide additional information about their lives. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide assistance to students with financial need. Mr. Neil O. Spain, 81, of Springdale, Arkansas passed away 2006 in Springdale, Arkansas. He was a former U.S. Navy veteran serving in World War II and a retired navigator for the U.S. Air Force serving in the Vietnam War. Clara J. Spain, 73, of Springdale, Arkansas, died Friday, August 27, 2004 in Springdale. She worked and retired from the Southern California Gas Company and moved from California to Arkansas after retiring. She did volunteer work at the Walton Art Center and was an IRS tax volunteer. She was active in the Single Parent Scholarship Program in Benton, County. The inaugural award was presented in 2013 to Kevan Tucker of Batesville

**Alan James Stevenson, M.D., Scholarship:** Dr. Alan James Stevenson graduated from the College of Medicine in 1947, completed residency training in urology at St. Louis University Medical School and went into private practice following his service in the U.S. Air Force. He served as Chief of Urology at Tampa General Hospital and at St. Joseph's Hospital. Dr. Stevenson established a trust fund for the benefit of medical students with financial need in 1984. Dr. Stevenson passed away in 2002. The inaugural award was presented in 2005 to Jennifer McLaughlin of Hamburg.

**Carlton Sturms Memorial Scholarship:** Mrs. Louise Amelia Winther Sturms of Hot Springs named the College of Medicine as the beneficiary on several certificates of deposit with the notation that the gift should fund a scholarship in honor of her late husband, Carlton A. Sturms. The gift was discovered in a safety deposit box upon the death of Mrs. Sturms in 1994. The inaugural award was presented in 1996 and is awarded annually to a medical student on the basis of merit and need. The inaugural recipient was Ronald Brian Owens of Hot Springs.

**Howard K. Suzuki, Ph.D., Scholarship:** Dr. Howard Suzuki was a professor in the College of Medicine Department of Anatomy from 1958 until 1970. Students who studied under him will tell you he was one of the hardest professors they had—and one of the most loved. Dr. Suzuki is noted for his investigations on the interactions of steroid hormones on bone metabolism in reptiles, birds and mammals. At the UAMS College of Medicine, students take the Introduction to Clinical Medicine class in their freshman and sophomore years. The goals of the class are to teach the student to correlate basic sciences with clinical medicine and to use both at the bedside, instill values of professionalism and ethics in everyday patient care, and optimize verbal and non-verbal communication with the distinct goal of facilitating problem solving and patient care. Because Dr. Suzuki believes strongly in this integrative approach to diagnose and treat a patient, he has designated the earnings of this scholarship to be awarded to the sophomore who scores the highest grade on the Introduction to Clinical Medicine scoring system of the College of Medicine. The inaugural award was presented in 2012 to Emily Erstine of Rison.

**John Samuel Taylor Memorial Scholarship:** This scholarship is made possible by the contributions of Dr. and Mrs. George D. Taylor of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, as well as the family and friends of the Taylors, in memory of their son, John Samuel Taylor. This scholarship was first presented in 1993, the year John Samuel Taylor would have completed his pre-medical training at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and enrolled in the College of Medicine to follow in the footsteps of his father, who graduated from the College of Medicine in 1963. The annual scholarship is awarded to a junior medical student who exemplifies the character traits found in John Samuel Taylor: high ethical standards, compassion and the potential to become a people-oriented physician. The inaugural award was presented in 1993 to Tim Goodson of Arkadelphia.

**James Gentry Thomas Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. James Thomas grew up in Prescott, Arkansas. He graduated from Hendrix College and received his medical degree from the College of Medicine in 1956. He then entered private practice in neurology in Little Rock. He was greatly influenced by his grandfather who practiced medicine in rural areas in the early 1900s. Dr. Thomas believed physicians were in a position to serve people in their time of greatest need. Dr. Thomas perished in a home fire, along with his wife and three children, in 1965. This scholarship, one of the oldest at the College of Medicine, was established in his memory with a gift from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Thomas of Prescott, and family friends. The award is presented annually to a senior student who demonstrates academic excellence. The inaugural award was given to Sebastian Spades in 1970.

**A. J. Thompson, M.D., Scholarship:** The untimely death of Dr. A.J. Thompson moved his friends and colleagues in the Class of 1968 to establish its class scholarship as a memorial to him. Dr. Thompson's wife, Mrs. Linda Thompson, and their children funded this separate scholarship to also honor his memory. Dr. Thompson was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Alumnus Award and his family would hope the recipient of this scholarship would also be gifted, humane, conscientious, and well-regarded as was Dr. Thompson. The inaugural presentation of the award was given in 1998 to Joe Colclasure of Little Rock.

**Bernard W. Thompson, M.D. and Dola S. Thompson, M.D. Scholarship:** “Dola Searcy Thompson, M.D., Class of 1949, began her career in anesthesiology in the 1950's, when few physicians entered the specialty and anesthesia departments were few and far between at medical schools around the nation. Thompson went on to serve UAMS and the College of Medicine for six decades, as a resident, professor, department chair and finally as an energetic alumna who is recognized for her scholarship, academic leadership and excellence in anesthesia care. As a medical student, the Little Rock native met and married Bernard W. “Bernie” Thompson, a classmate who later became a professor of surgery at UAMS. After graduating, the Thompsons moved to California, where Dola interned at Women's and Children's Hospital of San Francisco. ‘The hospital was founded by women physicians, because at that time it was difficult for women to get on a hospital staff. It was comfortable working in a hospital with so many women.’ Thompson was leaning toward a career as a pediatrician, but an anesthesiologist with whom she was working demonstrated various anesthesiology procedures and encouraged her to pursue the discipline. ‘It was a new and challenging field of medicine. There was a dire need for anesthesiologists, and there just weren't many in practice.’ In 1950, Thompson returned to Little Rock and became the first resident physician in the newly established UAMS Department of Anesthesiology. After residency training, she went into private practice in Little Rock for a few years. In 1959, she became the chief of the Division of Anesthesiology at the Little Rock's Veteran's Hospital and an assistant professor of anesthesiology at UAMS, where she later was promoted to associate professor. In 1974, Thompson was named professor and Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology—becoming only the second full-time female department head at UAMS. Her contributions included providing anesthesia care in University Hospital, directing the residency program and teaching medical students. Thompson updated anesthesia equipment in the operating rooms, improved monitoring capability, established a post-anesthesia care unit and opened and directed the Surgical Intensive Unit. She also expanded the anesthesia teaching service at Arkansas Children's Hospital and the VA Hospital. ‘I fully retired in 1991 so I could lend a hand in other ways, and I've enjoyed what I've done since then.’ She has remained active in UAMS and the College of Medicine Alumni Association—including serving with Bernard Thompson as 1949 class agents, and becoming founding members of the Founders Society and the UAMS Society of the Double Helix. Bernard died in 2003. Dola now serves on the Dean's Alumni Advisory Board. In 2006, a new chapter began in Thompson's life. She married John Pauly, Ph.D., a professor emeritus in the Department of Anatomy at UAMS who had served as chairman from 1967 to 1983 and then as vice chancellor for academic affairs and sponsored research until 1992. Also in 2006, Thompson was inducted into the College of Medicine Hall of Fame. ‘It was the most prestigious recognition in my long career.’ But the greatest satisfaction of all? That, Thompson said, ‘comes from having a big part in teaching residents who went on to provide excellent anesthesia care to many patients in Arkansas and various places in the country.’ “ The inaugural Bernard W. Thompson, M.D. and Dola S. Thompson, M.D. Scholarship was awarded in 2015 to Venusa Phomakay, a medical student attending the UAMS College of Medicine, based upon financial need without regard to sex, race, creed, or national origin.

**A. T. and Gladys Walker Memorial Scholarship:** When Ambrose Walker, M.D., Class of 1946, endowed a generous scholarship for the College of Medicine, he chose to name it for his parents. Dr. Walker shared the following brief memoir: “Before she married my father, Gladys McKamie taught school in a small rural community located by the Red River near Texarkana. A.T. Walker was a salesman during his lifetime. He worked for a family-owned wholesale grocery company in Stamps, Arkansas. My parents were very supportive of me. They helped me financially the best they could and encouraged me in every way. One of the happiest moments was when I received my M.D. degree. They were proud of me. I am proud of them.” Dr. Walker also stated, “Qualities I would want considered would be financial need and character—not just grades in school.” Dr. Walker was a Family Practitioner in Thayer, Missouri, prior to his retirement and lived in Springfield, Missouri, after his retirement. The Inaugural award was presented in 1995 to James L. Workman of Bradley, Lafayette County.

**Dr. Richard P. Wheeler Scholarship:** This scholarship was endowed by UAMS colleagues, friends, and family of Dr. Wheeler in 2015 to honor his long-term, outstanding service to the College of Medicine. Dr. Wheeler began medical school in 1972, graduated from UAMS in 1976, then completed his internal medicine residency and nephrology fellowship here. He joined the faculty in 1982. He directed the dialysis unit for six years, helping chronically ill patients live as normally as possible. He listened to them and respected their values, empathizing with their suffering. These experiences helped him become a champion for medical professionalism and humanism. Dr. Wheeler has assumed increasing educational leadership positions across the span of his career, beginning in 1987 as Assistant Dean for Undergraduate and Graduate Medical Education. In 1989 he asked to serve as Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs, and in 2000 he was promoted to his current post of Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. He received the Distinguished Faculty Service Award in 2015. Along with being a strong advocate for medical students, Dr. Wheeler is well known for a conversation he conducts annually with the incoming students in which he emphasizes that “it’s not about you anymore – it’s about your patients.” In keeping with Dr. Wheeler’s deeply held conviction that the best doctors are characterized by consistent, genuine expressions of altruism and humanism towards the people they call their patients, this scholarship is awarded to an academically successful M3 or M4 student whose behavior during their early years of medical school has been demonstrably altruist and humane in their service of patients.

**Frank Williams Memorial Scholarship:** A scholarship fund was established in 1984 as a result of a bequest from Mr. Frank Williams of Grant County. He was a generous donor to the College of Medicine and left much of his estate to establish a cancer research fund. Mr. Williams immigrated to the United States from Bohemia, settled in Chicago and attended law school. Later he purchased several thousand acres of land and settled in the Prague community between Sheridan and Pine Bluff. Mr. Williams’ generosity continues to fund annual scholarships to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and financial need.

**Dr. George Wise Memorial Scholarship:** Mr. and Mrs. Murry J. Sarlin established this scholarship endowment in honor of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Wise. Rabbi Wise was a remarkable man of vision and great accomplishment. He was a scholar, educator, philanthropist and businessman. He left Poland to come to the United States barely able to speak English. Yet, he graduated with a doctorate in sociology from Columbia University. He was the principal creator of Tel Aviv University in Israel and served as its president for many years. Mexico bestowed its highest honor upon him for his contributions in education to that country. He served as a professor at the University of Miami and directed the School of International Studies during his retirement. An annual award has been presented since 1974 to a rising junior who excels during the sophomore year of medical school. The inaugural recipient in 1974 was medical student William C. Koch.

**Lee Bailey Word, M.D., Scholarship:** Dr. Lee Bailey Word, a 1930 graduate of the College of Medicine, practiced for many years in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. As a medical student, Dr. Word attended classes at the Old State House site of the medical school. Dr. and Mrs. Word’s strong interest in the College of Medicine led them, along with their son and daughter, to endow a scholarship in 1995. He and his wife were great favorites of the College of Medicine administration and many of the students. Dr. Word was the oldest and one of the most loyal alumni of the College of Medicine until his death in 1999. The scholarship is awarded annually on the basis of academic achievement and character as demonstrated by a spirit of volunteerism and community service. Meghan Strother of Mountain Home received the scholarship in 1997.

**Dr. Louis Zimmerman, Class of 1936, Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Louis Zimmerman grew up in Brooklyn, New York, in a family which had migrated from Pinsk, Russia, after the turn of the century. His father was a carpenter and worked in the construction field. In order to pursue a career in medicine, he came to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and graduated in 1931. He had a wonderful experience there and, with a recommendation from the Dean, was accepted in the Medical School class graduating in 1936. Shortly after completing his residency in New Jersey and beginning practice in New York, he entered the Army Reserves, was called to active duty during World War I, served as a medical officer for five years, and concluded his Army career as a Lieutenant Colonel with two Bronze Stars. After the war, he opened a neighborhood medical practice in Manhattan, New York, concentrating on internal medicine and cardiopulmonary diseases. He joined the American College of Cardiology in its early days. He also worked with the New York City Health Department’s program to eradicate tuberculosis. In the community, he was an active and popular member of the 92nd Street YMCA and played handball and other sports for many years. His interests were wide-ranging, including opera, American painting, and Civil War history. Because of his great love for the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, his son and daughter felt it was a fitting tribute to create this scholarship in his name to benefit future medical students. The inaugural award was presented in 2004 to Dorothee Seifen of New York City.

## PRIVATE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

**Mary Lee Evers and Ralph Evers Scholarship Fund:** The Mary Lee Evers and Ralph Evers Scholarship Fund of the Union County Community Foundation established a scholarship for medical students attending the UAMS College of Medicine who are graduates of Union County high schools and residents of Union County, Arkansas. It was the desire of Mr. and Mrs. Evers to assist students from Union County who wish to seek a college education. Graduating from high school during the depression, they were unable to attend college. However, Mrs. Evers always dreamed of becoming a doctor or a nurse. Therefore, the scholarship was created to assist worthy students from Union County who are preparing for a career in medicine. Amy Lynn Foster and Jennifer Bishop of El Dorado received the awards in 2006.

**Ethel Brickey Hicks Charitable Trust Rural Scholarships:** The late Ethel Brickey Hicks of Knox County, Tennessee, established a trust fund to provide scholarships to junior and senior medical students who wish to practice medicine in small towns in Arkansas. The inaugural awards were presented in 1994 and currently provide approximately \$19,000 per year, per student. Since the inception of the rural practice scholarship in 1994, the Hicks trust has awarded over \$1,000,000.00 in scholarships.

**Ethel Brickey Hicks Charitable Trust Merit Scholarship:** The Hicks Charitable Trust began awarding an additional \$10,000 scholarship in 1999 to a senior as voted upon by his/her classmates who is caring and compassionate, has high moral and ethical values and is dedicated to healing and contributing his or her time and skills to the community. The Ethel Brickey Hicks Merit Scholar should be the student that the class would most want representing the medical profession to the public. The inaugural recipient of the Hicks Merit Scholarship was Jim Ed Brewer of McCaskill.

**Dorothy Snider Foundation Scholarships:** The Dorothy Snider Foundation was created by Dorothy Louise Surles, formerly Dorothy Louise Snider, of Manila, Arkansas. Scholarships are awarded each year to students who excel academically. Students must maintain the equivalent of a 3.0 grade point average to be eligible for the Snider Scholarship. Preference will be given to students who are permanent residents of northeast Arkansas, who plan to reside and practice in northeast Arkansas and who have financial need. Secondary preference will be given to those who plan to practice anywhere in Arkansas. Scholarship recipients have a moral, rather than legal, obligation to repay the scholarship to the Snider Foundation when they are able to do so, in order that other deserving students may benefit from the scholarship fund in the future. Since 1988, the Snider Foundation, along with matching funds from the College of Medicine, has awarded a combined \$2,000,000.00 in scholarships to medical students at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine.

**Joseph and Carolyn Tenenbaum Charitable Trust Fund Scholarships:** The A. Tenenbaum Company, Inc., Arkansas's largest recycler and processor of scrap metal, was established in 1890. Records available from 1983 to present reveal the Tenenbaum Trust fund has contributed over \$1,000,000.00 to over 300 medical students. Students are nominated based on financial need and professional promise. The selection of scholarship recipients is made by the Tenenbaum Trustees. In 1886, a Russian immigrant named Abraham Tenenbaum arrived in Little Rock driving a wagon loaded with tin ware. By 1890 he had accumulated enough capital to rent a small warehouse. He had a sign painted that read: "A. Tenenbaum Company: Buyer of Hides, Furs, Wool, Beeswax, Burlap Bags, Scrap Iron and Metals" and a new business was born. In 1900, Julius Tenenbaum joined the company. The scrap metal industry began to prove its importance to the country. In the spring of 1933, Mr. Joe Tenenbaum, son of Julius, joined the firm. The Scholarship was established by Joe and Carolyn Tenenbaum to honor their parents, Julius and Birdie Tenenbaum and Nona and Seymour Summerfield, to aid deserving students needing financial assistance to attend medical school. Tenenbaum Scholarships were first awarded in 1983. One of the inaugural recipients was Debra Velez Owings, M.D., for whom we now have a named scholarship established in her memory.

## MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

**Arkansas Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical (AMDPA) Scholarship:** The AMDPA was organized in 1893 by black healthcare professionals in the state of Arkansas and was incorporated in 1987. Since its inception, the organization has served to extend medical, dental and pharmaceutical knowledge and to advance these sciences. The AMDPA members are involved in multiple projects, including fund-raising activities to provide financial assistance for minority students in healthcare fields. The inaugural AMDPA Scholarship was awarded in 1996 to Sonya Marks.

**Arkansas Medical Society Alliance AMAF Scholarships:** “Contributions to the Arkansas Medical Society Alliance are more than just charitable donations - they are a legacy from one generation of medical professionals to the next and an investment in the health of generations to come.” For many years, contributions from county chapters of the Arkansas Medical Society Alliance were donated to the AMAF Scholarship fund and disbursed to the College of Medicine. In 2009, the Alliance established an endowed scholarship fund at UAMS and recipients are now funded from the endowed scholarship. Students selected for these prestigious awards must demonstrate academic achievement and the willingness to serve others through volunteer or community service. Since the inception of the AMAF Scholarship in 1988, over \$230,000.00 has been awarded to medical students.

**Arkansas Medical Society Alliance / Ilse F. Oates Scholarship:** The Arkansas Medical Society Alliance offers a scholarship designed to assist senior medical students who have exhibited excellent clinical capabilities and have good academic standing and high moral character. The scholarship is named after Ilse F. Oates, who was married to Dr. Charles Oates, a professor at the School of Medicine. Mrs. Oates, having no children of her own, began adopting medical students and providing them with spending money and small loans in 1919, long before any student financial aid programs were available. In 1928, she organized a loan fund for students through the Arkansas Medical Society Woman’s Auxiliary (now named Alliance) of which she was a charter member. The Arkansas Medical Society Alliance converted this loan fund to the present scholarship fund in 1990. The inaugural recipients of the scholarship were: James Barnes, Lou Ann Maes, and Sherilyn Webb. In 2009, the Alliance established an endowed scholarship fund at UAMS and future recipients are funded from the endowed scholarship.

**Pope County Medical Society Scholarships:** In 1992, the Pope County Medical Society initiated a scholarship program for entering first year medical students from Pope County. The Pope County, Washington County, and Pulaski County Medical Societies are the only county medical societies in Arkansas that currently award scholarships to medical students from their respective counties. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic achievement and leadership and a demonstrated need for financial assistance. The inaugural award was presented in 1992 to Chris Taylor of Russellville. Subsequently, the Pope County Medical Society has increased the number and amount of the scholarships offered each year.

**Pulaski County Carolyn Clayton Scholarship:** This scholarship is presented to a deserving incoming freshman from Pulaski County who displays devotion to the field of medicine through volunteer work and passion for public health. The Scholarship is presented to honor Carolyn Clayton’s lifelong dedication to public health and leadership to the Pulaski County Medical Society. The inaugural award was presented in 2013 to Zechariah Rhodes of Little Rock.

**Washington County Medical Society Scholarships:** Each year, the Washington County Medical Society selects entering first-year medical students for Washington County to receive scholarship support. Students are selected on the basis of financial need and academic achievement. The physician members of the Washington County Medical Society make this scholarship possible. The inaugural Washington County Medical Society Scholarships were presented in 1985. Dr. Anthony Hui has been the catalyst for coordinating the distribution of scholarship funds to medical students for Washington County.

## **CLINICS/GROUPS/INDIVIDUAL DONOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield Primary Care Scholarship:** In December, 2010, Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield awarded a \$1,000,000.00 grant to the University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of establishing a permanent endowed scholarship within the UAMS College of Medicine given in honor of the Board of Directors of Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The purpose of the endowed scholarship is to provide financial assistance to junior and senior students enrolled in the UAMS College of Medicine who meet the following eligibility criteria: 1) Applicants must currently reside in Arkansas and have strong ties to Arkansas, as determined by the UAMS College of Medicine Scholarship Committee; 2) Applicants must have a stated intent to pursue primary care through the study of family medicine, general internal medicine or general pediatrics; 3) Applicants must have a commitment to practice primary care in Arkansas, with scholarship preference given to those interested in locating and practicing in rural areas of the state; 4) Applicants must attest that they are not related to persons who are serving at the time of the application as officers or directors of Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System, the Chancellor of UAMS, or members of the UAMS Chancellor’s Cabinet. The selection of the recipient shall be the responsibility of the Dean or his or her designee, in accordance with the scholarship review process established by the College of Medicine.

**Arkansas Gastroenterology Endowed Scholarship:** Steven A. Clift, M.D., a member of the College of Medicine Class of 1977, established Arkansas Gastroenterology, P.A., in 1982. This physician group feels it is important to give back to the school that helped mold their careers. They hope recipients of this scholarship will become humble and compassionate physicians who will manifest high ethical standards in their chosen profession and through their future community and volunteer service. The inaugural award was given in 2002 to Daniel Zwiesler of Little Rock. The 2008 recipient was Chuck Nalley of Little Rock.

**Arkansas Mutual Medical Student Award:** It is the expressed desire of Arkansas Mutual Insurance Company, by and through its Chief Executive Officer, M. Corey Little, to give a gift to the University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of a medical student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine. Arkansas Mutual Insurance Company, a nonprofit organization, is the only medical liability insurance provider that is headquartered in Arkansas and dedicated to serving only Arkansas-based medical professionals. Founded in 2008, Arkansas Mutual is owned and governed by its physician policyholders. The Donor's gift established a non-endowed fund in the College of Medicine for student support and is named the Arkansas Mutual Medical Student Award. In accepting the scholarship for the College of Medicine, Dr. G. Richard Smith, M.D., Dean, stated, "rural health care practice is key to a stronger overall health care landscape in the state of Arkansas. Helping medical students to take an interest in rural health care, and helping them to understand the impact they can make by practicing in rural communities is a challenge we have to face for future generations. This award offers incentives and recognizes those students who have shown an understanding of the importance of rural healthcare issues." The College of Medicine Scholarship Committee will use the gift to make an annual award to a student in the College of Medicine who is in good standing, using the following criteria: A third year medical student with financial need; born, raised or otherwise considered to be from Arkansas; states an interest in rural medicine and primary care; demonstrates an ability to excel in patient communication and patient-centered care; grade point average is not a necessary factor to be considered. The inaugural award for \$10,000.00 was presented in 2014 to Sarah Franklin of Gurdon.

**Olan Nugent Faculty Group Practice Full Tuition Scholarship:** The Faculty Group Practice is the organization responsible for supporting the clinical practice of the faculty of the UAMS College of Medicine. The staff members of our Faculty Group Practice organization supervise management of all business matters relating to faculty practice, including billing, collection and distribution of funds, assuring compliance with practice regulations, risk management, professional liability management, business analysis and planning and referring physician support. In addition the group is responsible for setting and enforcing professional standards of patient care at UAMS. The physicians of the Faculty Group Practice of the UAMS College of Medicine established this scholarship for medical students in 1989 in response to a challenge given by the physicians of the Pulaski County Medical Society. This scholarship is awarded on the basis of superior academic performance and professional promise. Beginning in 2007, the Faculty Group Practice voted to award a four-year full-tuition scholarship to a deserving student, in hopes of encouraging other clinics throughout the state of Arkansas to create similar four year full-tuition scholarships to be used to recruit and retain our best students to remain in Arkansas to complete their medical education. In 2011, the Faculty Group Practice Board of Directors renamed the scholarship to honor Olan Nugent, Associate Dean for Finance and Administration, College of Medicine, for his 28 years of devoted service at UAMS. The inaugural recipient was Adam Skarda of Des Arc.

**Ryan Gibson Endowed Fund for Excellence in Medical Education:** The Ryan Gibson Endowed Fund for Excellence in Medical Education was established in honor and memory of Ryan Gibson, an outstanding medical school applicant accepted for early admission in December 2000 to the Class of 2005. Ryan dreamed of becoming a physician and biomedical researcher but passed away before his classes ever began. The Ryan Gibson Fund will be used to strengthen and enrich medical education through programs that encourage scholarship, innovation and discovery among students and faculty of the College of Medicine. The inaugural award was presented in 2002 to Tracy Kuykendall of Little Rock.

**Jack and Ida Byrne Kennedy Scholarship:** Dr. Jack W. Kennedy, a physician in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, established this scholarship in 1995 through an endowment. It was Dr. Kennedy's desire to provide funds for the academic enrichment of the Henderson State University pre-medical program and to encourage and support student scholars in their first year of studies at the College of Medicine. Members of the Henderson State University chemistry faculty serve as pre-medical advisers and nominate the Kennedy Scholarship recipients. The inaugural award was presented in 1995 to William McDonnell of Hot Springs.

**Bruce Lee and Brandon Lee Medical Scholarship:** An Arkansas family donated a scholarship endowment to the College of Medicine in memory of the actors Bruce and Brandon Lee. The scholarship is awarded each year to a senior student selected to concentrate a portion of his/her academic studies to developing a dissertation on ethical and human values issues concerning their clinical experience. The donors, who actually became friends with Bruce Lee's widow, were impressed not only by Bruce Lee's screen acting and martial arts skills, but also his depth of knowledge in various academic fields. His studies in philosophy, psychology, literature, physical culture and Asian life have been widely published. Bruce's son, Brandon, followed in his father's footsteps pursuing academics, martial arts and drama until he was killed in a tragic accident while filming his first starring role in a major feature film. The donating family desires that preference in selection of dissertation projects be given to ethical and human concerns of cancer patients and their families. Students are eligible to apply for this scholarship during their junior year. A review committee selected by the Director of Medical Humanities will choose the recipient. The inaugural scholarship was awarded in 1996 to Kris F. Gillian.

**Parents Club Scholarships:** The College of Medicine Parents Club was established by parents of medical students in 1976 with the purpose of improving the quality of lifestyle for medical students. The club was organized at the request of Dr. Tom Bruce, Dean of the College of Medicine, and with the aid of Bill North and his assistant Judy Smith, in the Office of Community Medical Affairs. In 1984, Tom South, Director of Student Financial Aid, College of Medicine, began serving as the liaison between the College of Medicine and the Parents Club. The Parents Club Board of Directors voted in 1994, under the leadership of Linda Moore DuPuy (1994-1995 Parents Club President) to establish a scholarship fund for medical students and to begin providing annual scholarships. These scholarships are made possible by the fundraising efforts of the parents of students in the College of Medicine, namely by the proceeds from the Annual Silent Auction and Preview Night and the Arkansas Repertory Theatre. The Parents Club was initially able to offer three scholarships per year, chosen by class vote. Each class is asked to vote on the day of registration to select the member of its class who serves as the best role model for fellow students. The scholarship ballots list the following criteria: *"The Parents Club Scholarship will be awarded to a medical student who, by acclamation of their peers, 'parents' their medical student classmates by demonstrating compassion, empathy, integrity, encouragement and character by modeling these characteristics of an ideal physician in interaction with their classmates.* In 2001, the Parents Club began awarding four additional scholarships per year - to a senior, junior, sophomore and freshman - on the basis of financial need. The College of Medicine Scholarship Committee selects these recipients and tries to give preference to medical students who have children - and are a parent themselves. In 2015, under the able leadership of co-presidents Debbi Boye and Jo Lunbeck, the Parents Club Board of Directors voted to award a grant of \$100,000.00 to the UAMS Foundation Fund to perpetually endow a scholarship for the benefit of UAMS College of Medicine medical students.

**Parents Club / Judy L. Smith Scholarship:** In June, 2002, the College of Medicine Parents Club Board of Directors voted to recognize Judy Loftin Smith, upon the occasion of her retirement, for 27 years at UAMS. Each year, a freshman medical student is selected by the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee to receive the Parents Club / Judy L. Smith Scholarship based on academic excellence, character and financial need. In 1975, Judy became secretary to Mr. Bill North in Community Medical Affairs in the Dean's Office. In 1976, Dr. Tom Bruce, Dean, asked Mr. North and Judy to help organize the Parents Club "to improve the quality of lifestyle of our medical students." In 1984, Mr. North retired and Judy began working with Dr. Chris Hackler in Medical Humanities. At that time, Dean Bruce asked Mr. Tom South, Director, College of Medicine Student Financial Aid, to join Judy in working with the Parents Club—the only "graduate level PTA" in Arkansas, and one of the very few organizations of this nature at any medical school in the United States. Judy also served as a liaison with the UAMS Student Advocacy Council, a peer support group that works closely with the Medical Student Wellness Program to keep students from falling prey to substance abuse, depression and other stresses. Judy's uncle, Kenneth Carter, received a career enabling \$100 college scholarship in 1926. He and his wife later endowed a scholarship at his alma mater, Baylor University, proving that scholarships once given can be repaid many times over. The inaugural award was presented in 2002 to Mark Bailey.

**Parents Club / Linda DuPuy Scholarship:** The Parents Club of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine was established in 1976 “to improve the quality of lifestyle of medical students.” Under the leadership of Linda DuPuy, Parents Club President, 1994-95, the parent of Debbie Cerrato, M.D., Class of 1995, the Parents Club established a scholarship fund through the sponsorship of an annual “preview night” at the Arkansas Repertory Theater. Proceeds from the annual performance, as well as a Silent Auction held in conjunction with the preview night, fund the scholarships. Three of the seven scholarships are awarded annually to a senior, junior and sophomore selected by a vote of his/her classmates. In May, 2001 Linda DuPuy joined the College of Medicine Dean’s Office as an Admissions Management Project Analyst. However, she quickly moved up the ranks to become Assistant Director and ultimately Director of Medical Student Admissions and Recruitment. During her fourteen plus years at the College of Medicine, she served as the liaison between the Parents Club and the Dean’s Office. Upon the occasion of her retirement in February, 2016 after assisting over 2,500 prospective medical school applicants to realize their dream of becoming a physician, the Parents Club Board of Directors voted on March 4, 2016 to honor Linda for her 14+ years of service to the University of Arkansas College of Medicine and 25 years of involvement with the Parents Club, by naming the scholarship awarded to a senior medical student the Parents Club / Linda DuPuy Scholarship. The recipient is a senior medical student who “parents their classmates’ by demonstrating compassion, empathy, integrity, encouragement, and character through interaction with their classmates”. In announcing her retirement to the College of Medicine Dean’s Office, Tom South, Assistant Dean, Medical Student Admissions, shared “I do not have adequate words to express how much Linda has meant to fulfilling the mission of the UAMS College of Medicine admissions office through her visionary leadership, exemplary work ethic and love of applicants and students”. It is fitting that in her letter of resignation to Dr. Richard P. Wheeler, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Linda shared “I will forever be grateful for the opportunity you have provided me to make a small contribution to the process of selecting and educating our future physicians. I have been richly blessed to be able to work with and learn from each of you and with those wonderful, hopeful applicants who apply for a seat in the freshman class each year. My life is enriched from the experience”. Then, demonstrating her perpetual bold spirit of enthusiasm and optimism, she ended her letter with a quote from Mark Twain: “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” The inaugural Parents Club / Linda DuPuy Scholarship will be awarded in 2016.



**E. Lee Ronnel and Dale Ronnel College of Medicine Scholarship:** In 2015, E. Lee Ronnel and Dale Ronnel pledged a gift to the University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc., in the amount of \$200,000.00 to establish a non-endowed scholarship for the benefit of the UAMS College of Medicine. The Ronnel Scholarship will be used to provide \$10,000 scholarships each year for four years to five (5) eligible students of the College of Medicine who are determined by the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee to be the best and the brightest in-state applicants. The intent of the scholarship is to provide incentive for the top applicants to stay in Arkansas and choose the UAMS College of Medicine over an out-of-state medical school that otherwise could be a viable option for the candidate. The Donors intend for the awards to be recurring each year and awarded to the same students selected in their first year of medical school to receive the Ronnel Scholarship so that, ideally, the same five (5) students will be awarded a renewable scholarship of \$10,000 each year for their four years of medical school at the UAMS College of Medicine. Renewal funding of the Ronnel Scholarship awards will not occur until the successful completion of each school year.

**Emeline Vincent Scholarship:** Emeline Vincent was a resident of Clay County Arkansas who died in 1967. Her will expressed her intention to provide for the education of lineal descendants of her parents, Samuel B. Vincent and Elizabeth Cox Vincent and to benefit the University of Arkansas School of Law and the University of Arkansas School of Medicine. In the event there are no lineal descendants attending the University of Arkansas, scholarships are awarded to the two schools. Selection criteria are determined by the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee. The inaugural awards were presented in 1994 to Whitney Alexander of Van Buren, Teresa Clark of Morrilton, Kimberly Eason of Fayetteville, Christina Jetton of Russellville, and Lance Runion of Little Rock.