Parents Club

The College of Medicine Parents Club celebrates its 31st anniversary this year. Established in 1976, the Parents Club exists for the sole purpose to “improve the quality of lifestyle of medical students.” Over the last 31 years, the Parents Club has contributed many thousands of dollars to benefit their sons and daughters during their four years of medical school education.

The Parents Club’s yearly fundraising activities have provided for a free photocopier in the student room in the Dean’s office; the refurbishing of the ninth floor lounge in the Education II building and the Arkansas Children’s Hospital student lounge; the financial subsidy of monthly health spa fees; financial support for the Student Advocacy Council; the awarding of several scholarships at the annual scholarship banquet; financial support for the graduating class’ Senior Week; and many other worthwhile projects to support the medical students.

(Left) Dr. Richard P. Wheeler, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, auctioning off a “Last Blast Brick” salvaged just prior to the implosion of the UAMS Residence Hall at the Annual Parents Club Silent Auction and Preview Night at the Repertory Theatre

Robert Fitzgerald, 2006-07 Parents Club Co-President, and Dean of the College of Medicine, Debra H. Fiser, M.D.

(Above and below) The Parents Club Board of Directors conduct their quarterly business meetings in the Betsy Blass Board Room located in the Arkansas Cancer Research Center. Parent volunteers press on after one of these board meetings to fold, stuff and seal over 6000 envelopes to be mailed to parents of medical school students and to Arkansas Physicians for the annual fall fund-raising campaign.

(Right) Alvin Buschman, Parents Club member, volunteered his craftsmanship to build this bookcase (and table and chairs) for the Parents Club to donate to the medical student lounge located at Arkansas Childrens Hospital. Glenda Buschman and Jeanne and Bob Fitzgerald, Parents Club Co-Presidents, were on hand to celebrate the gift.

(Below) Bidders review auction items at the 13th Annual Silent Auction and Preview Night at the Rep. The Parents Club voted to establish an endowed scholarship for medical students in 1994. Proceeds from “Peter Pan,” the first preview night production, were used to establish the endowed scholarship.
Student Financial Aid

Eligibility Criteria

All students enrolled in the College of Medicine at UAMS are eligible to apply for financial aid. To qualify for financial aid and maintain eligibility for assistance, a student must:

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen,
- be enrolled in good standing at least half time,
- demonstrate financial need, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid,
- not be in default on any federal educational loan,
- not owe a refund on any federal grant,
- be registered for the draft with the Selective Service System if the student is a male between the ages of 18 and 25,
- certify that eligibility for student financial aid has not been suspended by a court as a result of a conviction for a state or federal offense involving a controlled substance,
- have a Social Security Number and
- maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

The law requires a student to maintain satisfactory academic progress in the course of study he/she is pursuing, according to the standards and practices of the institution, in order to be eligible for financial aid. Candidates for the Doctor of Medicine degree from the College of Medicine must complete the course of study prescribed by the faculty for this degree. Academic evaluations for each course, clerkship or elective are based upon the achievement of the course objectives. Students must successfully complete all of the educational objectives each year before proceeding to the next year or graduating. To progress satisfactorily and to receive a degree, a student must possess the personal qualifications and attributes that are necessary to engage in the practice of medicine. Determination of satisfactory academic progress is made by the Promotions Committee of the College of Medicine. The Promotions Committee reviews the progress of each student on at least an annual basis, generally at the end of each academic year. Continued matriculation as a full time student, including enrollment for remedial work, completion and/or repeat of one or more courses, implies that the Promotions Committee believes that the student is making satisfactory academic progress for financial aid eligibility. Therefore, it is the policy of the Student Financial Aid office to regard continued enrollment as an indication that the student is making satisfactory academic progress towards the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The institution's policy on satisfactory academic progress is discussed in detail in the Student Handbook.

Applying for Financial Aid

Students who wish to apply for financial aid are strongly advised to do so at least four months before the first day of classes to insure that any financial aid needed to pay for tuition, fees, books, health insurance, etc., can be made available by the date of registration when payment is due. Students who do not apply for financial aid before registration, or who do not request the maximum in loans before registration, may apply for financial aid at any time throughout the academic year, from registration through March each year. Scholarships, however, must be applied for in advance. The deadline to apply for any institutional scholarship is March 31 for the following academic year. More information on applying for financial aid, including all necessary application forms, can be found on the College of Medicine Financial Aid website at www.uams.edu/com/fin-aid.

Financial Need

Though not all financial aid programs offered by the College of Medicine are based on financial need, the programs that are based on need are more beneficial to the student in the long term and must be awarded first. Therefore, with the exception of merit based scholarships, financial need must be determined for all students who wish to apply for student financial aid. The United States Department of Education will make the determination of financial need for each student once the student files the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The student's financial, educational and demographic information reported on the FAFSA is used in a formula established by Congress to calculate the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the amount the student is expected to contribute to his or her educational costs for the academic year. A student's expected family contribution might not equal the amount the student actually ends up contributing because the expected family contribution may be replaced by financial aid that is not based on need. Students are advised to file their FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov by March 31 each year for the following academic year.
After submitting the FAFSA, it is each student’s responsibility to complete the appropriate application for loans and/or scholarships.

The Department of Education will select a percentage of all FAFSA applications for verification. Students selected for verification must submit additional documentation, such as a signed copy of their federal income tax return and W-2s, to the Financial Aid Office to verify the accuracy of information submitted on their FAFSA. Students will be notified if their application is selected for verification. The verification process must be complete before financial aid can be disbursed.

Cost of Attendance for 2007-2008

Estimated expenses for the 2007-2008 academic year are summarized below to assist students in developing a budget for the ensuing year. The Cost of Attendance (COA) reflects the maximum amount of financial aid a student can receive, regardless of the source (loans, scholarships or grants), for the academic year. Federal law mandates that the cost of attendance reflect only those costs which are directly related to obtaining an education. More specifically, the student’s estimated cost of attendance shall not exceed the estimated cost of attendance of all students in like circumstances pursuing a similar curriculum at the same institution. The law allows the cost of attendance to include the costs of tuition, fees, books, required equipment and reasonable costs for food, housing, transportation and miscellaneous living expenses directly related to obtaining a medical education. Students receiving financial aid will be required to live within the budget listed for the appropriate academic year. Students are cautioned to plan a monthly budget, seriously consider their finances and make some important decisions with regard to life style choices, priorities, etc., before entering medical school.

Tuition for 2007-2008 academic year for residents of the state of Arkansas will be $15,532* and $31,064 for non-residents. Students are required to be covered by hospitalization-surgical medical health insurance through a group plan sponsored by the Associated Student Government Organization or present evidence of other coverage at the time of registration. Annual rates for the group plan may range depending upon the optional coverage and deductible amount selected by the student.

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*The University reserves the right to change the schedule of tuition, fees and other fixed costs as necessary. Every effort will be made to provide advance notice of any changes. All students are required to show proof of medical insurance coverage or pay the cost of the school’s approved policy at registration. The University also reserves the right to perform a criminal background check on all applicants accepted for admission.
Tuition may be paid in two installments, the first half at registration and the second half at the mid-point of the academic year but no later than January 15. Students who fail to pay tuition by the established due dates will be placed on administrative leave of absence and will not receive credit for any classes attended until tuition is paid. The treasurer’s office will not send tuition due notices for payment of the second installment of tuition. It is the student’s responsibility to pay the second installment of tuition by January 15 of each academic year.

Types of Financial Aid

Student financial aid is available to all students enrolled in the College of Medicine. Types of assistance available include student loans, scholarships awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, scholarships awarded on the basis of financial need, scholarships that entail service-connected obligations and federal work study positions (pending the availability of grant funding). The amount of assistance any student receives will never exceed the cost of attendance of the given academic year.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

Federal Stafford Loans: The Stafford Loan Program, administered by the Department of Education, is the primary source of financial aid for students enrolled in the College of Medicine. Stafford loans are issued by a bank or other lender and are insured against default, or guaranteed, by a guarantor (i.e., the Student Loan Guarantee Foundation of Arkansas). This program offers two types of loans:

  **Subsidized Stafford Loan:** The Subsidized Stafford Loan is a need-based loan in which the government pays all interest while the student is enrolled in school. The annual maximum loan amount for the Subsidized Stafford Loan is $8,500.00.

  **Unsubsidized Stafford Loan:** The Unsubsidized Stafford Loan is not based on need. The terms and conditions of the Unsubsidized Stafford Loan are very similar to the Subsidized Stafford Loan, except the government does not subsidize/pay any interest for the student on this loan. The interest is charged to the borrower throughout the life of the loan. The interest rate is fixed at 6.8% for all loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2006. The annual maximum loan amount will equal the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid, not to exceed $38,500 per year.

Federal PLUS Loans for Graduate Students: The Graduate PLUS Loan is an additional federal educational loan to help cover the difference between the cost of attendance and a student’s Stafford loans. Graduate PLUS loans are issued by lenders just as Stafford loans are, but unlike Stafford loans, Graduate PLUS loans require a credit check. The interest rate is fixed at 8.5%.

INSTITUTIONAL LOANS

**Primary Care Loan:** The Primary Care Loan is regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services and is administered by the school. This loan is designed for students with need who will commit to practicing primary care medicine (family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, general medicine/pediatrics and preventive medicine). The interest rate is fixed at 5%, but no interest will accrue during medical school or residency training. The income and resources of both the student (and spouse) and the student’s parents are used in determining eligibility for the limited funds available under this loan program. Students who accept this loan and later default on their obligation to practice primary care medicine must repay the loan at 18% interest.

**Loans for Disadvantaged Students:** The Department of Health and Human Services also funds the Loans for Disadvantaged Students Program, which offers long-term, 5% low-interest rate loans to students who are determined to have exceptional financial need and who come from a disadvantaged background. The amount of funding available under this program is limited.

**Memorial Loan Funds:** Loan funds established in the memory of faculty members or by local physicians include: The Jeff Banks Memorial Student Aid Fund, the Oscar O. Fitzhugh Emergency Loan Fund, the Joe L. Hargrove Minority Student Emergency Fund and the Robert Wood Johnson Fund.

SERVICE CONNECTED SCHOLARSHIPS

**Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Program:** This program has been in existence since 1949. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of primary care physicians in rural communities in Arkansas by helping to fund the medical education of students who are willing to commit to the practice of full time medicine in a rural community in Arkansas. The program is administered by the Arkansas Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board. Applicants must be Arkansas residents to participate. New legislation, Act 1058 of 2007, significantly changed the program. However, the new law is not retroactive and does not apply to any Rural Practice or Community Match contracts signed by students or alternates prior to 2007. Act 1058 of 2007 pertains only to new applicants signing initial rural practice contracts.
subsequent to April 4, 2007.

Rural is now 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 and adds Emergency Medicine. However, the law allows new participants to pursue a “designated specialty” other than primary care if the loan recipient, the Board, and a qualified community agree to approve the designated specialty. At the request of the loan recipient, the Board may approve the recipient’s request to practice in more than one qualified rural community to meet his or her obligation.

Interested students (and alternates awaiting admission) must be interviewed and approved by the Board. Once approved, recipients must remain in the program until graduation. 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.

Community Match Physician Recruitment Program: Act 1058 of 2007 eliminated the Community Match Student Loan and Scholarship Program. The Act changed the program from a scholarship program for medical students to a physician recruitment program for medical school graduates.

The College of Medicine strongly encourages students to consider the Rural Practice Scholarship program, not only to meet the health-care needs of rural Arkansas, but also to ease the burden of their educational debt. However, students are cautioned to ensure they fully understand their rights and responsibilities before applying. Severe penalties exist for recipients who default on their commitment, including the suspension of their license to practice medicine in Arkansas.

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 the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid for additional information.

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 (approximately $1,000 for living expenses). There is a two-year minimum service obligation. Contact the NHSC Scholarship Program for more information at http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov.
Annual College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet

“There Isn’t Enough Honey in the Pie” – the Beginning of the Scholarship Banquet

In December 1986, Dr. Edwin F. Gray established a scholarship fund to assist deserving medical students. Subsequently, Dr. Gray visited with Mrs. Janet Honeycutt, past Executive Director of the Arkansas Caduceus Club, and shared his perception that the University did not appear to appreciate his scholarship donation to the UAMS. Dr. Gray told Mrs. Honeycutt, “There isn’t enough honey in the pie.” The criticism was not given in a selfish or arrogant manner, but to simply draw attention to our failure to positively demonstrate our appreciation for both scholarship donors and recipients.

Tom South, Director, Student Financial Aid, suggested to Mrs. Honeycutt that rather than handing a scholarship check to the student in the Financial Aid Office, or worse yet, crediting the scholarship to the student’s account in the Treasurer’s Office, we could add an “Awards Ceremony” to the annual Freshman Family Day/Parents Club Luncheon. Mrs. Honeycutt approached Dr. I. Dodd Wilson, Dean, with the idea. Dr. Wilson wholeheartedly supported the concept of recognizing scholarship donors and recipients. Since 1988, the College of Medicine has invited scholarship donors and recipients to attend this special event. Donors and recipients are seated together during the banquet so they will have an opportunity to visit with one another. The Awards Ceremony was a part of the annual Parents Club Luncheon from 1988-1990. However, in 1991 the “awards ceremony” had become so successful, it took on a life of its own. We found it necessary to separate “Scholarship Banquet” from the Parents Club Luncheon.

It should be noted that the success of the College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet was due to the dramatic increase in the number of scholarships resulting from the enthusiastic leadership of Dr. I. Dodd Wilson, Chancellor, and former Dean of the College of Medicine, and Mrs. Janet Honeycutt, former Executive Director of the Arkansas Caduceus Club. Prior to Dr. Wilson’s arrival, Mr. South relates that an adhoc committee met once a year to select and award all available scholarships to medical students and accomplished the task in less than an hour. Now, the College of Medicine Student Financial Aid Advisory Committee meets four to five times during the spring and summer to select recipients for scholarships now available.

At the first Awards Ceremony held in 1988 in Jeff Banks Student Union, we were able to seat all of the donors at the head table. In those early years, Dr. Wilson would read a description of each scholarship and announce the names of all student recipients. However, as the number of scholarships dramatically increased, the banquet became a marathon. To shorten the banquet, and to save Dr. Wilson’s voice, it was decided that he would only read a description of the inaugural scholarships awarded each year and announce the names of scholarship donors and recipients in attendance. After Dr. Wilson became Chancellor, Dr. Richard P. Wheeler, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, assumed the role of recognizing our scholarship donors and recipients at the banquet. The success of the Scholarship Banquet resulted in having to move the banquet off campus to the Grand Ballroom of the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock to accommodate the 670 scholarship donors, scholarship recipients and family members who now attend each year.

On August 24, 2007, the College of Medicine will celebrate its 20th annual Scholarship Banquet and will award approximately 1.4 million dollars in Scholarships. Despite the dramatic increase in the number and dollar amount of scholarships over the past 20 years, the Class of 2007 graduated with an average educational debt of $118,279.00 and a cumulative educational debt of $13,780,446.00. Dr. Debra Fiser, Dean, College of Medicine, and Mrs. Judith McClain, Executive Director of the Medical Alumni Association, are continuing efforts to reduce the indebtedness of medical students by placing high priority on increasing scholarship endowments to the College of Medicine.
Annual College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet

(Left) I. Dodd Wilson, M.D., former Dean of the College of Medicine, presiding at the Inaugural Scholarship Banquet in 1988.

(Right) Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Gray with recipient, Scott Moose, Class of 1992, at the Inaugural Scholarship Banquet.

(Above) 1988 Barton Scholars. Barton Foundation Scholarships are among the oldest and most prestigious awards offered by the College. Since its 1964 inception, approximately 1000 medical students have received over $1.2 million in scholarships from the Barton Foundation. In recent years, awards have been made to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors who achieved a 4.0 grade-point average in the previous academic year.

(Right) Mrs. Janet Honeycutt, former Executive Director of the Arkansas Caduceus Club, greatly enjoyed the success of the first annual scholarship banquet for College of Medicine students held in the Jeff Banks Student Union.

(Below) Mrs. Virginia Henker presents the Dr. Fred W. Henker Memorial Scholarship to Kaete Archer, Class of 2010, at the 2006 Annual Scholarship Banquet in Little Rock.

(Left) Head table at the inaugural scholarship banquet.

(Lower left) Over 400 scholarship donors, recipients and family members were in attendance at the first scholarship banquet in 1988.

(Right) Dr. Tom Ed Townsend presents the Dr. Thomas Formby Scholarship to Elizabeth Sullivan, Class of 2008. There were 626 in attendance at the 2006 Scholarship Banquet at the Peabody Hotel.
Students who wish to be considered for an institutional scholarship must submit the College of Medicine Scholarship Application to the Student Financial Aid Office by March 31 for the following academic year.

**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 grandparent’s 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.

**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 acquitted 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.

**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. In recent years, Barton Scholarships have been 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 1.2 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.

**Aristo Brizzolara, Sr., Scholarship Fund:** Charles M. Brizzolara, M.D., designated funding in his will for the establishment of a loan fund in memory of his uncle, Aristo Brizzolara, Sr., for students of the UAMS College of Medicine. Aristo, who was born in Milan, Italy, moved his family to the United States and made Little Rock their home. Charles lived with his uncle, Aristo, while attending medical school and graduated from the UAMS College of Medicine in 1936. In 2005, heirs of Dr. Brizzolara’s estate endorsed the conversion of this loan fund into a scholarship fund.

**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. The scholarship is awarded annually to an entering freshman 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 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 and now UAMS Chancellor. The inaugural award was presented in 1989.

Class of 1942 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. The Class of 1942 Scholarship is given annually to an upperclassman who has demonstrated superior academic achievement throughout medical school.

Class of 1945 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.

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.

Class of 1947 Alumni Scholarship: The accelerated Class of 1947 began medical school as freshmen in 1944 during World War II. Many members of the class were actively serving in the military while in medical school.
The accelerated medical program was held year round so students could graduate in three years. The Class of 1947 decided at its 50-year reunion to fund an endowed scholarship for the College of Medicine. The inaugural award was presented in 2002.

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.

Class of 1950 Alumni Scholarship: The Class of 1950, the first post-war class, mostly consisted of veterans living on the GI Bill stipend. Their contributions, along with the leadership of their class president, Dr. Tom Ed Townsend, created a scholarship that was first awarded in 2000. The parameters of this award were left to the discretion of the College of Medicine Scholarship Committee.

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.

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.

Class of 1954 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. The award is presented annually to a freshman or sophomore.

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. 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.

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 College of Medicine Scholarship Committee selects the annual recipient. The inaugural award was presented in 2003.

Class of 1961 Alumni Scholarship: Dr. Asa Crow, on behalf of the Class of 1961, announced during the 1991 Alumni Weekend that his class would present an endowed scholarship within five years. The Class of 1961 kept its promise and presented its inaugural scholarship in 1996. The class determined that the recipient must be 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.

Class of 1964 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.

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

**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 was presented in 1993.

**Class of 1969 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 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.

**Class of 1976 Scholarship:** The Class of 1976 officially presented its scholarship to the Dean and the College of Medicine in 2001, in celebration of the silver anniversary of its graduation from medical school. However, the class members accumulated sufficient funds since their efforts began in 1996 to present the inaugural scholarship in 1999, two years prior to their 25-year reunion.

**Class of 1977 Scholarship:** The Class of 1977 was noted as one of the most diverse student groups of its time. 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 inaugural scholarship was presented in 2002.

**Class of 1978 Scholarship:** The Class of 1978 is the only alumni class to fund two endowments for the College of Medicine. The Class of 1978 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.

**Class of 1980 Scholarship:** The Class of 1980 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.
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.

Class of 1984 Scholarship: The 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 continues to recognize their special contributions to mankind by honoring them each year 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 Gray’s 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.
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.

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.

Linda Yeager Hough Endowed Scholarship: Linda Yeager 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 pursing a career in medicine. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2005.

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.

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.

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 Association (formerly named the Arkansas Caduceus Club) Scholarships: The
Medical Alumni Association of the UAMS College of Medicine awards scholarships each year to entering first-
year medical students. Students selected to receive the scholarships must demonstrate superior academic
performance as well as proven leadership qualities as evidenced by extensive volunteerism and community
service.

Jewel Minnis Trust Fund Scholarships: 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
W. Robert Orr, Jr., M.D. 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 fund the education of students who are interested in the medical mission work that he found so fulfilling and important during his own lifetime.

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.

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 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

**Annie Schoppach, M.D., Memorial Scholarship:** Annie Schoppach, M.D., was the first female to graduate from the Medical Department of the University of Arkansas. Born in Ontario, Canada, she made her way to Little Rock in 1897 where she graduated in 1901. She practiced OB/GYN for forty-eight years in Little Rock where she died in 1949. Her great-granddaughter, Bonnie Axelson, has honored Dr. Schoppach by endowing a scholarship in her name. Preference will be given to a rising female sophomore with financial need who has exhibited outstanding character and scholarship.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Taylor’s, 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.

**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 made in 1998.

**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.

**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 inaugural award was presented in 1996. The scholarship is awarded annually on the basis of academic achievement and character as demonstrated by a spirit of volunteerism and community service.

**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.
PRIVATE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care Healthcare Quality Scholarship: The Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) was incorporated in 1972 as a private nonprofit educational organization dedicated to the clinical evaluation and improvement of healthcare in Arkansas. The mission of the AFMC is to promote excellence in health care through evaluation and education. The AFMC monitors and evaluates the health care provided for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and conducts statewide projects to improve the quality of care they and other patients receive. The AFMC conducts many other activities including management services in support of the ConnectCare and ARKids First programs. AFMC awards the Healthcare Quality Scholarship to a senior medical student who has demonstrated his/her commitment to improve the quality of health care in Arkansas. The inaugural award was presented in 2006.

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. The inaugural awards were presented in 2005.

Ethel Brickey Hicks Charitable Trust Rural Scholarship: 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.

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.

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 have a minimum 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 has awarded approximately 1.9 million dollars in scholarships to University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine students.

Foundation for Musculoskeletal Research and Education: The Foundation for Musculoskeletal Research and Education is a nonprofit foundation that has the education of medical personnel as one of its primary goals. The Foundation is based in Little Rock, and Dr. C. Lowry Barnes, Class of 1986, serves as its Medical Director. The inaugural scholarship awards were presented in 2004 to two freshmen in the amount of $5,000 each.

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 $600,000.00 to approximately 263 medical students. Students are nominated by the Office of Student Financial Aid 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 Summerville, 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.
Northeast Arkansas Clinic Charitable Foundation Scholarship: The physicians at the Northeast Arkansas Clinic in Jonesboro, a multi-specialty clinic with over 50 physicians in 15 medical and surgical specialties, established a full-tuition scholarship in 1987 to be awarded to an outstanding entering first-year student in hopes of attracting the best of the state to remain in Arkansas to complete their medical education. The clinic formally organized a non-profit charitable foundation in 2001. The foundation, governed by a board of community leaders, continues to offer a scholarship on the basis of superior academic performance and financial need. Preference is given to an entering first-year student who is a permanent resident of northeast Arkansas.

Northeast Arkansas Clinic Charitable Foundation/Dr. Ken Carpenter Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded in honor of Dr. Ken Carpenter, who practiced for 18 years as a Family Practice physician with the NEA Clinic in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Dr. Carpenter was a graduate of Arkansas State University and a member of the UAMS College of Medicine graduating Class of 1982. He passed away in March of 2003. The award is presented to an outstanding student.

Northeast Arkansas Clinic/Dr. Hank Jordan Memorial Scholarship: The Northeast Arkansas Clinic Charitable Foundation established this scholarship in 2001 as a memorial to honor Dr. Hank Jordan, UAMS Class of 1973, in addition to the memorial scholarship his alumni class established in his honor. This scholarship is to be awarded annually to an upperclassman, preferably a senior from northeast Arkansas, on the basis of superior academic performance, character and financial need.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

American Medical Association/Rock Sleyster Scholarship: A bequest to the American Medical Association Foundation from the estate of Clara Sleyster established a memorial fund to honor her husband, Rock Sleyster, M.D., who was president of the American Medical Association from 1939-1940. Approximately 20 scholarships are given annually to assist deserving medical students with financial need from across the nation who aspire to specialize in psychiatry. Each medical school may nominate one student. The Department of Psychiatry nominates a junior or senior student by May 1 of each year.

Arkansas Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical Association (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.

Arkansas Medical Society Alliance (American Medical Association Foundation Scholarships, AMAF): The county chapters of the Arkansas Medical Society Alliance contribute each year to a scholarship fund for medical students. AMAF Scholarships are awarded annually to medical students who demonstrate academic achievement and possess the humanitarian skills to become a caring and compassionate physician. Through the fund-raising efforts of the county chapters, the Alliance has also funded many College of Medicine projects for the classroom teaching of medical students. The scholarship program continues to grow since its inception in 1988. Students selected for these prestigious awards must demonstrate the willingness to serve others through volunteer or community service and academic achievement.

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. Funds for the scholarship program are donated by the county chapters of the Arkansas Medical Society Alliance. The scholarship is named after Ilse F Oates, who was married to Dr. Charles Oates, a professor at the School of Medicine. Having no children of her own, Mrs. Oates 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.

Pope County Medical Society Scholarship: In 1992, the Pope County Medical Society initiated a scholarship program for entering first year medical students from Pope County. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic achievement and leadership and a demonstrated need for financial assistance.

Southern Medical Association Scholarships: The Southern Medical Association has been committed since its inception in 1906 to bringing physicians together by providing programs and services to support their profession and personal needs. The Southern Medical Association has provided scholarships since 1970 to entering, first-year medical
students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement and leadership qualities. In 1998, the SMA changed its criteria and designated that scholarships would be awarded to Junior medical students. The scholarship includes free student membership to the Southern Medical Association.

**Washington County Medical Society Scholarships:** Each year, the Washington County Medical Society selects entering first-year medical students from Washington County to receive scholarship support. Students are also 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.

**Washington County Medical Society Alliance Scholarships:** Beginning in 2000, the Alliance decided to award scholarships to Washington County medical students who are upperclassmen. The county chapter raises funds each year through various fund-raising activities, including most notably the annual sale of pecans, to provide funds for this scholarship.

**CLINICS/GROUPS/INDIVIDUAL DONOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**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.

**Faculty Group Practice Scholarship:** The physicians of the Faculty Practice Group of the College of Medicine established a scholarship for medical students in 1989. The Faculty Group Practice (formerly known as the Medical College Physicians Group) Scholarships are awarded to students 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. By establishing the four-year full-tuition scholarship, the Faculty Group Practice encourages other clinics throughout the state of Arkansas to create similar four-year full-tuition scholarships in hopes of recruiting and retaining our best students to remain in Arkansas to complete their medical education.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Parents Club Scholarships:** The Parents Club of the College of Medicine voted in 1994, under the leadership of Linda DuPuy, Parents Club President 1994-1995, to establish a scholarship fund for medical students. This scholarship is made possible by the fundraising efforts of the parents of students in the College of Medicine, namely, by the proceeds from the Annual Preview Night and Silent Auction at the Arkansas Repertory Theater. Parents Club Scholarships are awarded annually to a senior, junior and sophomore by a vote of their classmates. Each class is asked to select the member of its class who 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. The inaugural awards were presented in 1995. In 2001, the Parents Club began awarding four additional scholarships per year to students based on financial need.

**Parents Club/Judy L. Smith Scholarship:** The College of Medicine Parents Club Board of Directors voted in 2002 to recognize Judy Loftin Smith for her 27 years at UAMS and for her service to the Parents Club Board of Directors. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a freshman medical student on the basis of academic excellence, character and financial need.

**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 Student Financial Aid Advisory Committee.

**FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS):** The Department of Health and Human Services offers a scholarship program to provide financial assistance without any service or financial obligation to disadvantaged health professions students. Fulltime students who have financial need and meet the disadvantaged background criteria are eligible for consideration. The Director of Student Financial Aid will make all SDS awards based on financial need. Students must submit both student and parent information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for this scholarship.

**STATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services provides scholarship assistance to students determined eligible for its services. Applications for assistance should be directed to the student’s county Rehabilitation Services office.

**FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM**

The Federal Work-Study Program is a need based program that helps fund part time jobs for students of higher education. Contingent upon the availability of grant funding each year, the College of Medicine will offer a limited number of federal work-study positions during the summer months, as well as during the academic year. Work-study wages earned during the academic year must be factored into the student’s total financial aid award and can never exceed the cost of attendance. Students approved for work-study positions are eligible to work 40 hours per week during the summer and 20 hours per week during the academic year. The majority of positions are offered during the summer and a list of available positions will be posted each year on the College of Medicine’s financial aid website (www.uams.edu/com/fin-aid) in mid-spring. Interested students should contact the Financial Aid Office for more information. Students on a leave of absence are not eligible for federal work-study funds.

**Leave of Absence and Withdrawal**

**Impact on Financial Aid**

Ceasing enrollment may have a serious impact on a student’s financial aid. Any student considering requesting a leave of absence should consult with the Financial Aid Office to determine how their financial aid will be affected. Schools may neither credit a student’s account nor deliver loan proceeds to the student borrower while the student is on an approved leave of absence or after a student withdraws from school. A student who withdraws or is approved for a leave of absence after receiving financial aid for the semester may be required to return a portion of the aid previously received.

**Impact on Stafford Loan Repayment**

Due to the schedule of classes in the College of Medicine, most leaves of absence will require a return date of at least one year from the date the leave was granted in order for the student to return to the same semester of class in which they left. Federal Stafford Loan regulations state that when a student borrower ceases to be enrolled at least half-time for 180 days in any 12-month period, the borrower will be considered as withdrawn from school for repayment purposes. Therefore, unless a student’s leave of absence is less than 180 days, the student on an approved leave of absence will be treated just as if they withdrew from school as far as student loans are concerned. They will be required to enter repayment on their Stafford loans six months from the date.
their leave of absence was approved. Lenders of Stafford loans may offer a deferment or forbearance on loan payments if the student informs their lender of their intent to return to school.

Impact on Tuition Paid Through Stafford Loans
When a student who has received a Stafford loan withdraws or takes a leave from school (that is longer than 180 days) after paying tuition for the semester, the Department of Education requires the school to calculate the amount of financial aid the student earned and the amount that must be returned. These calculations are based on the length of time the student was enrolled. The school is required to determine the official date of withdrawal (the date approved by the Dean of Academic Affairs) or dismissal (as determined by the College of Medicine Promotions Committee) or leave of absence, and calculate the percentage of the semester that the student completed. The percentage of the semester the student completed will be the percentage of tuition that the school will retain. The percentage of the semester the student did not complete will be the percentage of tuition that the school is required to return to the lender of the student’s Stafford Loan. For example, if a student completes 30% of the semester before withdrawing or being approved for a leave of absence, the Treasurer’s Office will keep 30% of the amount of tuition paid and return 70% of the amount of tuition paid to the student’s Stafford loan lender. The student would also be expected to return 70% of the amount of loan kept for living expenses, although this amount may be repaid under the standard loan repayment terms. Once the student completes 60% of the semester, no amount of tuition will be reimbursed nor will the student be required to repay any of the financial aid received for living expenses.

Impact on Community Match / Rural Practice Scholarship
Students who have received funding from the Community Match or Rural Practice program before withdrawing or being approved for a leave of absence may be required to return the full amount of Community Match or Rural Practice funding received for the semester.

Tuition and Fees Refund/Return Policy

University of Arkansas Board Policy

UA Board Policy 530.1 provides a uniform refund policy for student registration fees and tuition throughout the university system:
1. Up to and including five class days: 100% Refund
2. From the sixth class day through the tenth class day: 50% Refund
3. The eleventh class day and after: No Refund
Graduate Biomedical Sciences

M.D./Ph.D. Program

Clinical research provides a critical link in applying basic research to patient care. Specialized training in biomedical research and in clinical medicine prepares the student for this highly rewarding career. The M.D./Ph.D. program is offered to a limited number of highly qualified students, who have an exceptional potential for research. The program takes six to eight years to complete. The first two years of the program include the same basic science courses as the first two years of medical school. M.D./Ph.D. students are encouraged to complete research rotations during the summers to help them select a research project and major advisor.

In the third year of the program when Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensure Examination has been completed, students enter the graduate phase of their program. The Graduate School portion of the program is individually tailored to personal career goals including advanced coursework, original research under the direction of a faculty advisor, the Ph.D. candidacy examination and completion and defense of a dissertation. The graduate portion of the program normally takes two to four years to complete.

The final two years of the M.D./Ph.D. program include the curriculum of the clinical years of medical school, including required and elective clinical rotations. Elective clinical rotations may be taken in research to complete or follow up on the research project. On graduation, students will receive both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees.

Institutional scholarships/loans are awarded to students admitted to the M.D./Ph.D. program. This scholarship/loan will be equal to the amount of tuition for each year of the medical school curriculum. Freshman and sophomore medical students are also eligible to apply for the M.D./Ph.D. program, but the scholarship/loan would then not cover years already completed. Students in the M.D./Ph.D. program must maintain satisfactory academic progress to have the scholarship/loan renewed. During the graduate phase of the program, a stipend will be provided and graduate tuition will be paid by the Graduate School or a research grant. Upon successful completion of the M.D./Ph.D. program, scholarships/loans awarded under this program will be converted to grants and forgiven. If a student fails to complete the program, the scholarships/loans will become payable 6 months after the completion of the Residency/Fellowship program or 6 months after termination of enrollment in the College of Medicine. Interest on these funds, which will be delineated on the appropriate promissory notes, will not exceed 5% above the federal discount rate.

Students wishing to apply to the M.D./Ph.D. program should indicate their interest on the AMCAS application to medical school and, separately, complete an application to the program.

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