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GIOVANNI PIEDIMONTE, MD, CHAIR OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS, TALKS ABOUT DR.  
JAMES WALKER'S IMPACT ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH  
IN WEST VIRGINIA. SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 5.

LEFT:  
JOSHUA DOWER, MD, AND ANTHONY FABIANO AT  
OUR DOCTOR'S DAY CELEBRATION. NATIONAL  
DOCTOR'S DAY IS MARCH 30.

## A MESSAGE OF THANKS



On behalf of all our students, our patients, and our faculty and staff, I would like to offer a word of thanks to those who have so generously supported the work of WVU's Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center in the past year.

Workers are putting the finishing touches on several major capital improvements on our campus – most notably the new Erma Byrd Biomedical Research Center, the expanded Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center and the sparkling new laboratory facilities for our partner in Alzheimer's research, the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute.

Although each of these facilities enjoyed substantial public funding, none of the activities we contemplate in them can reach their full potential without a continuing stream of private support.

As you will see from this report, that support is both vibrant and impressive. It has allowed us to add world-class teachers and researchers to our faculty, to reach out with education and health services to the entire state, and to provide our students with opportunities that will give them the tools to take on the health challenges of the next generation.

Thank you for your part in this. Your contributions touch the lives of thousands of people, and make them better.

Sincerely,

Fred Butcher, Ph.D.  
Interim Vice President for Health Sciences  
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West Virginia University's  
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benefits from the support of grateful  
patients, loyal alumni  
and benevolent friends.

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donors whose recent contributions of  
\$10,000 or more have had a significant  
and lasting impact on our work.

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JOGINDER NATH, MD

When Joginder Nath was growing up in India (now Pakistan), his mother would use a homemade remedy of a zinc salt called *jish* to heal eye infections. Now, after 42 years of service to West Virginia University, Dr. Nath, Professor of Genetics and Chair of the interdepartmental program in Genetics and Developmental Biology at the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Science, has

named an exam room in the WVU Eye Institute in memory of his parents.

Upon meeting Dr. Nath, it doesn't take long to realize the importance of family and community. His two sons, one a physician at New York University (soon going to Stanford University) and the other, a lawyer at WVU, were born in Morgantown and like to come home whenever possible.

"My family and I have greatly enjoyed living in this town," said Dr. Nath. "I am really, truly appreciative of what Morgantown and especially WVU Hospitals has done for us."

Dr. Nath knew he wanted to give back to the community and hospital that has been so important throughout his life. He is a supporter of local art, and recently chose to make a gift to the



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DR. NATH PICTURED WITH JUDIE CHARLTON, MD, CHAIR OF THE WVU DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AND LIONEL CHISHOLM, MD.

WVU Eye Institute. This decision is rooted in family, also.

"One of my mothers's cousins went to study in England in the 1940s to become an ophthalmologist," Dr. Nath explained. "He was a role model for not just me, but for many young people in the family. At least three family members have become ophthalmologists because of him."

Dr. Nath has a similar impact on future scientists. A solid genetics program didn't exist when he became a WVU faculty member. In 1966-67, with the help of faculty at WVU, they started a graduate level interdisciplinary genetics program. And, in 1998, a special event called the CentiGrad was celebrated to commemorate the graduation of 100 graduate students. There have been nearly 150 PhD graduates from the

Genetics and Developmental Program since its inception.

Dr. Nath's gift to the WVU Eye Institute is yet another way he will leave his footprint on the Morgantown community and West Virginia University. This remarkable gift both honors his parents and provides valuable support that benefits the thousands of patients cared for each year at the WVU Eye Institute.

James H. Walker, MD, had an immense impact on the people of West Virginia before his death on October 2, 2006. But even today, his generosity and service to the state lives on.

On October 31, WVU announced the creation of the multimillion dollar WVU Pediatric Research Institute. Funding for this institute comes from two sources: a generous \$6.378 million bequest from Dr. Walker, former WVU physician and professor on the Charleston campus, and unclaimed settlement money from a class action lawsuit. It also leverages funds from the HSC Vice President's Office to create a Research Scholar position to complement the chair.

Dr. Walker's bequest will not only aid the creation of the Pediatric Research Institute, but will also fund the James H. Walker Chair of Pediatric Cardiology, a position devoted to research. The inaugural recipient of this chair is William A. Neal, MD, professor of pediatric cardiology at WVU.

In the 1950s, Dr. Walker helped bring modern heart surgery to West Virginia. As a member of the Division of Crippled Children's Services (now Handicapped Children's Services) cardiac surgery staff, he conducted cardiac clinics all over West Virginia including Philippi, Summersville, Beckley, Bluefield, Hinton, Welch and Charleston.

In November of 1960, Dr. Walker's team performed the first open heart surgery in the state. And, in March 1962, they performed the first surgery in the state using a heart exchanger in connection with the heart-lung pump to cool a

# JAMES H. WALKER, MD

## A GENEROUS BEQUEST

patient's blood and pipe it back through the cardiac muscles while the heart was completely stopped.

Dr. Walker was known as a quiet man, dedicated to his profession, whose chief concern was the best possible care for his patients. He has said, "Medicine is my hobby and my recreation. I'm happiest when I'm practicing medicine."

His patients knew his gentleness and sincere concern. He often shared that it was an honor and privilege to be a physician and tried to give back to the community what it had given him. He was also very proud of his work at West Virginia University with Dr. William Neal and Dr. Robert Gustafson. Because of the cooperation between Drs. Walker, Neal and Gustafson, all congenital cardiac surgery within West Virginia is now referred to Morgantown. The efforts of these physicians have placed West Virginia on the map as one of the best cardiac programs and cardiac surgery units in the country.

The impression Dr. Walker has left on the people of West Virginia will be ever present both in the lives of those he has touched through his compassion and medical expertise and in the lives of those who will be touched for years to come by his generous bequest.

# JAMES H. WALKER, MD

*"My father was very passionate about WVU. Medicine was his whole life. He continued to practice until the day he was in the car accident and died. He was actually traveling from one clinic to another. To endow a chair really signifies his true passion for medicine."*

-ROME WALKER, MD

## WILLIAM NEAL, MD

### JAMES H. WALKER, MD, CHAIR IN PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY

William A. Neal, MD, professor of pediatric cardiology at the West Virginia University School of Medicine, has been named the inaugural recipient of the James H. Walker, MD, Chair in Pediatric Cardiology.

A native of Huntington, Neal graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati, then earned his medical degree at WVU, where he was the first recipient of the Edward J. Van Liere Award for medical student research. He continued his training at Milwaukee County General Hospital and studied pediatric cardiology at the University of Minnesota.

In 1998, Neal established the CARDIAC (Coronary Artery Risk Detection in Appalachian Communities) Project to address the high illness and death rates from cardiovascular disease in West Virginia. In 2007, the US Department of Health and Human Services gave the project a national Innovation in Prevention Award for its success in addressing chronic diseases and promoting healthier lifestyles.

Neal also staffs the Pediatric Lipid Clinic in Morgantown and outreach clinics in Beckley, Huntington, Lewisburg, Princeton and Wheeling. The outreach clinics began with Walker, he said.

"One of the things he did well was the establishment of outreach clinics, which increase the access to care. We need to take care of all of the children in West Virginia. Dr. Walker was a pioneer in establishing those clinics," Neal said.

Walker recognized the growing needs of children in West Virginia for high quality pediatric cardiology services, Dr. Neal said. Together with Neal, Walker established WVU's program, which today performs 250 cardiothoracic procedures, 100 cardiac catheterizations and 3,000 ultrasound examinations annually.



# DARRYLE SCHOEPP, PHD

## BUCKS FOR BRAINS

Darryle Schoepp, PhD, is one of the WVU School of Medicine's outstanding alumni. Now an internationally-recognized scientist and researcher, and the Senior Vice President and Franchise Head for Neuroscience at Merck Research Laboratories, Darryle Schoepp recognizes the importance of his early graduate education experience in preparing him for his current work.

Dr. Schoepp received his PhD in 1982 from WVU after completing his training in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, and attributes his great success in part to West Virginia University and the nurturing environment created by the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology's Graduate Program. In particular, he credits his mentor, Albert Azzaro, PhD, for modeling excellent scientific judgment and a caring approach, for giving him direction and encouragement to become an independent investigator throughout his training, and instilling him with the vision to think about the clinical application of his work.

Dr. Schoepp remembers very clearly how important it was for him, as a graduate student interested in neuroscience, to be able to have opportunities to participate in activities such as attending and

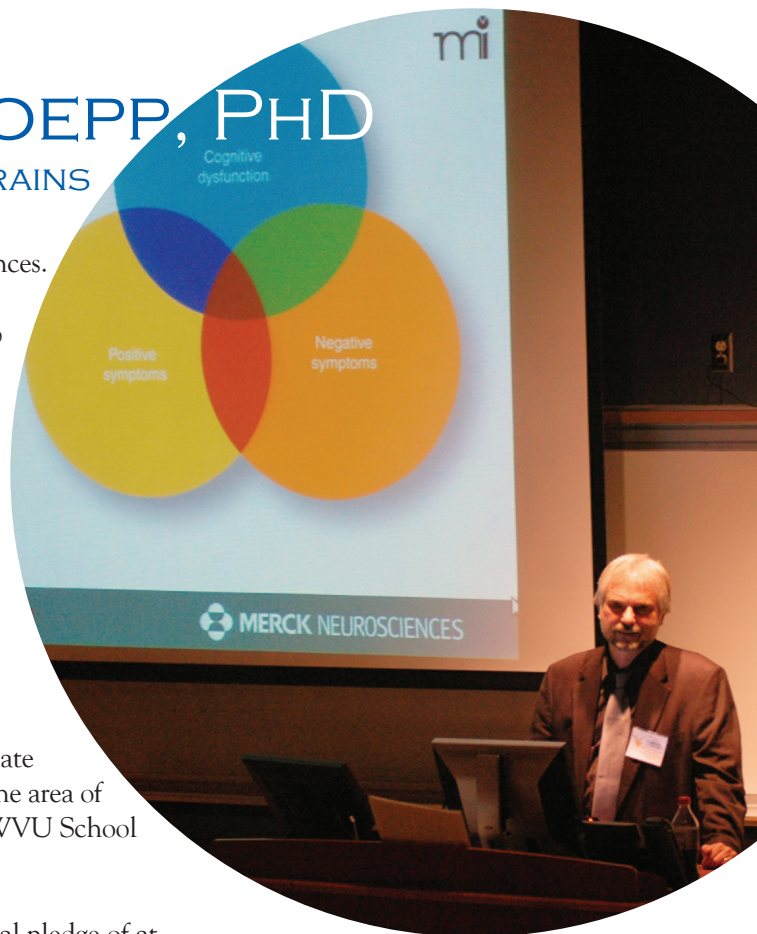
presenting at conferences. He has decided to establish the Schoepp Neuroscience Research Student Support Fund, an endowed fund which will be used to provide support for purposes such as research fellowships, conference travel, research project seed money, and related purposes, all for graduate students working in the area of neuroscience at the WVU School of Medicine.

Dr. Schoepp's personal pledge of at least \$30,000 before March 2013 will be matched by \$30,000 of Merck company matching funds, making the total of his personal and corporate match pledge eligible to leverage an additional \$60,000 in matching money from the State of West Virginia through the "Bucks for Brains" program. In total, his decision to support graduate education will result in at least \$120,000 in endowed support for research for the WVU Health Sciences Center.

In addition to his financial support,

Dr. Schoepp continues to give back to WVU. This October he delivered the first Robert E. Stitzel Lecture. This lecture series is named for the late Robert E. Stitzel, who served WVU as an educator, scientist and administrator for more than 40 years, and honors his career and devotion to graduate education at WVU.

On behalf of its graduate students, the WVU School of Medicine thanks Darryle Schoepp for his commitment to graduate education and neuroscience research.



## EMINENT SCHOLARS

### BEN & JO STATLER AND WVU HOSPITALS HELP LEVERAGE STATE MONEY FOR RESEARCH INITIATIVES

A precursor to "Bucks for Brains," the Eminent Scholars Program was established in 2007 to aid WVU in its mission to grow its research enterprise to address critical needs of the state and to enhance its reputation as a major research university to attract highly talented and nationally competitive senior faculty.

Five million dollars was made available by the state of West Virginia to match private gifts for research purposes during the period of one year. Ben and Jo Statler, and WVU Hospitals generously donated \$2.5 million each to reach the \$5 million goal.

Ben and Jo Statler, recipients of the 2008 Outstanding Philanthropy award by the WVU Foundation, made their gift to establish the Wilson Eminent Scholars Distinguished Professorship and the Statler Eminent Scholar and Chair in Breast Cancer Research.

"This is truly transforming for breast cancer patients here at the Cancer Center, and for women in all parts of the state," said Scot Remick, MD, Director of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center.

The other half of the \$5 million was gifted by WVU Hospitals to support the building of a comprehensive stroke research program, entitled "New Interventions to Prevent and Treat Stroke and Enhance Recovery of Brain Function."

WVU has been engaged in the provision of high quality neurologic and neurosurgical care to the residents of West Virginia and the surrounding region for a number of years. This includes highly specialized treatment of patients who

have suffered strokes or who suffer from epilepsy, Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders.

\$1.5 million of the WVU Hospital gift will support the recruitment of a Stroke Medical Director and the other \$1 million will support the recruitment of a clinician-scientist with board certification in stroke neurology and neuro-intensive care.

Together, Ben and Jo Statler, and WVU Hospitals allowed us to take full advantage of the Eminent Scholars program. Their gift will have a great impact on cancer and stroke research at WVU, and in turn, a great impact on the people of West Virginia and our surrounding region.

*"As an academic medical center, it is important that, in addition to providing cutting-edge clinical care, we are engaged in significant research initiatives that both complement and enhance the quality of care we can deliver."*

- BRUCE McCLYMONDS  
PRESIDENT & CEO  
WVU HOSPITALS

# BENEDUM FOUNDATION SUPPORTS SMILES ACROSS AMERICA

Underserved West Virginia children are all smiles thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to the West Virginia University School of Dentistry.

The funding, which will be distributed to the dental school over a two-year period, supports West Virginia's program of Smiles Across America (SAA).

"The Benedum Foundation's generous grant allows us to invest resources that will improve children's oral health," said West Virginia SSA Coordinator Richard Meckstroth, DDS, who is also chair of the Dental Practice and Rural Health Department in the School of Dentistry. "The money allows us to extend our program to more West Virginia children and expand the overall preventive dental care offerings to West Virginia's underserved children."

Smiles Across America provides dental sealants to uninsured and underinsured

children. Sealants make the biting surface of the teeth less susceptible to decay and disease.

WV SAA makes use of the WVU School of Dentistry's Rural Health Program, where students participating in their rural rotations provide clinical service and treatment to children and educate parents on the importance of preventive dental services.

"Many parents don't see a need for preventive dental visits because those options weren't readily available to them when they were children," Meckstroth said. "The problem compounds itself and parents often wait until their children exhibit problems such as toothaches before they bring them to the dentist's office."

"This grant is part of Benedum's initiative to improve oral health in West Virginia by calling attention to the issues, shifting focus to prevention and children, and improving access to care," Beverly Railey Robinson, Benedum Foundation vice president, said. "WVU and the School of Dentistry are stepping forward to help."

West Virginia SSA began in Fall 2006. Oral Health America coordinates the national SAA campaign. Other WV SSA supporters include Ronald McDonald Children's Charities and Delta Dental.



## JASON THOMAS

A West Virginia University Political Science faculty member has raised nearly \$3,000 to help cancer patients in memory of his mother. An avid runner, Jason Thomas of WVU's Political Science Department, participated in several races this summer to raise money for a fund he established at the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center named after his mother, Carolyn E. Miller, who lost her battle with esophageal cancer two years ago.

The Carolyn E. Miller Steps for Solace Fund will help make patient visits to the Cancer Center Clinic as pleasant and personalized as possible. It will be used to provide beverages, newspapers, magazines, and assistance with such things as finding the perfect wig or scarf.

Friends, family, coworkers and businesses made donations in support of Thomas. That is the amount needed to endow the fund so that it will be an ongoing source of revenue.

The Fairmont native is very happy for the donations to his cause. "It means a lot that folks can put forward money in harsh economic times. It shows that we care about one another. My mom would be very happy about that."

Thomas created the fund to maintain



YOU CAN MAKE A GIFT TO THE CAROLYN E. MILLER STEPS FOR SOLACE FUND BY CONTACTING THE MARY BABB RANDOLPH CANCER CENTER AT (304)293-4597.

TO TRACK THOMAS' RACE SCHEDULE AND PERFORMANCE GO TO HIS BLOG AT RECASTINIRON.BLOGSPOT.COM.

his mother's legacy of generosity and compassion for others. "She was an amazing woman. In her last days, she was more concerned with comforting the people around her than her own suffering."

Thomas also lost his father to cancer. Jacob "Butch" Thomas died of melanoma when Jason was just a toddler.

Thomas plans to hang up his running shoes for a while before he begins training for triathlons in early 2009. He hopes to do a full Ironman in 2010. That type of race includes a 2.4 mile swim, 112 miles of biking, and a 26.2 mile run.

"I'll keep running as long as people keep donating," he said.

The Gabriel family established a fund in memory of James R. Gabriel, who passed away in August 2005. The neuro-oncology fund will help advance training and support innovative research by WVU physician-scientist who work to gain a better understanding of the symptoms, causes, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of brain cancer. Mr. Gabriel, along with his brother Arthur, launched the first Gabriel store in Morgantown in 1961, which grew into the highly successful off-price retail company that today bears their name. James and Arthur Gabriel also established a scholarship at the WVU School of Medicine. This year it is providing tuition support for two outstanding medical students.

JAMES R. GABRIEL





# BONNIE'S BUS

## BEN AND JO STATLER SPARK GIVING

Last fall, Ben and Jo Statler made the most generous single gift West Virginia University has ever received. Their donation of \$25 million will have a great impact on several health care, engineering and athletic programs.

The first \$5 million went to the Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program at the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center. It provided funding for a mobile mammography unit named "Bonnie's Bus," after Jo Statler's mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson, who died of breast cancer in 1987.

The Statlers' gift has sparked a series of other generous donations to the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center and its mission of providing expert cancer treatment and care to all of West Virginia and the surrounding Appalachian region.



*"We are extremely appreciative of the funding from both the Benedum Foundation and Komen. Their investments will allow us to build on the extraordinary opportunity given us by the gift of Jo and Ben Statler, allowing us to greatly improve the health of West Virginians."*

- SCOT REMICK, MD  
MBRCC DIRECTOR

## CLAUDE WORTHINGTON BENEDEM FOUNDATION

The Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation awarded the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center \$400,000 over two years to help support access to cancer screening and treatment for people across West Virginia, with a special initial focus on breast cancer.

The Benedum grant will help the Cancer Center develop ways for patients to receive needed treatment through a new statewide clinical trials research network, which along with the startup of Bonnie's Bus, a new statewide mobile mammography program, will offer state-of-the-art care opportunities to West Virginia cancer patients, starting with breast cancer patients.

"We are especially excited about the opportunity this provides to jumpstart the first ever statewide clinical trials network," said Dr. Scot Remick, director of the Cancer Center. "With West Virginia cancer mortality rates the third highest in the nation and communities like McDowell County reported to have the seventh highest breast cancer mortality in the country, the Cancer Center is keeping its focus on overcoming health disparities and providing the best care to patients and families."

"This grant is part of Benedum's vision of improved health in West Virginia by calling attention to the issues, shifting the focus to prevention and improving access to care," said Benedum Foundation Vice President Beverly Railey Robinson. "Dr. John Prescott introduced me to Dr. Remick, which resulted in an exciting conversation about what will truly have an impact on rural health, disease prevention issues, and healthcare infrastructure. The Benedum Foundation is pleased to be part of this statewide initiative."

## SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE

Susan G. Komen for the Cure awarded the WVU Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center \$300,000 over three years in efforts to decrease mortality from breast cancer in West Virginia.

The Komen funds will support the building of networks and systems with three objectives in mind:

- Ensure that women throughout the state who lack access to breast-screening services use the Bonnie's Bus digital mobile mammography program
- Help provide timely and appropriate care, including access to clinical trials, needed by users of Bonnie's Bus
- Track the results of early detection of breast cancer and access to care.

"This grant, over three years, will help ensure that Bonnie's Bus reaches those most in need," said Diane Balma, vice president of strategic relations at Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "Working together – government, the Cancer Center, citizens, nonprofits – we can reach these women. We can ensure they are not overlooked and undertreated. We can realize the Cancer Center's goal – reducing breast cancer death rates in targeted counties by 25 percent – in other words, saving lives."

"We are very thankful to the West Virginia Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, who have been very engaged and supportive of these efforts to fight breast cancer," Dr. Remick said. "They have provided funding to further determine where in West Virginia the problems with breast cancer mortality were most severe and laid important groundwork for the roll-out of Bonnie's Bus. They are also providing support for educational and outreach marketing materials related to Bonnie's Bus."



## CLARE AND PAM EDMAN

Clare Edman, MD, (SoM '65) and his wife Pam retired in 2003 and moved to Lake Texoma on the Texas-Oklahoma border in 2007 after selling the family home in Dallas, Texas where they lived for 35 years and raised three children.

“When we decided to sell our home, we knew whatever profit we got, we’d give to WVU,” said Dr. Edman. Those very substantial proceeds went to the WVU School of Medicine to establish The Clare and Pamela Edman Medical Scholarship.

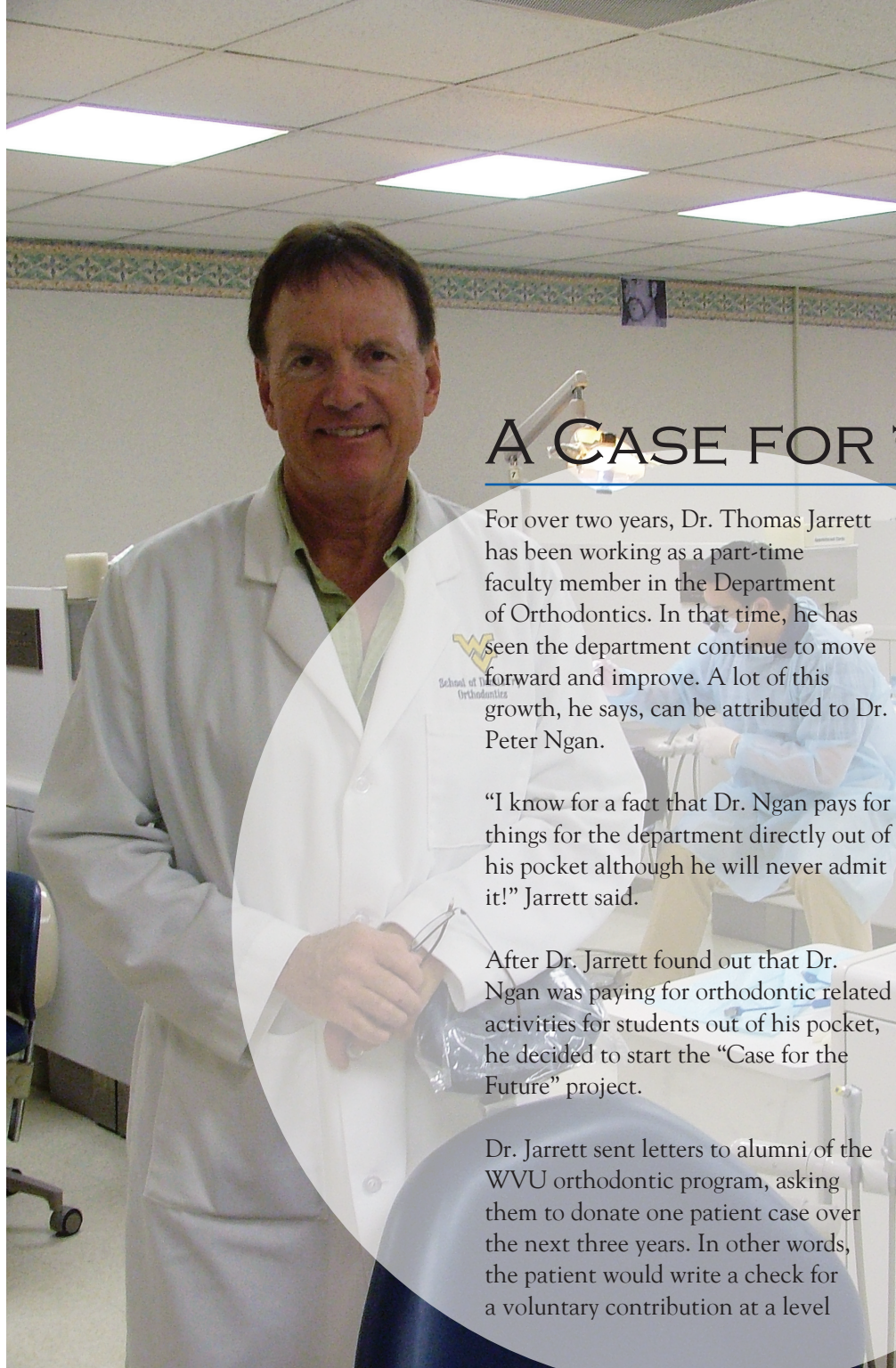
*“Our beginnings were in West Virginia. Pam and I want to help other students get the same start we got.”*

A specialist in reproductive endocrinology, Dr. Edman’s primary career focus was graduate medical education. He taught medical students and residents for 23 years while he was on the faculty at UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and attended at Parkland Hospital. He continued to

teach students and residents while he was the Director of the OBGYN residency program at Methodist Hospitals of Dallas for 12 years and was Director of Medical Education for 4 years in that same institution before his retirement. Today, he and Pam “love to travel.” Recent trips, frequently with old friends, have included Cape Cod, Whistler, BC and Aspen. None, however, includes skiing. “I’m not that agile any more,” he says. In addition to travel, he fills his time with woodworking and genealogy.

A native of Parkersburg, Dr. Edman says he got his start thanks to a scholarship loan from the West Virginia Medical Association. That, along with his wife’s wages and a place to live provided by her father, made it possible for him to attend medical school. WVU memories include “Mollie Albrink, Nick Fugo and Jack Chambers.” In particular, “Dr. Chambers was one of my favorite mentors – one of the people I admired and structured my professional life around.”

WVU’s first Edman Scholar will be Stephanie Sisler. Stephanie was admitted to the WVU School of Medicine a year early and started this fall. As an undergraduate, Stephanie Kisner, a native of Terra Alta and former Preston High School valedictorian, majored in Exercise Physiology. She played volleyball for WVU and was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Her husband Adam, whom she’s known since middle school, is working on a degree in forest management. They were married in May.



## A CASE FOR THE FUTURE

For over two years, Dr. Thomas Jarrett has been working as a part-time faculty member in the Department of Orthodontics. In that time, he has seen the department continue to move forward and improve. A lot of this growth, he says, can be attributed to Dr. Peter Ngan.

“I know for a fact that Dr. Ngan pays for things for the department directly out of his pocket although he will never admit it!” Jarrett said.

After Dr. Jarrett found out that Dr. Ngan was paying for orthodontic related activities for students out of his pocket, he decided to start the “Case for the Future” project.

Dr. Jarrett sent letters to alumni of the WVU orthodontic program, asking them to donate one patient case over the next three years. In other words, the patient would write a check for a voluntary contribution at a level

determined by the patient to the WVU Department of Orthodontic Education Fund, instead of paying the physician that treated them.

The Case for the Future Fund is non-endowed with its total proceeds used for the educational benefit of the faculty, students and classified staff of the Department of Orthodontics in the School of Dentistry.

“West Virginia University has done a lot for each one of us and we owe that school a great deal,” Jarrett said. “We should be proud of the program and support it.”

So far, over a dozen Orthodontists have donated cases, but Dr. Jarrett will not stop there.

“How long do we expect to get the quality graduates without opening up our wallets?” he said.

# DEDICATION

## LUDWIG GUTMANN, MD

Ludwig Gutmann, MD, was instrumental in building the academic and clinical program in neurology at WVU. In the eyes of his colleagues, like John Brick, MD, professor and chair of the WVU Department of Neurology, “Dr. Gutmann is the father of the department.”



To honor his extraordinary academic achievement, the WVU School of Medicine established the Ludwig Gutmann Chair of Neurology, dedicated on May 29.

This \$1.5 million endowed chair is funded by donor gifts and was created to recruit and retain distinguished scholars. Gutmann was a major donor among others who contributed to the chair.

Dr. Gutmann came to WVU in 1966 after completing his fellowship training at the Mayo Clinic. He served as chair of the Department of Neurology for 28 years and is currently the Hazel Ruby

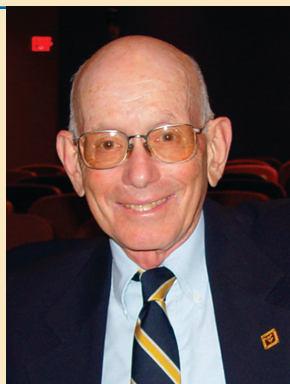
McQuain Professor of Neurology.

“The things that made me stay were the fact that I really felt I was doing something important, something useful, that it really was an exciting place to practice medicine and an exciting place to help patients,” Dr. Gutmann said.

Specialists in WVU’s outpatient neurology clinics see about 2,500 new patients each year, in addition to approximately 9,800 returning patients, with some 1,000 adult patients admitted for hospital care. Board-

certified neurologists offer therapies for diseases of the brain, spinal cord, nerves and muscles, including stroke, epilepsy, neuromuscular diseases and movement disorders.

“Half of the neurologists in West Virginia have been touched by our department. They are graduates of our medical school or our fellowship programs – or they are our own full-time faculty or residents at WVU,” Dr. Brick said. “I think this is extremely impressive.”



ABOVE:  
LUDWIG GUTMANN, MD

LEFT:  
DR. GUTMANN AND HIS WIFE,  
MARY, RECEIVE A GIFT AT THE  
CHAIR DEDICATION

## ANTHONY DIBARTOLOMEO, MD



ABOVE:  
ANTHONY DIBARTOLOMEO, MD

RIGHT:  
DR. DIBARTOLOMEO'S FAMILY  
WITH DR. JAMES BRICK AT THE  
PROFESSORSHIP DEDICATION



When the late Anthony G. DiBartolomeo, MD, returned to WVU after completing his fellowship training, he said it was because of his professors, who encouraged him during tough times in medical school when he was tempted to quit.

“They went out of their way,” he said. “So I came back because I felt like I owed this place something...I got a very good medical education. As good as anybody that I’ve worked with in other institutions.”

Dr. DiBartolomeo joined the faculty in

1976, holding a number of leadership posts and winning numerous awards. He died in 2004 after a long career as a WVU medical faculty member, administrator, teacher, clinician and researcher. If he did, in fact, owe WVU something, he certainly repaid his debt.

In honor of his many contributions and extraordinary academic achievement, the WVU School of Medicine established the Anthony G. DiBartolomeo Professorship of Medicine, dedicated on June 12. This \$500,000 endowed professorship is a position funded by donor gifts to recruit and

retain distinguished faculty members.

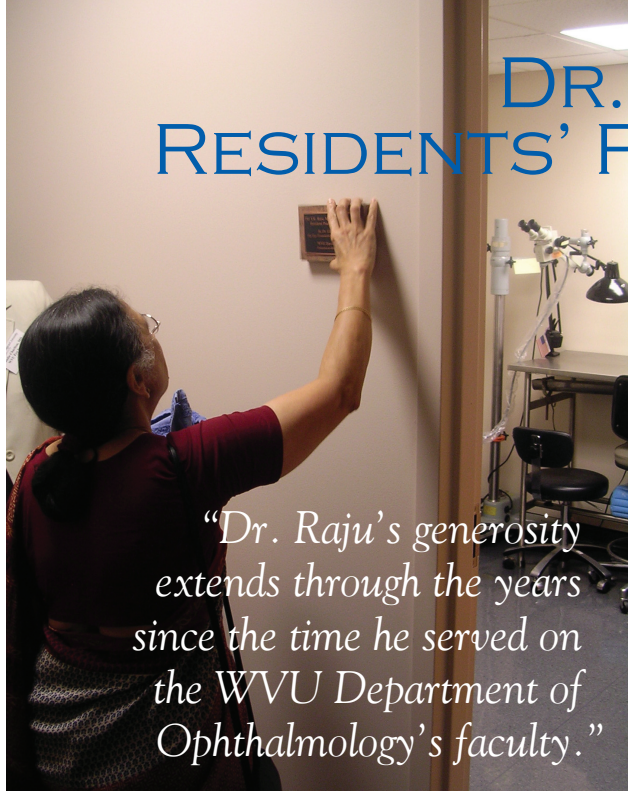
Former medical students, patients and colleagues remember Dr. DiBartolomeo’s warm, friendly demeanor and patience in answering even seemingly insignificant questions.

“When I walked among our hallways and would suddenly see Tony come

walking around the corner, it was like seeing the captain of a great ship,” wrote Don Fidler, MD, a psychiatrist at WVU. “Tony always had a proud, comforting smile that always signaled that the ship was fine.”

“His tenure here made life better for tens of thousands of patients, and thousands of West Virginia doctors benefited from his teaching,” James Brick, MD, interim dean of the School of Medicine, said. “He was a highly respected physician, and many people throughout Morgantown had great affection for him.”

## DR. RAJU NAMES RESIDENTS' PRACTICE LAB



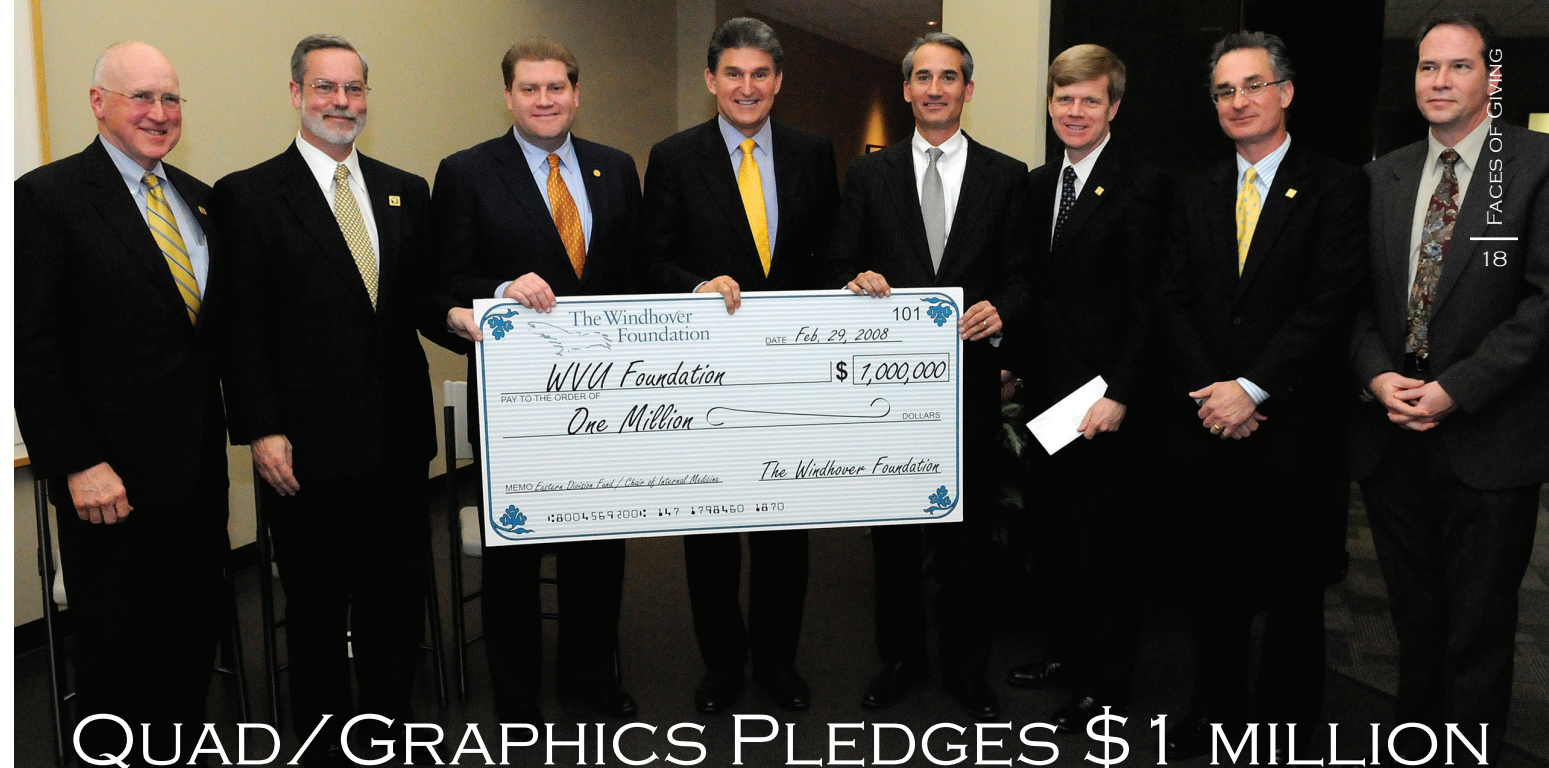
*“Dr. Raju’s generosity extends through the years since the time he served on the WVU Department of Ophthalmology’s faculty.”*

Former faculty member and local ophthalmologist, V.K. Raju, MD, made a gift to support the WVU Eye Institute’s residency education program with the naming of the Residents’ Practice Laboratory.

During the West Virginia University Eye Institute Spring CME Conference on May 10, 2008, WVU Eye Institute faculty and staff and Dr. Raju’s family and friends gathered to honor him and dedicate the room as the V.K. Raju, MD Residents’ Practice Laboratory.

“Dr. Raju’s generosity extends through the years since the time he served on the WVU Department of Ophthalmology’s faculty,” said Dr. Judie F. Charlton, chair & professor of the WVU Eye Institute. She continued, “We are very thankful for his support and making this wonderful gift in support of education and the training of future ophthalmologists.”

The V.K. Raju, MD Residents’ Practice Laboratory is located on the second floor of the WVU Eye Institute next to the residents and fellows offices. It is used as an area that allows residents and fellows to practice their surgical skills. This room also houses the William & Erna Atkinson EYESI Virtual Ophthalmic Surgery Simulator.



## QUAD/GRAPHICS PLEDGES \$1 MILLION

### HEALTH SCIENCES EASTERN DIVISION RECEIVES FIRST ENDOWED CHAIR

In consideration of interest in advancing the work and mission of the WVU Health Sciences Center’s Eastern Division, The Windhover Foundation, a philanthropic organization funded by Wisconsin-based Quad/Graphics and the Quadracci family, has pledged the sum of \$1 million to establish a Chair of Internal Medicine for the WVU Health Sciences Center Eastern Division in Martinsburg.

The charge of WVU’s Eastern Division is to improve the health of people in the eastern region of West Virginia. Training medical students, pharmacists, dentists and the development of residency training programs are some

examples of how this charge is being accomplished. Additionally, the ED acts as a catalyst to expand and improve lines of healthcare service via the recruitment of primary and specialty care physicians, investments in technology, a vision of integration, and active research programs.

*“This is a wonderful gift by Quad/Graphics to the community. This gift will make a real difference to the people living in this region.”*

- MITCH JACQUES, MD, EASTERN DIVISION DEAN

A critical next step for clinical improvement is the development of an Internal Medicine Department (Group

# MAN'S BEST FRIEND

When Clark sees Barbara Jean Meade, MD, in the lobby of the Family Medicine Center, his tail starts wagging uncontrollably, his ears perk up and he sports his canine smile as he tugs on his leash attempting to reach her quicker.

"He only acts like this when he sees you," says Barbara Daugherty. Barbara and her husband Jeff, a stroke survivor, are Clark's family.

Clark, a Golden Retriever, is the first graduate of the Hearts of Gold Service Dog Training Program, administered by the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry & Consumer Sciences. He can do everything from opening doors and

flipping light switches to removing Jeff's socks and shoes, a difficult task for Jeff.

Dr. Meade is a veterinarian who returned to WVU and completed her medical degree earlier this year. She is now an employee of NIOSH and a resident in Family Medicine. In her final year of medical school, Dr. Meade was given the Edward G. Stuart Memorial Student Award, established by Avis D. Stuart in memory of her husband, former Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. He, too, "exemplified the qualities of empathy and understanding and strengthened competency with compassion." Dr. Meade's contract with NIOSH prohibits cash awards, so the Stuarts made their

donation in her honor to the Service Dog Program.

Dr. Meade was instrumental in launching the Hearts of Gold Service Dog Program in 2001 and continues to care for the dogs today, although she is quick to admit that she is not a trainer.

"I'm more likely to disrupt training and get licked in the face," Meade joked.

The Service Dog Program uses positive reinforcement to train puppies to perform more than 90 different commands and then pairs the dogs with disabled persons, including those who suffer from stroke, post traumatic stress,

and other debilitating diagnoses.

Once the dogs are paired with an owner, the original trainers stay involved to help the dogs learn commands catered to the person's specific needs.

The Stuart's generous gift came full circle when Clark, was paired with a Family Medicine patient.

Jeff Daugherty was very active before his stroke in 2006, which has made it difficult for him to walk, speak, and perform several other small tasks. Barbara knew that she had to motivate him and help him regain some of his independence, so she began looking into service dog programs throughout the country. After calling at least 15 different groups, they were put on a one-five year waiting list. Eventually, though, Barbara discovered WVU's program in an Alumni Magazine and Clark soon became a member of the Daugherty family.

"He's a real lover - so affectionate," Barbara said of Clark. "And, he can't wait to take Jeff's socks off at night."

Barbara and Jeff are incredibly grateful for Clark and Dr. Meade. The Stuart's gift is proof of the impact a donation can have on the lives of so many people.

## STUART'S GIFT HELPS DR. MEADE HELP HER PATIENTS



DR. MEADE AND CHARLOTTE WATCH CLARK SHAKE JEFF'S HAND.



JEFF LOOKS ON AS CLARK AND CHARLOTTE CHECK EACH OTHER OUT.




CLARK HELPS REMOVE JEFF'S SOCK.

HEARTS OF GOLD SERVICE TRAINING DOG, CLARK, WITH HIS OWNER JEFF, DR. BARBARA JEAN MEADE, AND PUPPY-IN-TRAINING, CHARLOTTE.

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# CLINICAL SIMULATION

## MAKING AN IMPACT ON HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING



### WVU HSC CLINICAL SIMULATION CENTER HIGHLIGHTS:

Videotaped training sessions that can be selectively “bookmarked” for one-on-one, student-faculty debriefings.

More efficient use of faculty time, providing a way for students and residents to task train or re-train any time or as often as they like.

Web-based simulation technology, much of it portable, will allow WVU, one of only 11 U.S. land grant universities, to offer comprehensive health sciences education, sharing the benefits of high-tech training with rural parts of WV or anywhere it’s needed.

Interdisciplinary teaching sessions will mean WVU student-physicians can train along side student nurses and pharmacists, emulating the real world, integrated health care teams of today.

Creation of innovative health science curriculum and instructional delivery will advance West Virginia University’s reputation for excellence.

Nursing students are gathered around the bed of their patient, “Wilbur.” His vital signs are stable and they have just started a blood transfusion. Things are going smoothly when he suddenly becomes confused and disoriented. They immediately assess his mental status and realize he is having a reaction to the transfusion. The transfusion is stopped and oxygen is immediately administered. The doctor is notified and recovery ensues.

Wilbur, as he is affectionately known to students and faculty is a simulation mannequin manufactured by the Laerdal Company. He breathes, talks, bleeds, bites, has programmable breath, heart and bowel sounds, and is capable of simulating thousands of human reactions. From basic vital signs to emergency life support, Wilbur provides the ultimate bedside

learning experience. Faculty and students alike react with surprise when Wilbur “bites” them or talks to them.

Last fall, renovations were made to upgrade the existing nursing skills lab on the second floor of the Health Sciences Center and a new state-of-the-art simulation center is now under construction. This center will help medical, nursing, pharmacy and dentistry students improve their skills in the context of a broad interdisciplinary curriculum. Upon completion, it will showcase “patients,” like Wilbur capable of more than 72,000 human reactions.

Private gifts provided the funds to purchase Wilbur, the software necessary to operate him, and headwall units for beds in the center. Gifts were also used to purchase video

equipment and cameras to record the clinical scenarios created by faculty to teach students important skills.

Dr. Lloyd Tracy at the WVU Health Sciences Center in Charleston works with simulation patients, also.

Demands for increased expertise are being placed on health care providers, reinforcing the need for sophisticated learning facilities. The new clinical simulation center at WVU will be a virtual laboratory for the 21st century, incorporating models that will permit the development of clinical skills through the use of medical mannequins like Wilbur. Students will learn the analytical, diagnostic, and intervention skills necessary to provide optimum care to patients and build a strong level of confidence leading to better health care.

## 105 NEW NURSES

In June, the largest complement of nurses in memory began work at West Virginia University Hospitals. Some 105 new nursing graduates began their first day on the job helping to fill vacancies including staffing 24 new beds in a newly opened 8th floor tower devoted to patients following surgery who have left the recovery area but not yet transferred to a regular hospital floor.

“Obviously we have some magnetic appeal, because we are attracting all these nurses to work here,” said Dottie Oakes, vice president and chief nurse executive of WVUH. “We have not had to hire traveling nurses or agency personnel.”

WVU Hospitals’ “magnetic appeal” intensified in October 2005, when the American Nurses Credentialing Center named WVU Hospitals a recipient of the Magnet award for excellence in nursing services. The designation recognizes health care organizations that demonstrate excellence in nursing philosophy and practice, adherence to national standards for improving patient care, leadership and sensitivity to cultural and ethnic diversity.

In addition, in September 2007 *Working Mother* magazine selected WVU Hospitals as one of its 100 Best Companies for working mothers.



## THOMAS MAZZOCCO, MD

West Virginia native and graduate of the WVU School of Medicine, Thomas R. Mazzocco, MD received one of West Virginia University’s most prestigious honors during the 2008 Honors Convocation.

Dr. Mazzocco, a world renowned pioneer in cataract surgery was awarded an honorary doctorate of science in May.

He was born in 1933 in Canyon, a small mining camp on the south side of Cheat Lake and attended Morgantown High School. Upon graduation of high school, he attended WVU in 1951. In 1955, he graduated with an AB and BS as well as completing a master’s degree in physiology. He completed his medical training at the two-year medical school. He continued on to complete his medical degree at Washington University in St. Louis in 1957.

He spent a brief period of time as a family doctor and then joined the U.S. Public Health Service where he performed epidemiologic studies in air pollution. He received specialty training in ophthalmology at the USPHS Hospital in San Francisco and entered private practice in 1964. He taught at the University of California at San Francisco Medical School and became a clinical professor in 1980.

Dr. Mazzocco moved his practice



YVONNE AND THOMAS MAZZOCCO, MD, WITH JUDIE CHARLTON, MD

to Van Nuys, California and built a clinic and surgery center for cataract care. His innovation in equipping his medical center with video cameras viewing through operating microscopes, permitted the instruction of visiting residents and ophthalmic surgeons. In addition, he produced one of the earliest real-time, fully computerized medical record systems in the world – the so called “paperless” office. He helped develop a unique alphanumeric data entry system for medical records, which was unparalleled for speed and accuracy at the time of its introduction.

He was a pioneer in phacoemulsion cataract surgery, which permitted removal of a cataract through a three-millimeter incision. He invented the folding cataract implant lens also known as the “Mazzocco Taco,” which eliminated the need for sutures and

permitted the patient to have a rapid return to normal activity. He then co-founded the company, STAAR Surgical Company, which produced the first folding lenses. Because of his innovation and creation, all the major lens manufacturers now offer lenses with this feature.

In addition to his achievements in ophthalmology, Dr. Mazzocco has been a successful entrepreneur in winemaking with Mazzocco Winery and he developed a patented telescopic golf shaft used in the only golf club with a moving part to be deemed “confirming” by the United States Golf Association and the R&A (Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews).

Dr. Mazzocco resides in Healdsburg, CA with his wife, Yvonne, and has three grown daughters.



# ERMA ORA BYRD BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER

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The new West Virginia University Erma Byrd Biomedical Research Center was officially named and dedicated on August 13, with a keynote address from US Sen.

Robert C. Byrd. The building is named for the senator's late wife, Erma Ora James Byrd, who died in 2006.

The building is 118,000 square feet on four levels. It houses research laboratories for the WVU Sensory Neurosciences Research Center, the Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Cardiovascular Sciences, and

for the School of Pharmacy. It's also the future location for the Multiple Sclerosis and Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Center.

"Senator Byrd's support has been essential to the growth and development of the Health Sciences Center over the last 50 years," Fred Butcher, PhD, interim vice president for WVU Health Sciences, said. "Without him, this building and many others would not be here. But it's more than the bricks and mortar – this ultimately leads to better education, research, patient care and service to the state of West Virginia."

Sen. Byrd was instrumental in securing \$19.6 million in federal funds for the

Biomedical Research Center. Another \$22.3 million in funding came from a West Virginia Economic Development Authority loan (\$9 million), a West Virginia Water Development Authority Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council loan (\$9.4 million), and a West Virginia Housing Development Authority loan (\$3.9 million).

Sen. Byrd also helped secure funding for the Health Sciences Learning Center, which was also dedicated on August 13, even though it opened last year. The Learning Center provides a library, classrooms, computer labs and study space for WVU students.

*"While we have more to accomplish, today I am so very proud to add the Erma Byrd Biomedical Research Center and the Health Sciences Learning Center to that list of facilities that will help transform the unthinkable into realities that will improve the lives of the people of West Virginia and advance modern medicine."*

- SEN. ROBERT C. BYRD

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L-R:  
(1) FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER  
(2) CUBICLE AND OFFICE SPACE  
(3) EXTERIOR LANDSCAPING  
(4) LABORATORY VIEW  
(5) HALLWAY CONNECTING TO THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER  
(6) LABORATORY WORK SPACE  
(7) SEN. ROBERT C. BYRD DURING THE DEDICATION





The First Annual WVU School of Pharmacy Dean's Society Banquet was held March 6 at the Pines County Club in Morgantown. The banquet was in honor of those who graciously donated to the Dean's Society. The donated funds are directed to the Fund for Pharmacy, an unrestricted fund used to meet the greatest needs of the school.

The evening started with a champagne toast to celebrate the passage of House Bill 3056, making West Virginia the 48th state to allow pharmacist-administered immunizations. Society members then participated in a rousing game of "Meet Your Neighbor" where they interviewed fellow members and reported their findings to the group. Board of Advisors members in attendance received gift bags and a pin.

For more information on how to become a Dean's Society member, please contact Patty Ryan, director of development for the School of Pharmacy at [psryan@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:psryan@hsc.wvu.edu).



Anyone who plays sports, from the professional athlete to the weekend warrior - even anyone who just jogs or works out occasionally - is vulnerable to a sports injury. Now, there is a place specially designed to meet the needs of those athletes.

The new West Virginia University Sports Medicine Center celebrated its grand opening in September 2007. It is located in a 3,500-square-foot space on the lower level of Healthworks Rehab and Fitness Center, and features WVU physicians who have expertise in evaluating and treating musculoskeletal injuries, using a wide variety of rehabilitative and surgical techniques.

"We've pulled together a large group of physicians and surgeons who have both expertise and a strong interest in sports medicine," said Sanford Emery, MD, chair of orthopaedics and medical director of the Sports Medicine Center. "The result is a center that is all-inclusive in the range of problems we can treat."

Dr. Emery is joined by other physicians including George Bal, Matthew Darmelio, Matt Lively, Barry McDonough, Guy Monteleone, Benjamin Moorehead, Joe Prudhomme, and David Stoll. Together, they manage sport-related injuries and medical conditions, provide evaluations for clearing athletes to return to their sport following illness or injury and perform complete physical examinations for athletes of all ages.

## RENOWNED OPHTHALMOLOGIST INDUCTED INTO THE WVU ACADEMY OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



West Virginia native and WVU graduate B. Thomas Hutchinson, MD, was inducted into the WVU Academy of Distinguished Alumni in February. Dr. Hutchinson is a long-time supporter and friend of the WVU Eye Institute and School of Medicine.

Dr. Hutchinson visited the WVU Eye Institute

during the weekend celebration to honor him for his professional and personal achievements. During his visit, Dr. Hutchinson delivered the Grand Rounds, visited with faculty and residents, and toured the Eye Institute and Health Sciences Center. He and his wife, June, created the Hutchinson Lectureship Endowment for the WVU Eye Institute that has brought in over twenty leaders of the Ophthalmology world as guest lecturers since its creation.

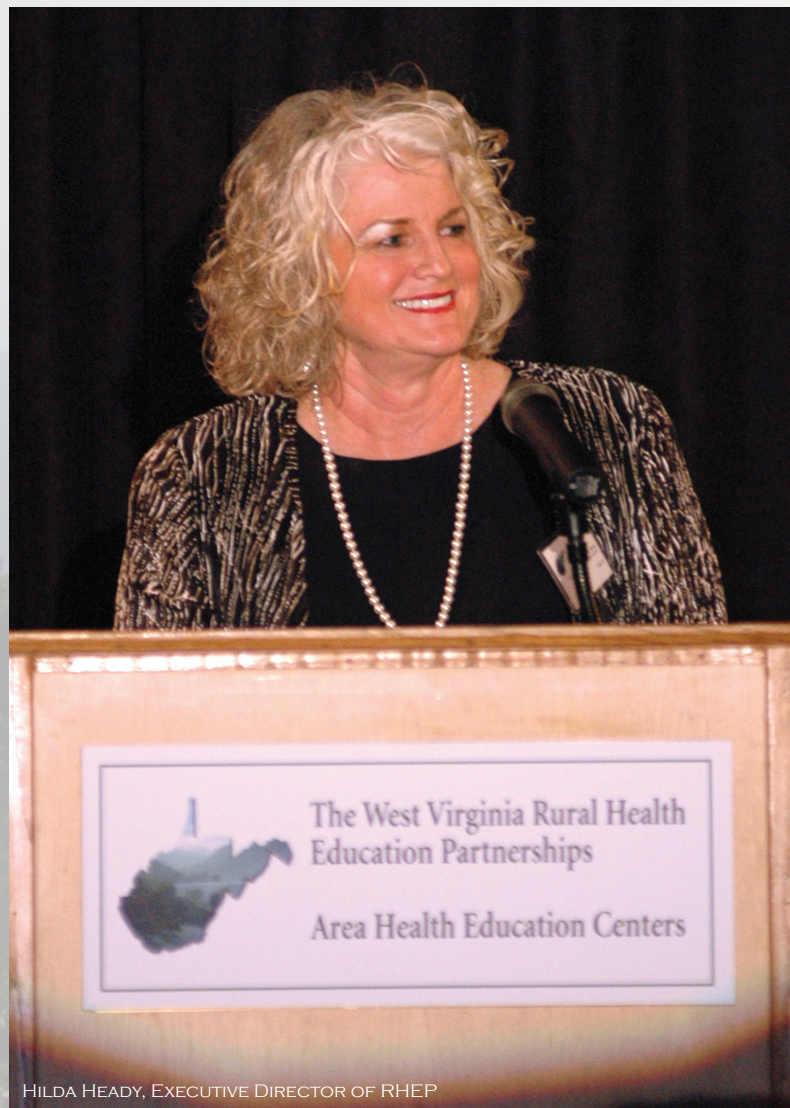
He received his BA from WVU and completed his first two years of medical school at the former two-year WVU medical school. He obtained his MD from Harvard Medical School in 1958. Following an internship at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia and two years in the US Public Health Service,

Hutchinson returned to Harvard for a fellowship in the Howe Laboratory. He completed his residency in ophthalmology and a fellowship in glaucoma at the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary.

He is founding partner and president of Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston. In addition, he has maintained a very active role in teaching medical students and residents for more than forty years through his relationships with Harvard and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. He has contributed his time and talent by serving in prestigious roles with the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, New England Ophthalmological Society, American Board of Ophthalmology, Massachusetts Medical Society, and many other professional organizations. He was the founding and long-time chairman of EyeCare America, the largest public service program in American medicine.

Dr. Hutchinson was nominated for this honor by fellow ophthalmologist and proud WVU graduate Larry Schwab, MD. Dr. Schwab is also a member of the WVU Academy of Distinguished Alumni and a graduate of the WVU Eye Institute's residency program.

# WV RURAL HEALTH



HILDA HEADY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RHEP

For over 15 years, rural West Virginians have been receiving the expert care of WVU health professionals through the WV Rural Health Education Partnerships/Area Health Education Centers (RHEP/AHEC).

More than 960 healthcare providers who completed rural health training have gone into practice in rural areas of our state - 264 of these are rural primary care physicians.

## WHAT IS RHEP/AHEC?

RHEP/AHEC is a statewide partnership of local rural communities, higher education institutions, and state agencies that provides community-based training programs for all the state's health professions students and medical residents and serves as a delivery platform for many initiatives designed to improve the health of West Virginia's rural people.

Through a network of 750 rural teaching faculty and 498 rural health training sites, students and medical residents are able to learn while they serve rural communities. Students complete degree required rural rotations

at these sites and directly serve and work with rural patients individually and in groups while on rotation, giving them their time, talent and skills. And, from the communities, students receive more knowledge, skills, and respect. They build relationships that encourage future healthcare providers to establish practices in rural WV communities.

## TOP TEN

The WVU School of Medicine was recognized as one of the top ten schools of medicine in the country for rural medicine. WVU made the top ten list for the first time in U.S. News & World Report's 2009 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools."

The rankings are based on ratings by medical school deans and senior faculty in the nation's 125 accredited medical schools and 20 accredited schools of osteopathic medicine.

"The reason we're getting national recognition is because of the intentional way WVU embraces community service," said Hilda Heady, associate vice president for WVU Rural Health. "Rural health training at WVU is about

education and community service. That's what helps our students and community partnerships to succeed."

Forty-eight percent of WVU School of Medicine graduates choose to practice in primary care fields, such as family medicine, internal medicine, emergency medicine and pediatrics.

## SUCCESSES FROM THE PAST 15 YEARS

- AS A RESULT OF RHEP/AHEC, 128,000 PATIENTS ON AVERAGE WERE SERVED PER YEAR SINCE 1999.
- OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SERVED SINCE 1995.
- \$13 MILLION OF UNCOMPENSATED ORAL HEALTH CARE WAS PROVIDED.
- SINCE 1995, THE STATE HAS ELIMINATED TEN COUNTIES WITH WHOLE-COUNTY HEALTH PROFESSION SHORTAGE AREA STATUS FROM THE FEDERAL LIST OF SHORTAGE AREAS, EIGHT OF WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BENEFITING FROM THE PRACTICES OF 26 PHYSICIAN-GRADUATES OF THE WVRHEP/AHEC PROGRAM.
- WVRHEP/AHEC IS THE BACKBONE OF CORONARY ARTERY RISK DETECTION IN APPALACHIAN COMMUNITIES (CARDIAC), WHICH HAS SERVED NEARLY 50,000 CHILDREN.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

In January, the 2008 Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner was held to honor those who have made an impact on West Virginia communities through RHEP/AHEC.

This year, a new award for Excellence in Legislative Leadership was inaugurated and awarded to Earl Ray Tomblin, WV senate president.

A West Virginia native, Tomblin has been a member of the senate since 1980. His quiet determination and skillful leadership laid the foundation for passage of the Rural Health Initiative Act, which launched a bold initiative unique in the nation to reverse the loss of West Virginia-trained healthcare providers to other states. In recent years, the number of physicians who practice in rural, underserved West Virginia communities has increased by 200 percent.

## THANK YOU

The success of RHEP/AHEC would not be possible without the help of generous donors like Wal-Mart, Mr. James (Buck) Harless, International Resource Partners and the Tri-County Community Health Center. Your contributions allow West Virginia health providers to reach West Virginia communities.

For more information about WVRHEP/AHEC or to learn about how you can make a difference in rural West Virginia, please call (304) 293-3980.



EARL RAY TOMBLIN RECEIVES AN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP



WV GOVERNOR JOE MANCHIN SPEAKS AT THE RHEP AWARDS DINNER

# WVU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY RECEIVES ORNA SHANLEY PRIZE

West Virginia University School of Dentistry received a prestigious national award for improving the smiles and oral health of West Virginians.

The first-ever Orna Shanley Prize for Enhancing Access to Care was presented to School of Dentistry Interim Dean Louise Veselicky, DDS, by the American Dental Education and the International Federation of Dental Education Associations.

The award recognizes an academic dental institution that has demonstrated innovative solutions for addressing local access to care issues.

*“It’s a very significant achievement for the WVU School of Dentistry to be the first academic institution from around the world to receive this award.”*

- LOUISE VESELICKY, DDS

The School of Dentistry has several programs that provide oral healthcare to people around the state. They also offer discounted dental services and provide care to Morgantown Health Right patients.

At the statewide level, the Rural Health



WVU SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAYS IN FT. GAY, WV.

Education Partnership (RHEP) program places WVU dental students in clinics in 30 of the state’s 55 counties. The students complete a rural rotation, providing dental services to underserved West Virginians. Since 2001, through the RHEP Program, WVU dental school students have seen more than 17,000 patients and performed more than 32,000 procedures.

In addition, the First Smiles program is a new School of Dentistry statewide initiative. WVU created a training session for dentists and other oral health professionals in the state, teaching them how to perform a child’s first dental exam. New guidelines stress the need for children to see a dentist by their first birthday.

Richard Meckstroth, DDS, also coordinates with the WV Special Olympics Committee to provide oral screening and education at the Summer Games. School of Dentistry students, faculty and alumni participate.

The School of Dentistry received \$1,000 with the award for its General Scholarship Fund.



# SCHOLARSHIP



# SCHOL·AR·SHIP

*noun*

1. THE CHARACTER, QUALITIES, ACTIVITY OR ATTAINMENTS OF A SCHOLAR.
2. A FUND OF KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING
3. A GRANT-IN-AID TO A STUDENT

Scholarships make a health sciences education possible for many WVU students who otherwise could not afford it. Your generous contributions allow graduates to leave WVU with a reduced burden of education debt. Take a look at how you've impacted the lives of our students.

## CHRISTOPHER DESKINS, SOM CLASS OF 2010

Hello! My name is Christopher Deskins and I am currently a 3rd year medical student at West Virginia University. I just wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your generous giving towards my ongoing education at West Virginia University's School of Medicine.

I grew up in Pineville, West Virginia, a small town about 45 minutes south of Beckley with a population of approximately 500 people. You can never walk through the streets of Pineville and not meet someone you already know by their first name. Neither of my parents had a college education, so money was tight and life was difficult, at times. My parents always pushed me to do well in school and attend college, believing I could make the most of my talents and avoid the hardships of living paycheck to paycheck. I was fortunate to do well in my undergraduate studies, but the cost of medical school weighed heavily on my mind and made a career in medicine seem like an elusive goal. I knew my parents could not afford to support me through medical school, and I didn't want to be a burden to them. Due to these and other similar concerns, I almost took a different career path that would have helped me to become financially independent much sooner and with less debt accumulation than medical school traditionally allows.

The support and encouragement I have received from people like you have helped me to overcome the fear

of taking away from my family and the intimidation of accumulating debt. It is the generosity of people just like you which allows me to pursue my lifelong desire for a career in medicine, fulfilling a dream which has turned out to be even more amazing than I could ever have imagined. I am President of the Class of 2010. I am learning medicine with some of the best and brightest minds in the country. I am thrilled to be speaking at alumni events and working with faculty and classmates to make our experiences at West Virginia University the best they can possibly be. Thanks to you, this small town boy is soaring to new heights and loving every minute of it! Not a day goes by, however, that I don't remember the people who are keeping my dream alive. I carry you with me, as I do my family, to help me maintain my focus and my determination to succeed.

I'm still in the process of deciding which specialty I want to undertake as my life's work. If possible, I'd like to remain in West Virginia to practice. I've really enjoyed growing up here, and I know the needs are great in rural Appalachia. I continue to lean more towards family medicine or some other primary care profession because I really enjoy talking with people and getting to know them. I also like the

idea of being able to practice a wide range of medicine. Additionally, I am considering a career in neurology. I thoroughly enjoyed my shadowing experiences in the neurology department and the various techniques they implement to evaluate the nervous system.

Please understand that none of the options I am currently entertaining would be possible without your generosity and your commitment to academic excellence at West Virginia University. Overcoming the obstacles to attending medical school seemed overwhelming in the beginning. In some ways it even seemed irresponsible to consider the possibility of a future in medicine. I could easily have disregarded the path less traveled, and would surely have fallen short of my destiny. Your belief in me has kept me securely on the road to becoming the very best that I can be – the man I was born to be. With humility and sincere

gratitude, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you for your ongoing support of West Virginia University and the part you have played in the realization of a young man's dream.

*Christopher*



# CHARLES L. COTTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A two-tour Vietnam veteran, former Ohio Highway Patrol officer and academy instructor, a one time police chief and assistant deputy sheriff, and “all around great big brother,” Chuck Cotton lived his life in service to others. In 1997, he succumbed to complications from a sudden heart attack.

Barb Slaven, Chuck’s wife, notes that being a part of the School of Nursing through giving has become an integral part of her ongoing healing since Chuck’s death. With the guidance of her sister-in-law Sandra (Sam) Cotton, RN, WVU School of Nursing Director of Faculty Practice, she has established the Charles L. Cotton Memorial Scholarship, a \$25,000 endowed fund to benefit nursing students enrolled in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.

The first recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship award was DNP student Teresa Ritchie. Ritchie is now a family nurse practitioner, practicing in a rural West Virginia healthcare center. Completing her master’s degree at the WVU School of Nursing in 2001, Teresa was noted to be an exceptional student.

Teresa was featured in the article “Nurses Step to the Front: In Hamlets and High Tech Hospitals, Nurses are Taking on Bigger Roles,” in *US News and World Report*, January 31, 2004.

Her practice at the Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center in rural Grantsville, WV, was featured prominently in the article that discusses “the new healers” as nurses carve new niches in healthcare and “bring philosophies oriented toward health promotion and problem prevention.”

In her application to the doctoral program, Ritchie wrote that she believes “true leaders strive to expand their knowledge and expertise in their profession in order to lead others.” Teresa plans to study obesity and the role it plays in chronic health issues in West Virginia. Cotton commends



BARB SLAVEN, TERESA RITCHIE, AND SANDRA COTTON

*“True leaders strive to expand*

Ritchie on her ability not only to lead others, but also for those whose lives she will surely touch. It is in this spirit that Sam and Barb presented the first DNP scholarship to Ms. Ritchie at the Honors Ceremony in April.

“Teresa did not have the opportunity to meet or know Chuck; through this scholarship, we are confident that he will certainly touch others as Teresa continues to serve others and pay it forward,” said Cotton.

# MARGARET FAE PERRY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

*their knowledge and expertise in their profession  
in order to lead others.”*

Sandra “Sam” Cotton is a 30-year veteran of military service with the Air National Guard holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. She serves as an examiner flight nurse with the 167th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron in Martinsburg. She has served in the Gulf War, Afganistan and Iraq.

In honor of Margaret Fae Perry, an Air Force Flight Nurse who served in the Korean War, Cotton and her Air Force Nurse colleagues attended the Nursing Scholarship Gala in May.

For the past two years, the family of Margaret Fae Perry, including J.C. and Suzy Warman, owners of Slight Indulgence, a gourmet food and wine shop in Morgantown, have sponsored gala celebrations that have now fully funded the Margaret Fae Perry Scholarship.

In April, the Warmans presented the 2008 scholarship recipient, Emmerita Dogo-Isonagie, with the funds to support her final year in the WVU School of Nursing Master of Science program. This scholarship is helping Emmerita on her way to becoming a family nurse practitioner.



JC AND SUZY WARMAN WITH EMMERITA DOGO-ISONAGIE



The Morton and Myra Friedman Outstanding Student Award was established through the generosity of Morton H. Friedman PhD, and Myra M. Friedman to recognize annually high academic achievement in microanatomy or its curricular equivalent as well as a commitment to voluntary community service.

Administered through the WVU School of Medicine Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, awards are used to purchase educational materials of the recipient's choosing from books, software, or other effects appropriate to the advancement of the recipient's course of study.

## THE MORTON AND MYRA FRIEDMAN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Friedman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of receiving the 2008 Morton and Myra Friedman Outstanding Student Award. This award truly came as a wonderful surprise to me, and will be of great assistance in meeting my financial needs as I work to complete medical school.

You might enjoy learning a little more about my current community service activities and hopes for the future. For the past year and a half I have been the president of Circa Terra, a group here at the WVU School of Medicine dedicated to eliminating some of the wastefulness of our healthcare system by collecting and sending usable items to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Each week we collect materials from the hospital such as sutures, wound care items and surgical packs that are out-of-date or have been replaced by other materials. These items are then sent to Global Links, a warehouse in Pittsburgh that distributes the supplies overseas. I have really enjoyed this activity, having experienced first hand the tremendous lack of needed equipment and drugs in El Salvador for several weeks in 2001.

My dreams are linked to this desire to help others in less fortunate situations. After I graduate, I hope to specialize in family medicine, or some other primary care specialty. While 2013 seems mighty far away, I am already looking forward to the day when I am finished with my residency and can use my education in an underserved area—rural, urban, or overseas. My ultimate dream would be to practice in Latin America, where I could serve the poor in a culture that I love.

I thank you once again for your generosity!

Sincerely,  
Sharon R. Maas

I am originally from Stonewood, West Virginia which is near Clarksburg. I really didn't think about being a pharmacist until I was a junior in high school when I had my first chemistry class. I had always liked all sciences and I felt as though I should continue these studies into college. I also wanted to be a health care professional but did not want to become a doctor and that's when pharmacy became one of my options and everything else fell into place thereafter.

My favorite part of pharmacy school is learning from my professors and peers about becoming a productive healthcare professional. Two professors have influenced me during my time in pharmacy school, Dr. Jacknowitz and Dr. Ponte. They set an example of what is expected of a pharmacist and what it is to be a healthcare professional. Their emphasis on patient care is evident in the lessons they teach us.

I have definitely benefited from both scholarships I have received. The costs of obtaining a degree is a struggle for any college student and the Linda Anne Newman Scholarship has helped me as well as all the other scholarships that give aid to other pharmacy students. The Justice Lindstrom Compounding Scholarship was an honor to receive. I really enjoy the art of compounding and hope to incorporate those skills into my practice. I learned so much in the time I spent as PCCA and I also was able to meet some great pharmacy students from all over the country. I would recommend the trip to anyone who is interested in compounding pharmacy.

As I pass into the second half of pharmacy school, I feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in myself and my school. I can not wait to become a pharmacist and be able to utilize all the knowledge from my studies. I think that there are endless opportunities for pharmacists to pursue. I would definitely love to be able to open my own compounding pharmacy one day.

John Dolan



JOHN DOLAN & ART JACKNOWITZ, PHARM.D.



# OTHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

## DENTISTRY

Dr. and Mrs. Mufid and Aida Othman created an endowed scholarship for the WVU School of Dentistry in 2007 in honor of their son, Samer Othman. The Othman Family Scholarship provides tuition assistance to DDS students who are in good academic and professional standing. Since the scholarship is endowed, it will provide tuition assistance in perpetuity.

The Othmans are proud of West Virginia University and the opportunities it afforded them. By endowing a scholarship, their legacy will live on by providing tuition assistance to Othman Scholars.

Dr. Othman became the newest member of the Mountaineer Mentor program when he pledged to provide \$5,000 a year in scholarship assistance for four years to medical student Erica Ghareeb, SoM Class of 2011.

Dr. Othman received his residency training at the Charleston Area Medical Center, a division of WVU in the 1970s. During that time, he was greatly inspired by Dr. Mary Lou Lewis and Raymond Alvarez, and has made this gift to the WVU School of Medicine in their honor. By naming a scholarship in honor of them, Dr. Othman will be continuing the tradition of mentoring that helps WVU medical students achieve great things.

## MEDICINE



Gail Roberts is the recipient of the Van Liere Scholarship. She is a fourth year medical student and member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. When Gail finishes in May, she will have earned an MD and Masters in Public Health. That degree, she says, is helping her get “the big picture” about how healthcare in the U.S. works. After that, it’s between anesthesiology or internal medicine, “and a fellowship after that.”

Originally from Parkersburg, Gail did her undergraduate work at West Virginia Wesleyan and spent six months in Australia. Most recently, she accompanied a WVU medical school professor from the Department of Community Medicine to southern West Virginia where they worked on a prescription drug addiction program in McDowell County.

Gail has also spent some time in Peru, where she volunteered in hospitals and studied Spanish. She said that experience gave her the opportunity to see “a lot of diseases we wouldn’t see in the U.S.” or diseases we’re familiar with only in more advanced stages.

# GAIL ROBERTS

## VAN LIERE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Van Liere Scholarship is named for Dean Edward J. Van Liere, the “father of the West Virginia University Medical Center.” He was instrumental in establishing the four-year medical school and the building of the medical center.



*“I greatly appreciate the opportunities given to me at the WVU School of Medicine.”*

DR. MUFID OTHMAN, PICTURED WITH HIS WIFE, AIDA, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ERICA GHAREEB AND DR. NORMAN FERRARI

During the 2007-2008 academic year, 14 new scholarships were established, increasing the total number of scholarship funds to 164. More than \$615,000 was awarded to 370 students.

Thank you for helping create the next generation of physicians, nurses, dentists and pharmacists!

# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

A. EDWARD AND JEAN O'HARA  
EDUCATIONAL FUND  
David Fourqurean  
Sarah Sofka

ALBERT F. WOJCIK  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Caitlin Frail

ALFRED KORNBLUT, M.D.  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Andrew Schwartzman

ALLEN C. DRESSLER PHARMACY  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Sean Lamont

AMA FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARS AWARD  
Gretchen Egbert  
Ahmad Mostafavifar

ANGELO MONACO SCHOLARSHIP  
Jonathan Mills

ANN AND JOSEPH GAYDOS  
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE  
Melissa Alleman

ANN DINARDI SCHOLARSHIP  
Marissa Poorman

ANN VARGO ROGERS SCHOLARSHIP  
Abigail Williams

ANTHONY S. & MARY DROBEZKO  
GUIDO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP  
Melissa Surbaugh

ARTHUR & JAMES GABRIEL  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP/  
ASSISTANTSHIP  
Joseph Blatt  
Jennifer Osborne  
James Phillips

AVIS D. STUART MEDICAL  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Nicole Stocking

BARBARA A. NEAL  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP  
Marcie Hontz

BERNABEI INDEPENDENT  
PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP  
Amanda Julian  
Cassandra Nicastro  
Eric Seabright  
Jennifer Stolorich  
Lindsay Zatezalo

BETHOLENE FRANCES LOVE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Kacy Bledsoe  
Allison Pack  
Abigail Schwedeman  
Tia Spontak

BEULAH WEBB SCHOLARSHIP  
Rachel Fulton

BRETT SAMUEL JONES  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Rebecca Byers  
Lori Fiber  
Traci Tannehill

CHAMPE BUTLER SR.  
DENTAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Nathan Beam

CHARLES E. REIER, JR. M.D.  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Kristen Dragon

CHARLES STUMP  
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD  
Kaillyn McDowell

CLARK K. & NELLIE SLEETH  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Ahmad Mostafavifar  
Thomas Howard  
Matthew Hartzell  
Jeremie Walker

CLASS OF 1968 MEMORIAL  
MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
Joseph Blatt

CLASS OF 1970- DR. S. PHILLIP  
FARLEY MEMORAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Holly Eppard

CLASS OF 1978 MEMORIAL  
MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP  
James Field

D.D.S. CLASS OF '76 SCHOLARSHIP  
Jaime Horne

DANE W. MOORE, JR. SCHOLARSHIP  
Abigail Schwedeman

DAVID C. SWANN, D.D.S. CLASS  
OF 1980 ENDOWMENT FUND  
Nicole Naylor

DAVID F. HOTT, M.D. SCHOLARSHIP  
Ryan Hall  
Cristina Pastuch

DAVID PAUL LEE, M.D.  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Jennifer Osborne  
Jeremie Walker

DAVID Z. MORGAN STUDENT  
ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP  
Sarah Hardy  
James Phillips

DEAN'S ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP  
Simon Amsdell  
Brad Barnes  
Michael Batalo  
Ashwin Bhirud  
Anthony Cacco  
Megan Cecchini  
Benny Chong  
Derek Clark  
Dane Coyne  
Chrisotpher Deskins  
Evan Dougherty

William Elkington  
Kelley Gannon  
Rachel Gordon  
Michael Grimes  
Michael Hagar  
John Hagedorn  
Jessica Jajosky  
Farid Jalali  
Maryam Jame  
Matthew Joseph  
Sarah Kadhim  
Ziad Katrib  
Brian Kellermeyer  
Trapper Lalli  
Marc Lee  
Kyle Macaluso  
Doug Maxey  
Amanda McCoy  
Brian McMillan  
Stephen Mercer  
Aaron Moos  
Joshua Murphy  
Tad Nair  
Aaron Nelson  
Chirag Patel  
Michael Petrosky  
Nicholas Phillips  
Justin Richardson  
Michael Ruffolo  
Amanda Sample  
Erica Smith  
Mark Smith  
Ryan Sprouse  
Kristen Statler  
Lana Stiles  
Christopher Taylor

# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED (CONTINUED)

## DEAN'S ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

Jarod Thurston  
Stephanie Tyo  
H. Adam Ubert  
Gretchen Weber  
Valerie Wislo  
Christopher Zsoldos

## DON E. EAGLEHOUSE RPH PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda Thiry

## DONALD R. ROBERTS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kendra Blake  
Hannah Valentine

## DORIS & ERWIN CHILLAG MEDICAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Hardy

## DR. & MRS. HUGH CARR SCHOLARSHIP

Lauren Becker  
Jonathan Blum  
Phillip Brough  
Joseph Donahue  
David Fourqurean  
Ryan Hall  
Arpan Kohli  
Krista Stoops  
Thomas Marshall  
Vanitha Sivakumar

## DR. & MRS. R.R. LOUFT MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kristen Dragon  
William Kern  
Ashley Latos

## DR. C. CARL TULLY & MARGARET TULLY SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Doerr  
William Guiler  
Zoe Kinkade  
Laura Kline  
Timothy Ward  
Adam Wolfe

## DR. CAMILLO ALBERICO SCHOLARSHIP

Choi Doyoung  
Gavin Criser  
Peter Bowman

## DR. CARL ADKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nicholas Baker

## DR. CARL LEMLEY & MARY EUGENIA KENNEDY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Ellen Ross

## DR. CLARENCE C. & MAXINE D. COTTRILL GENERAL DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Rachel Bird

## DR. F. L. BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP

Lesli Lucas

## DR. FRANK STEVENS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Cassandra Casto

## DR. I.E. BUFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Aleacha McClintic

## DR. MOHSSEN AND KAREN GHALICHEBAF CLEFT LIP/PALATE SCHOLARSHIP

Mary Beth McCormick  
Christopher Rodenbaugh

## DR. PATRICK J. FARACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Spencer Stiles

## DR. RAYMOND L. & BILLIE KATHLEEN BROWN, JR. MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Nicholas Baker

## DR. REZIN D. STOUT SCHOLARSHIP

Kendra Blake

## DR. VICTOR SKAFF SCHOLARSHIP

Kristen Dragon

Jeremie Walker

## DRS. GREGORY AND REBECCA GIBBONS SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Hushion

## DRS. JERILL & JEAN CAVENDER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Joseph Blatt

## EDNA NESTOR CONDRY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Caitlyn Sauritch

Eric Dunithan

## EDWARD & NORMA JEAN SKRINER MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Hartzell

Jennifer Curtis

## EDWARD A. TOOMPAS MEMORIAL EXTERNSHIP AWARD

Jessica Willis

## EDWARD W. ROCKIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Curtis

## ELIZABETH RANDALL HARTMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Anna Skold

## EVAN L. & SALLIE W. HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP

Brittany Volker

Lyndsay Shaffer

## FRANK FRANKENBERGER FUND

Kristin Bible

Krystal White

Sara Ouzounian

Traci Lackey

## FRANK W. VIGNEAULT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Michelle Greathouse

Amanda Harry

Jessica Wolfe

Kristen Midkiff

Lindsey Koliscak

## FREDERICK (DUTCH) & DORIS HOLTER SCHOLARSHIP

Brendan Boyles

Emily Evert

Robert Stuart

## FRUTH PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Kaitlyn McDowell

Robyn Goff

## GALLAGHER SCHOLARSHIP

Jane Rogers

## GANDEE-MASSEY SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Hartzell

Michael Hushion

William Kern

## GEARLEAN MARIE SLACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Cagney Lauderman

## GEORGE & ETHEL CURRY MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

William Kern

Nicholas Phillips

Andria Smith

Lauren Westfall

## GEORGE A. & LURANIA K. TOPAKAS PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Amber Carpenter

Holly Evans

Jeremy McCourt

Kenney Hamrick

Leslie Lagowski

Robert Svingos

## GEORGE R. & LYNNE B. SPRATTO PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Kate Dobson

## GERALD L. SPROWLS PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica Kreger

Jessica Robinson

John C. Vance

Julie Hull

## GERALDINE CORE WILLIS SCHOLARSHIP

Beulah Bean

Ryan Hall

Jesse Borrer

Sade Twyman

## GRETA B. STEPHENS SCHOLARSHIP

April L. Lilly

Candy E. Roach

Charla Barrick

Erica E. Conant

Kimberly A. Carlton

Laura M. Cunningham

Regina Robinson

## HAROLD M. JOHNSTON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Ashlee Weitzman

Diana Betkijian

Jessica Winter

Krissandra Vance

## HARRY D. SCHIFF SCHOLARSHIP

Benjamin Peck

## HAZEL ANNE JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda Lura

Rhea See

## HERBERT GOTTLIEB MEMORIAL PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Amber Morris

## HESSIE & FLORINE HAMPTON MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kendra Blake

Mary Olive

## I.E. BUFF SCHOLARSHIP

Alyson Bell

Cristina Pastuch

## IMELDA DEEGAN STEVENSON SCHOLARSHIP

Zoe Kinkade

## IMOGENE PEER FOSTER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Rachel Gainor

## JAMES A. GRIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP

Albert Tomsic

Bryant Stowe

Mark Richey

Ryan Burleson

# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED (CONTINUED)

JAMES A. MAURO FAMILY  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Christopher Costelnock

JAMES KYLE HARMAN  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Matthew Wriston

JENNY JONES MEMORIAL  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP  
Beth Nass  
Mary Gale

JOHN & EDNA WITTEN  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Dwan Bolyard

JOHN L. LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP  
Amber Crickard  
Carrie Triplett  
Christopher Deskins  
Karissa Gutierrez  
Larissa Lakatos  
Stephen Otto  
Sarah Erwin  
Mark Smith

JOHN P. & ELEANOR L. BRICK  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Joy Juskowich  
Cristina Pastuch  
James Phillips  
Elizabeth Roberts

JOHN W. HATCHER MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP FOR DENTISTRY  
Derek Ross

JOHN W. TRENTON  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Cherri Minnig  
Hilary Nutter  
Kelly Plum

JUNE N. SATTERFIELD  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Adria Lafferty  
Alison Simpson  
Andrea Hamm  
Angela Pratt  
Brittany Broussard  
Chelsea Kearns  
Donte Newsom  
Elizabeth Pettyjohn  
Lindsay Thornhill  
Tabitha Phalen

KELLOG: AMERICAN DENTAL  
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Corey Anderson  
Elizabeth Gonzalez  
Jaime Horne  
Karen Morrison  
Kurtis Clinton  
Yeremi Canizales

KENNETH STOLLINGS  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Dana Stone

KIMBERLY L. & PAUL A. SKAFF II  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Erica Smith

KOELBL FAMILY DENTAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

LAUREN M. ARMISTEAD, M.D.  
SCHOLARSHIP & STUDENT AWARD  
Jonathan Blum  
Sunjay Nunley

LINDA ANNE NEWMAN  
PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP  
Nathan Angus

LISA A. SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD  
Lane Walsh

LT. RICHARD LITTKE USN  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Kyle Kutrovac

MARGARET FAE PERRY NURSING  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Amanda Maier

MARK ERWIN MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP/MEDICAL  
TECHNOLOGY  
Sean Dill

MARTHA HAWKINS  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

MARY ANN PAVLICK & HELEN  
PAVLECH SCHOLARSHIP  
Ashley Reed  
Meghan Pittman

MARY F. SANDERS  
MEMORIAL AWARD  
Lyndsey Gray

MARY H. ARBUCKLE  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP  
Krystal White

MARY SUSAN SHAFFER  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Nicholas Phillips

MCGINN MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Joanna Adkins

MCKINNEY-SHAW SCHOLARSHIP  
Heather Turner  
Jill Conrad  
Kimberly A. Wallace

MEDICAL SCHOOL  
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP  
Aaron Burgess  
Karthik Challa  
Bruno Decaria  
Kane Maiers  
Sammy Mashat  
Rachel McClung  
Martha Woodrum

MELISSA CARLSON ARMSTRONG  
MEMORIAL DENTAL HYGIENE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Kayleigh Levensen

MICHAEL JOHN SEVKA  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
James Phillips

NONA FAY & C.M. HAMLETT FUND  
Aimee Zinn  
Anna Dintini  
Anthony Guarascio  
Jennifer Rogers  
Kathleen Maloney  
Kathleen Burda  
Khanh-Ha Nguyen  
Matthew Kincaid  
Nai Chao  
Richard Campbell  
Stefanie Tanner

OHIO/MARSHALL COUNTY  
PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION  
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP  
Ashley Corcoran  
Cassandra Nicastro  
Kelsey Slanina  
Ryan Bane

PEGGY JEAN WITT WILLIAMS  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Amanda Offutt  
Emily Sinclair  
Emily Evert  
Roger Livengood

PEGGY PRESTON TIERNEY  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Ariel Biggs  
Eric Coughlin  
Kyle Hurst  
Kristina Lopez  
David Metzger  
Stephen Otto  
Jillian Rogers  
Christopher Rohrbourgh  
Marcus Shaffer  
Jessica Williams  
Adam Wolfe  
Sarah Zirkle

PHARMACY LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP  
Rachel Carson  
Alan McDilda, II  
Alexandra Keblesh  
Bradley Evans  
Christopher Costelnock  
Erika Willey  
Jennifer Rinkes  
Joelle Potts  
Jonathan Mills  
Kevan Matthews  
Lindsay Zatezalo  
Michelle Kennedy  
Nathan Angus  
Phillip McDowell  
Stephanie Field

PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
OF WV SCHOLARSHIP  
Kristina Lopez  
Anne-Marie Tantoco

PHYLLIS CHRISTINE GANGO CODY  
UNDERGRADUATE NURSING  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Crystal Walker  
Erica Layne  
Kayla Black  
Krystle Smith  
Robert Salesky

RALPH J. "BUCK" RUTLEDGE  
DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIP  
Kendra Burdette

RALPH S. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP  
Aimee Schonhardt  
FundJigna Gadhia

RAY L. RIDGWAY  
PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP  
Eric Haney

RAYMOND A. & BARBARA B.  
HINERMAN MEDICAL STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Lisa Costello

REBECCA SMITH MONTI MEMORIAL  
PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP  
Arwa Ghabra

RITA K. PAYNE SCHOLARSHIP  
William Kern

RITE AID/JAMES KYLE HARMAN  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Amanda Preston  
Marcella Hoyland  
Marcus Patrick  
Mareesa Cunningham  
Sarah Frazier

# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED (CONTINUED)

These more recently established scholarship funds were not awarded during the 2007-08 school year.

ROBERT M. D'ALESSANDRI  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Christopher Deskins  
Jennings Nestor  
Hannah "Ariel" Valentine

ROBERT W. GUNN SCHOLARSHIP/  
PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH  
Joni Mauritz

ROBERTA LEWIS  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Zachary Zinn

ROMEO & ELIZABETH M. REGA  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Olivia Grantham

RUTH H. WARMAN SCHOLARSHIP  
Jennifer Koay

SABE ISSAC & ROSE MARY HOWARD  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Nicholas Feola

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE DEAN'S  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Justin Dalton  
Gretchen Egbert  
Stephen Hafertepen  
Jacob Hofer  
David Johnson  
Laura Kline  
Kane Maiers  
Tracey Mehlman  
Ahmad Mostafavifar  
Jeffrey Mullins  
Matthew Pihiblad  
Lance Pittman  
Josephine Reece  
Rebecca Reece  
Andrew Schwartzman  
Anna Skold  
Adria Smith

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
MOUNTAINEER MENTOR  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Farooq Choudhry  
Erica Ghareeb  
Lisa Go  
Allison Simpson  
Ryan Wakim  
Melanie Ward

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Malinda Miihlbach  
Ryan Nichols  
Jane Rogers  
Jeremy Westfall  
Erica (Brown) Master  
Amanda Bailey  
Erin Bailey  
Michael Biddle  
Sarah Blake  
James Bleigh  
Stephen Chambers  
Renee Chieco  
Mark Crist  
John Dolan  
Lisa Glance  
Rachael Goodman  
Julie Kuvshnikov  
Todd Lemley  
Ashley Lewis  
Danny Lovins, II  
Maria Miller  
William Nash  
Daphne O'Hara  
Amber Price  
Katie Priddy  
Brian Schellhaus  
Sarah Sofka  
Justin Vance  
Diana Vest  
Casey Watts

SKAFF FAMILY HEALTH  
SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP  
Scott Reid

TERRY AND FRANCES SEELINGER  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Aaron Ferda  
Grant Clark  
Sarah Mills

THE EXLEY  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Christina Hedrick

THELMA BERNADINE KINNEY  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP  
Kathryn Casto

TIMOTHY A. & CHRISTINE D. BROWN  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Matthew Szarko

TOM & BEN CARSON  
PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP  
Melissa Cockerham

TOM & JANE JONES SCHOOL OF  
MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP  
Jeremie Walker

VINCENTE & GUADALUPE ANIDO  
LABORATORY MEDICINE AWARD  
Melissa Alleman

VIRGINIA TONEY MCSURLEY  
ENDOWMENT FUND  
Christopher Mercer  
Mary Olive  
Cristina Pastuch  
Jeremy Toler

WEIR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP  
Chara Freeman

WEST VIRGINIA NURSES  
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP  
Jeffrey Wilcox  
Heather Magyar  
Kristy Smith

WILLIAM EARL LEY SCHOLARSHIP  
Susan Ayoubi  
Ashley Latos

WILLIAM REED BUTLER  
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP  
Nathaniel Nicholson  
Wesley Phillips

YVONNE STANLEY  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
Eric Beeson  
Heather Leazer

ANNA MARY MILLER  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLES L. COTTON  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

CLARE & PAMELA EDMAN  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

DEBRA L. HARR  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

DOHMEN DISTRIBUTION  
SCHOLARSHIP

DR. JACK & MARY ELIZABETH BATES  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

FLORAL F. DODSON SCHOLARSHIP

H. DALE SPONAUGLE M.D.  
SCHOLARSHIP

IDA W. SMITH MEMORIAL  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

JAMES H. ASHWORTH  
SCHOLARSHIP

JOHN A.B. M.D. & JEAN LOUISE  
HOLT SCHOLARSHIP

JOSEPH M. & EDNA HUDACHEK  
FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

KEITH D. LEFFEL  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MCMECHEN-HOCK FAMILY  
SCHOLARSHIP FOR DENTAL HYGIENE

MEDICAL STUDENT SUPPORT FUND

MONONGALIA COUNTY MEDICAL  
ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP

NORMAN H. & NATHAN P. BAKER  
DENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

NURSING FACULTY ANNUAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

OTHMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

PAT & JIM CHASE PHARMACY  
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

PATRICK & RUTH SMITH  
NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

RAYMOND F. AND SUE ANN  
MORGAN MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

RICHARD H. SIBLEY  
SURGICAL SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP

SIMON P. HULLIHEN  
MEMORIAL AWARD

SMOOT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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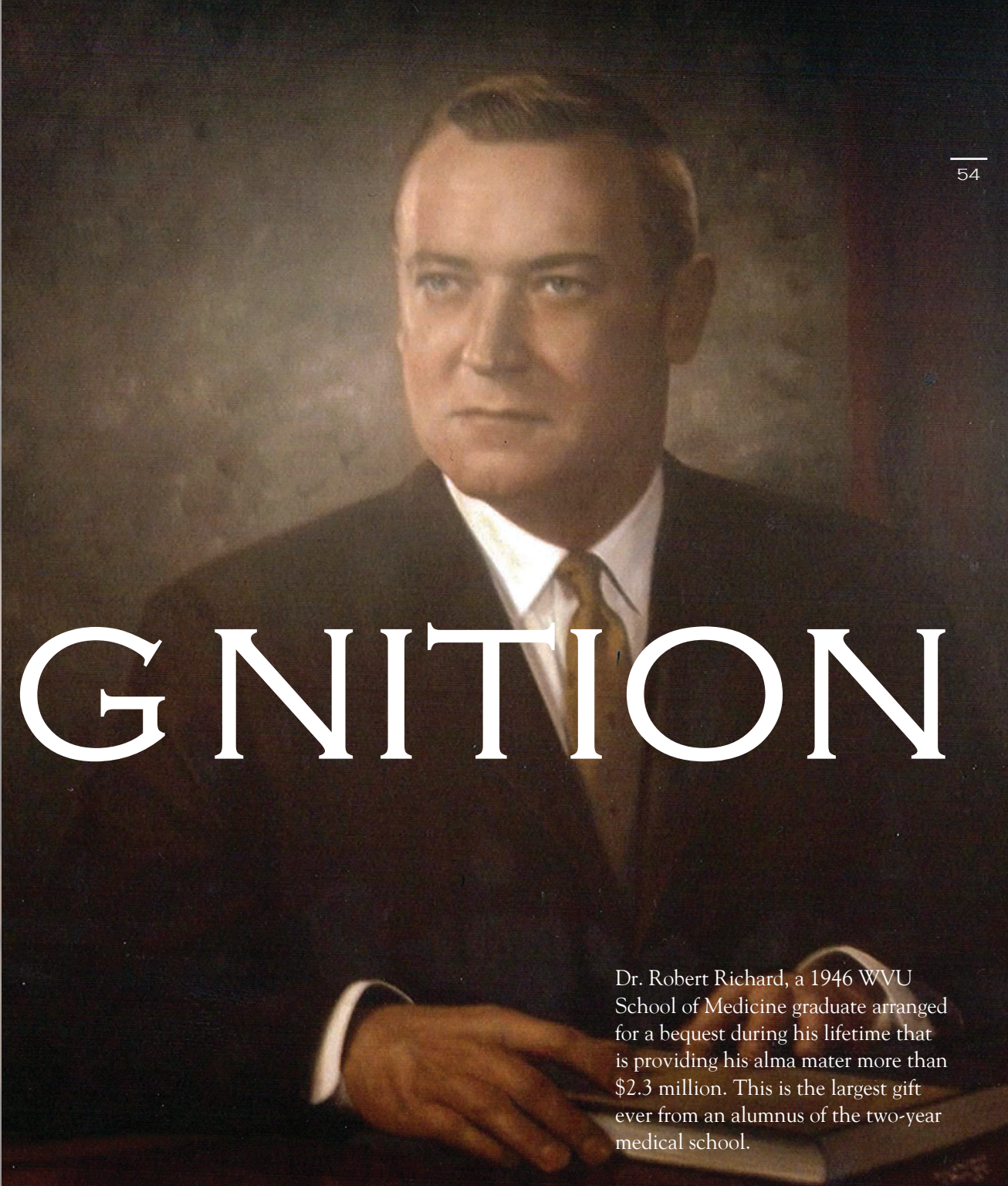
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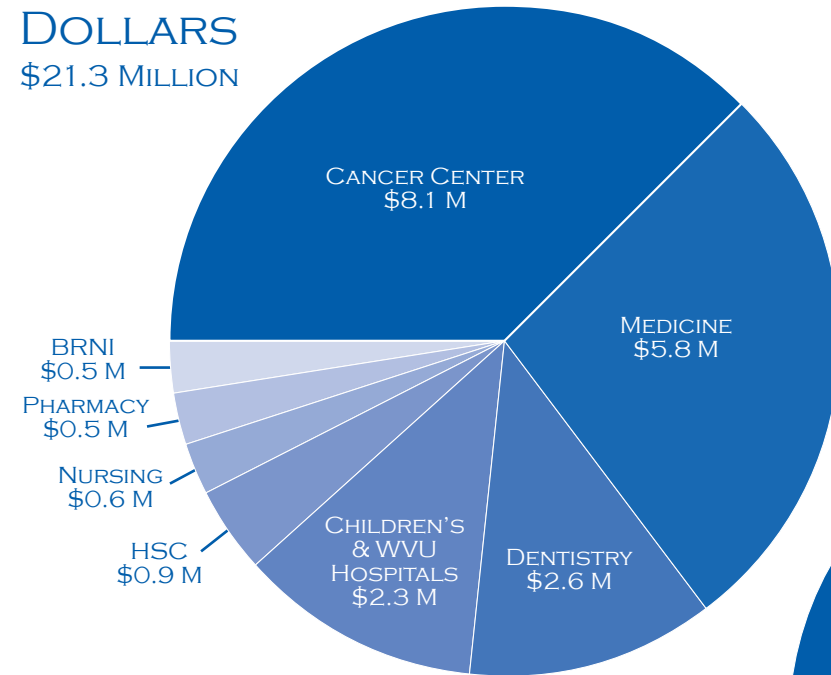
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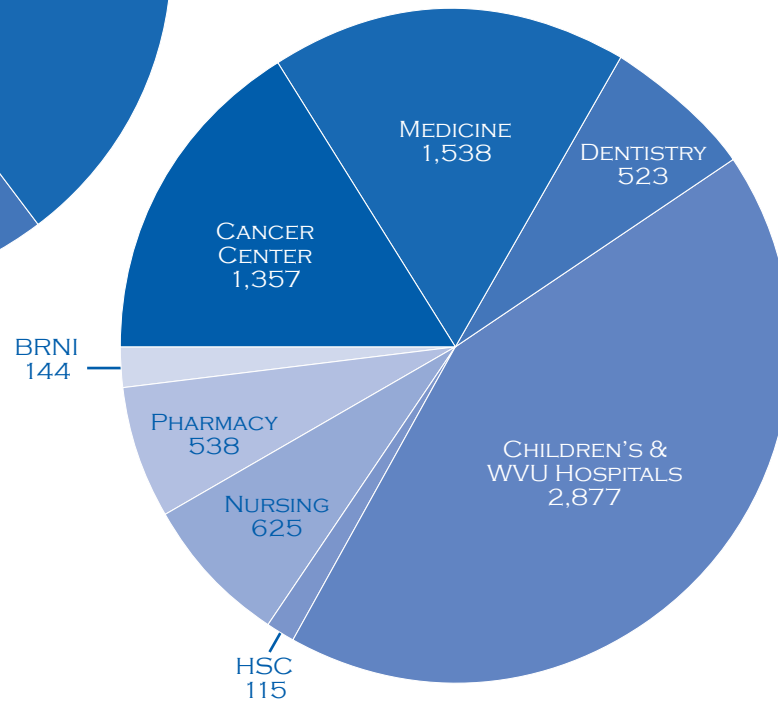
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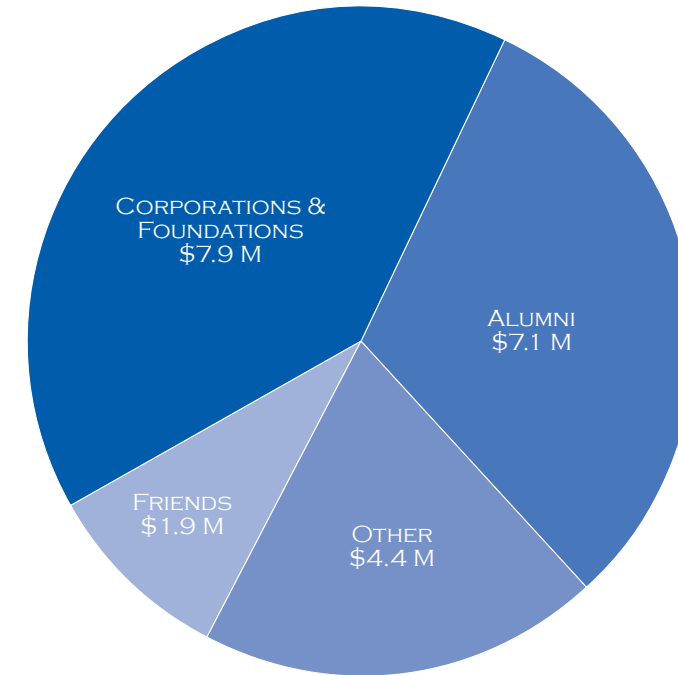
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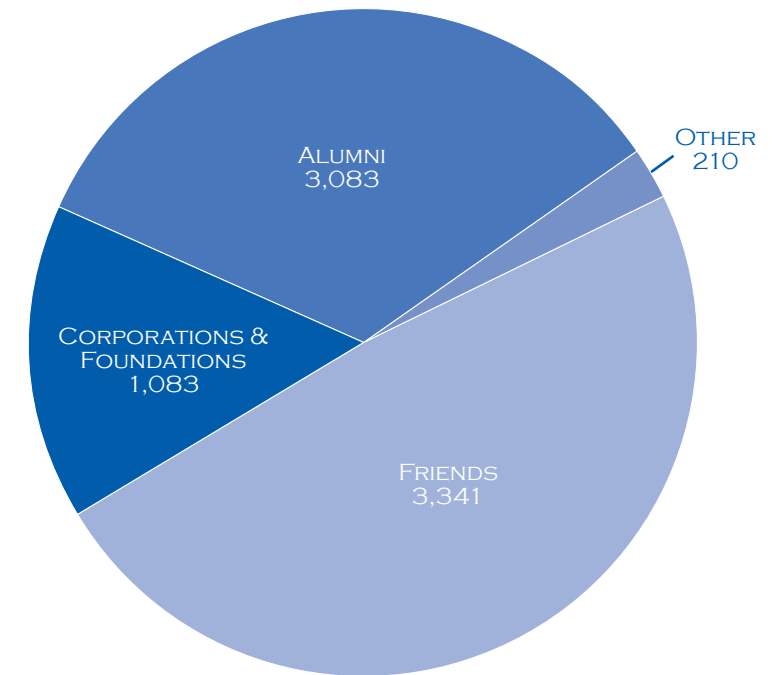
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