NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

College of Medicine Alumni Association: During the yearly phonathon, volunteer students gather for four nights to call all alumni to solicit scholarships for top students either being recruited by the College of Medicine or are already classmates who have achieved academic excellence. Over the past 10 years, an estimated total of $500,000 has been raised and awarded to deserving medical students. All scholarships are $10,000 or more.

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 to Amy Wiedower-Lamb of Guy.

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

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

Eddie Ball Memorial Scholarship: The friends and family of E. B. Ball of Eudora, Arkansas, founded a scholarship in memory of Eddie Ball, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1984 during his sophomore year of medical school. The scholarship is awarded annually to a member of the sophomore class who excelled academically during his or her freshman year of medical school and who demonstrates a willingness to serve others. The student must exemplify “diligence in the pursuit of becoming a humane and compassionate physician” in keeping with the wishes of the Ball family. The inaugural award was presented in 1985 to Richard Lochola of Mena. 8-10: THE FAMILY IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING A “CONSIDERABLE” GIFT.
**David Littleton Baker, Sr. Scholarship.** The establishment of the David Littleton Baker, Sr. Scholarship for students in the College of Medicine fund is to provide a scholarship to a deserving student of medicine in the College Medicine in loving memory of David Littleton Baker, Sr. by his family David and Nina Baker (donors); John and Karen Baker; James and Hollie Baker; and Mark and Julie Ferguson. The funds have come from philanthropic motivations of the family.

The student who receives this scholarship will be enrolled in good standing in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The student will be selected by a scholarship committee within the College of Medicine.

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

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

**COM Hettye Sue and Mike Bridger MD Scholarship:** Dr. Bridger received a Barton Scholarship during his time at the College of Medicine and established this scholarship in appreciation of the help. He believed that he received an excellent education at UAMS, and the atmosphere that existed then was conducive to receiving excellent training to go anywhere and practice. The award is to be made at the discretion of the scholarship with the inaugural scholarship made in 2011.

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

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

**Cooper Family Memorial Scholarship:** The Cooper Scholarship is presented in memory of Dr. Burpee Cooper, Class of 1912, and in honor of his grandson, Dr. Curt A. Cooper, Class of 1973. The scholarship was endowed by Dr. Burpee Cooper’s son, Mr. Arnold Cooper (the father of Dr. Curt A. Cooper) and by Burpee Cooper’s daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weichselfelder. The Cooper Scholarship was established to acknowledge their debt of gratitude to their father and to benefit outstanding medical students. Preference is given to Boone County/Harrison area students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement, good citizenship and whose families work in order to assist them. The inaugural award was presented in 1993 to Aaron Janos of Flippin.
Dr. Edward Forrest Ellis Scholarship: In 1989, Dr. Ruth Ellis Lesh of Fayetteville established the Dr. Edward Forrest Ellis Scholarship as a loving memorial to her father who practiced medicine until his death in 1957 at the age of 93. Dr. Ellis was the first physician to perform major surgery in northwest Arkansas. Dr. Ellis was born August 19, 1863 and moved to northwest Arkansas in 1866. In 1885, he graduated from Missouri Medical College in St. Louis, which later became Washington University Medical School. In 1885, he became a member of the Washington County (Arkansas) Medical Society and the Arkansas Medical Society (President 1918-19). Dr. Ellis practiced in Hindsville for ten years, Springdale until 1904 and Fayetteville until his death in 1957. Dr. Lesh, a respected member of the Arkansas medical community, established the scholarship to assist medical students who demonstrate superior academic achievement and who possess character qualities to become outstanding physicians. Preference may be given to a female student who desires to pursue a career in Surgery. The inaugural award was presented in 1990 to Tamara Hlavaty.

Ruth Elizabeth Ellis, MD, Scholarship. Mary Carolyn Ellis, granddaughter of Edward Forrest Ellis and sister of Ruth Elizabeth left a bequest for “scholarships for needy and deserving medical students at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, such scholarships to be awarded regardless of race, color, sex, age, or national origin”. The Ellis physicians were widely known and respected in the Arkansas medical community. The inaugural award was presented 2012.

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

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

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

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

**Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Gray Scholarship:** Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Gray established a scholarship fund to assist medical students in 1986. Dr. Gray, Class of 1935, was the first residency-trained radiologist in Arkansas. He worked in private practice in Little Rock for thirty years while also serving as an Associate Clinical Professor of Radiology at UAMS. Dr. Gray was named Honorary Professor of Radiology in 1983. Dr. and Mrs. Gray were actively involved in many medical, civic, church and volunteer organizations. The Grays were committed to assisting deserving medical students with scholarship support. Dr. and Mrs. Gray, along with their daughter and son-in-law, were killed in an airplane crash in 1991. The College of Medicine 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. Fred W. Henker Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Fred Henker graduated from the College of Medicine in 1945, and served as a member of the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry, specializing in patient interview, psychosomatic illness, death and dying, and treating patients dually diagnosed with mental and physical illnesses. He served on the College of Medicine Admissions Committee and on a number of medical boards. Dr. Henker and his wife established a scholarship for medical students in 2003. Dr. Henker passed away in March of 2005 following a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2005 to Benjamin Carlyle of Newport.

**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.

The inaugural Honeycutt award was presented in 1997 to William McDonnell of Hot Springs. The inaugural scholarship to honor both Dr. W. Mage and Janet Honeycutt was awarded in 2004 to Shawn Marvin of Fort Smith.

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

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

**Betty Jane McClellan, M.D., Scholarship Endowment:** Established in 2009 for the purpose of providing recognition and financial assistance to UAMS College of Medicine Student who meet the following criteria as determined by the College of Medicine Student Financial Aid Advisory Committee: a full-time student at the UAMS College of Medicine, an Arkansas resident, who demonstrates superior academic achievement, with a cumulative medicine Grade Point Average of 3.25 or higher. Preference will be given to eligible female students in the College. This inaugural award was made in 2011.

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

**Raymond P. Miller Memorial Scholarship Endowment:** Dr. Miller was a beloved physician who graduated from UAMS College of Medicine in 1963. He was born November 26, 1936, in Cotton Plant, Arkansas, graduated in 1955 from Cotton Plant Vocational High School and enrolled at Arkansas AM&N College, where he received a B.S. in 1959. He died in 2005.

In 1972, Dr. Miller became the first black member of the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees. He served on many other boards throughout his career, including Worthen Bank and its successors, Entergy Corporation, and the Razorback Foundation. He received many honors in recognition of his professional practice and civic service. Dr. Miller was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honorary society, Sigma Pi Phi fraternity, the American Thoracic Society, and was a Diplomate of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Chest Physicians.

In 2007 several friends of Dr. Miller convened to raise money that would endow a scholarship in his name. The endowment was established in 2008 and the first scholar selected in 2009. It is the intent of the donors that preference be given to underrepresented minority students.

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

**Dr. Jerry D. Morgan Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Jerry Morgan, who graduated from the College of Medicine in 1965, dedicated 33 years to serving patients in Stuttgart and the surrounding area. His goal was to provide quality medical care to the people of rural southeast Arkansas. He helped build a medical center that provided the latest in technology, yet preserved a small-town atmosphere. His family, along with his colleagues, loyal patients, hospital administration and hospital board members, created a scholarship in his memory after his death in 1999. The scholarship is awarded to medical students from Arkansas, Monroe or Prairie Counties who have tentative plans to return to those areas to practice medicine. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2000 to Scott Chism of Stuttgart. THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS PAID EACH YEAR BY AN OUTSIDE DONOR. THERE IS NOT AN ACCOUNT AT UAMS.
Nolie Mumey, M.D., Endowed Scholarship: Nolie Mumey, M.D., was born in 1891 and grew up on a farm in Jenny Lind, Ark. When he was a senior medical student, he was appointed to the faculty as “assistant in surgical technique.” He graduated from the University of Arkansas-Medical Department in 1916. After serving as a surgeon in the U.S. Army he established a general private practice in Denver in 1924. He also held professional appointments at Presbyterian Hospital, Denver General Hospital and the University of Denver. He also served as company doctor for Continental Airlines for 32 years. He lectured on medical history at the University of Colorado School of Medicine from 1935 to 1960. He died in 1984 at age 93. Dr. Mumey and his wife, Norma L. Mumey, left a bequest to UAMS and the College of Medicine upon their deaths. A portion has been designated for scholarship support to students in testimony of their love of medicine, learning and his medical alma mater.

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

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

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

Dr. Debra Velez Owings Scholarship: Dr. Debra Velez Owings graduated from the College of Medicine in 1985 and completed her residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston before returning to Little Rock. She was a skilled pathologist with a genuine concern for her patients. As a wife and mother, she acknowledged that her family was her greatest accomplishment and most cherished gift. The untimely death of Dr. Owings in 1995, at the age of 42, prompted her partners, colleagues, classmates and friends to commemorate her life and accomplishments with an endowed scholarship to be awarded annually to a deserving medical student. The inaugural award was presented in 1997 to Sage Vermont Thurlby of Prescott.
Alex A. Pappas, M.D. and Ann W. Maners, M.D. Endowed Scholarship: Drs. Alex Pappas and Ann Maners have been a part of the UAMS community and strong supporters of the College of Medicine for over two decades. Dr. Pappas was an associate professor and professor in the Department of Pathology from 1984 until he retired in July 2005. Known as a passionate teacher and beloved by his students, he won the Red Sash award seven times and the Golden Apple Award twice. Students also honored him with the Humanism in Medicine Award by the Association of American Medical College’s Organization of Student Representatives. Dr. Maners has been with the Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute (CARTI) since 1995 and has also served on the College of Medicine faculty. The couple has generously contributed to UAMS in many ways, including this scholarship endowment, which is intended to directly support deserving students. The inaugural presentation was announced by UAMS Chancellor I. Dodd Wilson at the 19th annual College of Medicine Scholarship Banquet on September 9, 2006, at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. The inaugural recipient was Carl Mitchell.

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

Tommy and Mamie Polk Scholarship: Dr. Tommy Polk is a 1972 graduate and former anesthesiology resident and intern of the UAMS College of Medicine. He and his wife, Mamie, have been loyal to the college throughout their years in practice, returning often to visit with friends and colleagues. When asked about why he would endow a scholarship, Dr. Polk replied, “Without financial help, I would not have been able to attend medical school. Now I want to help others to decrease their financial burden and give them some financial security during those difficult years.” This scholarship is awarded based on need and at the discretion of the scholarship committee. It was first awarded for the 2011 school year.

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

Annie Schoppach, M.D., Memorial Scholarship: Annie Schoppach, M.D., Class of 1901, was the first female to graduate from the Medical Department of the University of Arkansas. The April 13, 1901 edition of the Arkansas Gazette news article read “WOMAN GRADUATED, Member of University of Arkansas Medical Class, Exercises Held Last Night.” The article went on to say “The twenty-second cominencement (sic) exercises of the Arkansas University medical department were held last night in the Capital theater. The graduating class was twenty in number among whom was Miss Annie Schoppach of this city, a lady of refinement and culture, who will doubtless prove to be a physician of great service and ability.” Born in Ontario, Canada, Dr. Schoppach came to Little Rock from Michigan as the wife of an Arkansas native. She began medical school in 1897, graduated in 1901, did two years of postgraduate work, and then went into the private practice of Obstetrics/Gynecology in Little Rock, running her own maternity home at 1401 State Street. Her son, Herwald Cutting, joined her practice after he graduated from her alma mater in 1912. She practiced OB/GYN for forty-eight years in Little Rock where she died in 1949. With the support of the UAMS Library’s History of Medicine Associates, the Pulaski County Historical Society, the College of Medicine Alumni Association, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Axelson, and the Oakland Fraternal Cemetery, a monument was erected in the Oakland Cemetery in 2006 and formally dedicated on September 9, 2007, honoring Dr. Schoppach, her son, and daughter-in-law, who are buried there. Her great-granddaughter, Bonnie Axelson of Chicago, 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. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2007 to Jennifer Doyle of Fort Smith.

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

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

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

**Howard K. Suzuki Ph.D. Scholarship**: Dr. Howard K. Suzuki was a professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Anatomy from 1958 until 1970. Students who studied under him will tell you he was one of the hardest professors they had – and one of the most loved. In fact, they dedicated the yearbook to him twice during his tenure.

Dr. Suzuki was noted for his investigations on the interactions of steroid hormones on bone metabolism in reptiles, birds and mammals. In 1970 he was appointed Associate Dean of the College of Health Related Professions at the University of Florida and Professor of Anatomy in the School of Medicine, and was soon thereafter appointed Dean. He helped establish new undergraduate and graduate programs and the Alpha Eta National Honorary Society for Allied Health Professionals. Dr. Suzuki served on the National Institutes of Health Committee on General Research Support Grants and the Veterans Administration Committee on Allied Health Education.

At the UAMS College of Medicine, students take the Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM I and II), a two-year class. The goals of the class are to:

1. Teach the student to correlate basic sciences with clinical medicine and to use both at the bedside.
2. Instill values of professionalism and ethics in everyday patient care.
3. Optimize verbal and non-verbal communication with the distinct goal of facilitating problem solving and patient care.

The purpose of the endowed scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in the UAMS College of Medicine who scores the highest grade on the Introduction to Clinical Medicine scoring system of the College of Medicine. This scoring system currently is based on a combination of the highest score on the Introduction to Clinical Medicine II course and the Objective Structured Clinical Exam.

In the event there is a change in the courses or the exam identified within this criteria
stated above, including a change in the names of the courses or exam, the College of Medicine is authorized to make the scholarship awards using its best judgment as to the criteria which fit most closely with the intent of the donor.

The initial scholarship was awarded in 2012.

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

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

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

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

**Dr. George Wise Memorial Scholarship:** Mr. and Mrs. Murry J. Sarlin, parents of the first recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. Frank Maguire Scholarship, established this scholarship endowment in honor of Dr. 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 was medical student William C. Koch.

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

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

CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS

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 to Alan Newman.

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

Class of 1945 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. Kay Kinneman was the inaugural recipient in 1996.
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 to Theresa Wyrick.

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

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 to Tommy Moseley. 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 to Jeri Mendelson.

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

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

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

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

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

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 to Matt Sellars.
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 to Jacob Kaler. The award is presented annually to an outstanding student on the basis of superior academic performance.

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

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 to Mark Dyer.

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

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

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 to Rodney McDonald.

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. The inaugural recipient was Morris Kelley of Pine Bluff.
Class of 1977 Alumni 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 College of Medicine Scholarship Committee selects the recipient. The inaugural scholarship was presented in 2002 to Reta Graham of Clarksville.

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

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

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

Class of 1983 Scholarship: The Class of 1983 awards a yearly scholarship to a medical student that exhibits leadership, shows compassion, and has good academic standing. The scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the medical school scholarship committee. The inaugural award was made for the year 2009-10.

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 1985 Scholarship: The Class of 1985 decided at the 25th anniversary of their graduation to establish a scholarship fund as a permanent means for the class to help medical students today and into the future. Under the leadership of James Graham, M. D, a long-time M-1 course director and newly appointed Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, a campaign was launched with his generous contribution. The recipients of this scholarship will be selected at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

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

Class of 2002: When the Class of 2002 graduated, they graciously voted to donate the balance of their treasury to the College of Medicine as an endowed scholarship for a future student. The award is to be made at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The first award was made in 2010.