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Student Scholarship Luncheon

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

William C. Levin Hall
Faculty Dining Room
Galveston, Texas

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Working together to work wonders.

Message from the Dean

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the School of Health Professions, we would like to express our most heartfelt thanks to those who have made generous contributions in support of our dedicated students. In making individual dreams come true, you are securing a bright future for the allied health professions.

To everyone who has provided support to the School of Health Professions, thank you for caring and thank you for ensuring that our tradition of excellence will continue for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki S. Freeman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vicki S. Freeman, PhD, MASCP, MLS (ASCP)^{cm}, SC^{cm}, FACB
Interim Dean
Associate Dean for Faculty Development
University of Texas Distinguished Professor

PROGRAM

WELCOME

Vicki S. Freeman, PhD, MASCP, MLS (ASCP)^{cm}, SC^{cm}, FACB
Interim Dean

SPECIAL REMARKS

Danny O. Jacobs, MD
Executive Vice President, Provost & Dean of Medicine

LUNCH

RECOGNITION OF DONORS AND INTRODUCTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Vicki S. Freeman

THANK YOU AND CLOSING REMARKS

Vicki S. Freeman

MENU

Caesar Salad

Paneed Parmesan Chicken

Topped with Artichokes and Mushroom Balsamic Cream Sauce

Roasted Zucchini

New Potatoes

Fresh Bread and Butter

Iced Tea & Water

Coffee Service

Tiramisu

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Cecilia Garcia Akers Endowed Scholarship in Physical Therapy Honoring Dr. and Mrs. Hector P. Garcia

This scholarship was established by Cecilia Garcia Akers and James Akers and is a permanent endowment for the benefit of the Department of Physical Therapy. Funds distributed shall be used to recognize students with outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to health care as a human service.

Melanie Hummert

Daniel C. Allensworth Scholarship in Physician Assistant Studies

This scholarship was created to support academic scholarships in the School of Health Professions under the direction of the dean. The student must be in good standing and demonstrate financial need and academic promise. Preference is given to a student who demonstrates commitment to community and/or professional service.

*Pedro Ambriz
Rachael Baker*

M. Irma Alvarado PhD, OT Scholarship

Funds distributed from the endowment shall be used to provide scholarships for students enrolled in the Masters of Occupational Therapy Program within the School of Health Professions. To qualify, the applicant must demonstrate financial need and maintain a good academic standing

Kaitlin Young

Pedro (Pete) Alvarado Jr., LPTA Scholarship

Funds distributed from the endowment shall be used to provide scholarships for students enrolled in the BRIDGE Physical Therapy Program within the School of Health Professions. To qualify, the applicant must demonstrate financial need and maintain a good academic standing.

The BRIDGE Physical Therapists Assistants to Doctor of Physical Therapy program at UTMB is a career advancement for Physical Therapist Assistants; responsive to their needs as working adults providing opportunities to achieve their Doctor of Physical Therapy. This program addresses the admission criteria, curriculum, mentoring processes, and retention strategies for qualified participants.

Ladislao Aguilar

Muhammad R. Avandsalehi Endowed Clinical Laboratory Sciences Scholarship

Funds distributed from the endowment shall be used to award scholarships to Clinical Laboratory Science students in good standing and who are enrolled in the School of Health Professions. Recipients must demonstrate an established educational hardship and financial need.

Diana Riddle

Salah Ayachi Scholarship in Physician Assistant Studies

This scholarship was created to award Physician Assistant students in good standing enrolled full-time in SHP with preference given to those with financial need and educational and/or financial hardship and who also demonstrate special interest in basic sciences and have cross-cultural interests.

Gregorio Jimenez

Barbara R. Barton Scholarship

This memorial scholarship was established to recognize a student with outstanding academic excellence in Physical Therapy. Barbara Barton was an alumna of our physical therapy program (1956).

Jennifer Alexander

Brianna Eby

Caitlin McKernan

Shelley Menk

Whitney Vrba

Robert K. Bing Occupational Therapy Scholars Program

Dr. Robert Bing was an outstanding occupational therapist and leader. As founding dean of the UTMB School of Allied Health Sciences, he was responsible for establishing the very first such school in the Southwest. This scholarship was created in honor of this compassionate, caring man, of whom Dean Charles Christiansen said in his eulogy: "Bob didn't just visit this world; he left a calling card and a living legacy of goodwill."

Hannah Fifer

Beatrice Brotzman Endowed Presidential Scholarship

This award was established in 2005 by Ruth Morris to create an endowed presidential scholarship to provide support in the CLS distance education program. Ruth Morris is a professor emerita and was the first chair of the CLS department.

Amira Rodriguez

Stevany Shamoon

Charles H. and Pamela A. Christiansen Scholarship Endowment

This scholarship was created for incoming students in the School of Health Professions who have demonstrated financial need and academic promise. Additionally, preference for the scholarship is given to students enrolled in the OT program.

Anna Snyder

Edith and Emanuel Cohen/Evelyn A. Gerstein Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Established by Larry and Phyllis Jendrusch in honor of her parents and aunt, this scholarship is awarded to incoming students with a high potential for leadership and service.

Martha Mack

**Cultural Diversity Scholarship Award in Physical Therapy
in honor of Johnette Meadows**

This scholarship is a tribute to Johnette Meadows and promotes the importance of cultural diversity in future physical therapy practice and recognizes future physical therapists for their commitment to cultural diversity, as demonstrated through academic, community and professional activities.

Not awarded this year

Harry and Joanne Davis Scholarship in Physician Assistant Studies

This award recognizes the outstanding physician assistant student who exemplifies excellence in academics, leadership, professionalism, and community service. The recipient of this award shall reflect the highest standards of professional behavior and service to patients. Preference is given to students with primary residence In Texas.

Anna Sigler

The Ruby and Grace Decker Endowed Scholarship in Physical Therapy

This endowment was established to honor Ms. Ruby Decker, who passed away in 1999 at the age of 102 and was the founding director of what became the SAHS Department of Physical Therapy. In 2001 her sister, Grace, made a substantial gift to the endowment, providing much needed assistance to our students.

Grace was a 1929 graduate of the UTMB School of Nursing.

Michael Chamberlain

Whitney Vrba

Kay Hill Delgado Scholarship in Physical Therapy

This scholarship was established in 2008 to honor Kay Hill Delgado, an alumna of UTMB Physical Therapy, class of 1965.

Nicholas Hiser

Del Papa Distributing College Endowment in SHP

To recognize students who have distinguished themselves by their extraordinary academic achievement and have an established financial need. The scholarship funds shall rotate each year between the four schools.

Kristen Poynor

William T. Donoho Endowed Scholarship

This endowment was established by Dr. E. Burke Evans, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, in memory of his good friend, and is awarded to students in good standing who demonstrate leadership, service and financial need.

Antoinette Cardenas

Kara Evans

Laurel Sabol

Nebil Muktar

Kaitlin Papaioannou

Larry Feeler, PT, Worksteps Inc. Physical Therapy Scholarship in Memory of Walt Jones

As a young man of only 20 years old, two devastating events connected the lives of Larry Feeler and Walt Jones. Larry's mother was in ICU after having a brain tumor removed and Walt suffered a serious head injury and was in ICU at the same time. As a result of the experience, Larry knew his calling was to be a physical therapist. Unfortunately, this special young man who touched so many people's lives, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully in 2009 from an unknown medical condition not related to his injury. Inspired by his dear and special friend, Walt Jones, Jr., Larry chose to honor his memory and see the life of a Physical Therapy student changed by establishing this scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a physical therapy student with financial need.

Sara Holland

The Edgar and Grace Gnitzinger Endowed Scholarship Fund

Moving to Galveston from Chicago in 1985, the Gnitzingers became loyal advocates of UTMB, due in large measure to the exceptional patient care they both received here. In gratitude for that care, Grace Gnitzinger left her entire estate to the university—one of the largest single bequests to UTMB to date—to fund scholarships and professorships in all four schools.

Ladislao Aguilar

Jennifer Alexander

Jessica Allen

Sara Aulsbrook

Jenina Bernardo

Sydney Britton

Kyle Callahan

Kirby Capps

Lakin Carpenter

Jasmine Chaisson

Kristina Cuthbertson

Nicole Diamond

Emily Dunn

Taylor Ely

Jill Eudy

Janelle Faucheux

Delaney Gove

Sarah Hill

Blesson John

Katherine Joseph

Gabrielle Junqueira

Santosh Kadel

Jayde Kenter

Camarie Keosoff

Christina Mooneyham

Thomas Nguyen

Lauren Nolan

Chukwuemeka Obazei

John Phelps

Paige Roberts

Jorge Salinas

Kivani Sanchez

Chelsea Sanders

Courtney Shepherd

Mingmar Sherpa

Veronica Sicko

Christen Spikula

Rachael Strom

Amanda Tucker

Brittany White

The Thomas N. and Gleaves T. James Scholarship Endowment

Established by former UTMB president Thomas N. James and his wife, Gleaves, this scholarship is awarded to a student in good standing who demonstrates financial need and academic promise, as well as an appreciation for a commitment to community service.

Hannah Fifer

M.G. and Lillie Johnson Endowment Fund in Clinical Sciences

To provide scholarship support to Medical Laboratory Technician students. First preference will be given to students who have resided for the majority of their lifetimes in Victoria, Goliad, Calhoun, Wharton, Fort Bend, or Colorado County, Texas who enter the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program at UTMB Galveston.

Firas Al-Hassan

Megan Flores

Jennifer Lapham

Jane Nguyen

Kelli Nguyen

Rachel Jost Memorial Scholarship

This endowment was established by family and friends in memory of Rachel Jost, a pediatric patient who passed away January 2010 when she was only 3 years old. Funds distributed from the endowment shall be used to provide a scholarship for an outstanding student with an interest and commitment to pediatric and/or oncologic physical therapy.

Ashley Webb

Harris and Eliza Kempner Scholarship Fund

This endowed scholarship was established to encourage students to pursue careers in Allied Health. This scholarship will be awarded to a student in good standing who demonstrates financial need, leadership and service.

Kristen Crowley

Joy Kanany

Rae Kretzmer

Martha Mack

Nebil Muktar

Jennifer Nguyen

Kathryn Virant

Alyssa Wilson

Dr. Gene Kindley Scholarship Endowment

This scholarship honors Dr. Gene Kindley, who taught anatomy and neurosciences at UTMB from 1995 until his death in 1997. This award is given each year to full-time, second-year students. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide scholarship support to full-time students enrolled in the School of Health Professions, based on academic merit, financial need, and demonstrated leadership.

*Brilyn Akerley
Monique Saleh*

The Dr. Diane Lisa Sunshine Leonard Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the SHP in honor of a beloved faculty member. Dr. Leonard, who died in 1989, was a professor and associate dean for curricular affairs. She had a special gift for taking highly technical and complicated information and making it both enjoyable and understandable for her students. This scholarship recognizes academic excellence in basic sciences and achievement in research.

*Amanda Lochte
John Phelps*

The William C. Levin, MD Presidential Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2003 to honor UTMB's second president. The scholarship benefits students in good standing from any of UTMB's four schools.

Not awarded this year

Ruth Morris Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship, which honors the first chair of UTMB's Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department, provides tuition assistance to eligible CLS program students.

Rachel Marks

Frances LuAnn Murphy Memorial Scholarship

This endowment was established to award a scholarship to a student continuing their health profession education in Occupational Therapy and with financial need. Preference is given to a single or married parent.

Roberta Schoenmakers

Physical Therapy Students of Distinction

This award was created by the chair and faculty of the Department of Physical Therapy to award the merits of current SHP DPT students and those incoming DPT students with outstanding records of professionalism and services, as well as a strong academic record.

*Kirby Capps
Michael Chamberlain
Brianna Eby
Melanie Hummert
Amanda Lochte*

**Physician Assistant Studies Cultural Diversity Scholarship
in honor of Richard Rahr**

This scholarship, in tribute to Richard Rahr, EdD, former chair of the department of Physician Assistant Studies, promotes the importance of cultural diversity in future physician assistants for their commitment to cultural diversity, as demonstrated through academic, community and professional activities.

Ashlyn Rude

Lillian Wang

The Judy Jones Reinhardt Scholarship Fund

This endowment was established by the faculty and students of the Department of Respiratory Care in memory of Judy Jones Reinhardt, a devoted respiratory care clinician educator and SHP faculty member.

Nicole Tien

The A.J. Rodriguez Scholarship

This scholarship pays tribute to SHP alumnus Adolph J. Rodriguez, Jr.. Following his death in an automobile accident, his friends and family decided to honor his memory with an award that would recognize future allied health sciences professionals for their commitment to leadership and service, as demonstrated through academic, community and professional activities. The purpose of this scholarship is to award full-time UTMB School of Health Professions senior students in good academic standing, with leadership, service, and financial need as primary factors for this award.

Jena Boyd

Laurel Sabol

**Minnie and Ward Savage Presidential Scholarships
in Allied Health Sciences**

This scholarship is made available to the top 20 percent of our students in the second or third year of their professional program. Students must demonstrate an outstanding level of professionalism within their disciplines and write an essay sharing the motivations behind their achievements.

Gregory Conner

Kaitlin Hukill

Erin Kinsella

Lucia White

Hannah Lutz

Ashley Parma

Nicole Tien

The Peyton and Lydia Schapper Endowed Scholarship Fund

This endowment was created by Lydia and Peyton A. Schapper, Jr. to be used for the benefit of a full time student who has expressed interest in the area of gerontology and health promotion. This student must have financial need and demonstrate leadership ability and a commitment to the University through school and community involvement.

Katherine Banick

Megan Rosales

Brenda Velarde

Schapper Endowment for the Study of Spine Rehabilitation

This scholarship was established by Peyton and Lydia Schapper to offer support to students who intend to concentrate their efforts in spinal care and rehabilitation.

Amanda Tucker

School of Health Professions Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund

This award was established in 1995 by the Alumni Association and is made available to a full time student who has completed one year of study, maintained a 3.0 GPA, and has participated in alumni or community service activities.

Nicole Gase

Ana Gomez-Rubio

Ylan Ho

Mark Pedigo

School of Health Professions Dean's Academic and Competitive Scholarship Award

This award was created by the Office of the Dean to reward the meritorious performance of current and incoming SHP students with exceptional promise. The scholarship was designed to cover tuition and fees for full time students continuously enrolled during a fall, spring and summer academic year.

Niti Amin

Nicole Bardaji

Christina Carrion

Jennifer Cleveland

Allyson Cook-Lindsay

Reagan Davis

Nikita Engineer

Justin Horsley

Mekaela Mirano

Rachel Perry

Soraya Toghani

School of Health Professions Silver Anniversary Scholarship

Funded by the SHP Silver Anniversary account created in 1993, these awards are based solely on outstanding academic performance.

Julie Bayer-Vile

Jena Boyd

Lauren Cambias

Alyssa Chow

Denitra Dunn

Blaine Eubank

Hannah Fifer

Ellen Hermes

Nicholas Hiser

Sanam Koirala

Amanda Lochte

Erin Maxwell

Anna Ng

Grazielle Pagao

Prayuj Shakya

Anna Snyder

Caleb Thompson

Shelby Thompson

Brittany White

Meghan White

Amanda & Shashan Shetty Award for Occupational Therapy

This award is for a student enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Program in the School of Health Professions who has an established financial need and is selected at the Dean's discretion.

Julia Straiton

The Arthur V. Simmang Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was created by Mr. Simmang to aid students who had financial need and met high standards of academic performance.

Sarah Butler

Lucille Byers

Emarchele De Villa

Emily Edens

Joy Eleoba

Brennen Hohn

Jillian Hungate

Marlisa Jacobs

Jordon Johnson

Patrick Labrode

Stacey Lopez

Erin Maxwell

Shannon McCollum

Matthew Miller

Nebil Muktar

Kathryn Nutter

Stephanie Ortiz

Amanda Poe

Megan Rosales

Sarah Teo

Brenda Velarde

Ashley Webb

Ralph and Mary John Spence Centennial Scholarship

Longtime supporters of the university, Ralph and Mary John Spence brought this scholarship into being in 1991, in celebration of the university's first 100 years. Ralph Spence was an active member of the UTMB Development Board from 1985 until his death in 1995. Their namesake scholarship rotates among UTMB's four schools. Recipients must demonstrate superior academic performance, exhibit high personal and professional ethics and have financial need.

Lauren Cambias

Jillian Hungate

Spirit of Generosity Award in Occupational Therapy

This award recognizes students who have engaged, to a high degree, in sustained acts of kindness and selflessness within the student group. This award was inspired by Emeritus faculty members, Dr. Gretchen Stone and Dr. Suzanne Peloquin.

Hannah Fifer

Steubebrink Scholarship Endowment

This endowment was established through the estate of Sjoerd Steunebrink. It is an annual rotating scholarship with SOM, SON, SHP, and GSBS and the purpose of this award is to provide scholarships for students, based on proven academic ability and financial need.

Laurel Bagwell

Hannah Carroll

Leslie Garcia

Jamie Kunning

Texas Society DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Endowed Occupational Therapy Scholarship

This endowment was established in 1992 in partial recognition of the important contribution of occupational therapists working with American war veterans. Candidates for the award submit a letter of application with an original essay on the value of occupational therapy in the treatment of chronic illness.

Kelsey Burrous

Margot Lutz

Elizabeth Mellow

Elizabeth Collins Thomas Scholarship in Occupational Therapy

This scholarship was created by former dean Dr. Robert Bing to honor his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Collins Thomas. Dr. Bing stated "she was a woman that belonged to Tom Brokaw's 'greatest American generation.'" This scholarship is given to Occupational Students who are in immediate financial need.

Not awarded this year

University Federal Credit Union Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students

This award supports the educational pursuits of non-traditional students. Recipients must meet one or more of the following criteria: parent of a dependent child, pursuing a current program as a second career or 30 years of age or older.

Savannah Cheatham

Nebil Muktar

Sierra Shen

University Federal Credit Union Endowed Scholarship honoring Edith Camellia St. John

This scholarship award was established to benefit a SHP student pursuing his/her education in Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Ms. St. John has been employed at UTMB for over 40 years as a faculty member in the CLS department.

Antoinette Cardenas

Brennen Hohn

Marlisa Jacobs

UTMB Retirees Association Scholarship

Established in 1997 by the UTMB Retirees Association, this scholarship benefits academically qualified students who attend one of the four UTMB schools. The scholarship is provided on an annual basis to the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Health Professions and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Rachel Murray

Brigadier General (Ret.) and Mrs. Donald B. Wagner Endowed Scholarship

Created by long-time SHP supporters, Jan and Don Wagner, this scholarship supports SHP students in good academic standing.

Katherine Coleman

Stephanie Duty

Abigail McIlvain

Warm Springs Rehabilitation Cornerstone Scholarship in Occupational Therapy

This merit award recognizes an occupational therapy student with a satisfactory grade point average and who has accomplished something extraordinary in the field of occupational therapy that may not be academically based.

Laura Wettig

Warm Springs Rehabilitation Cornerstone Scholarship in Physical Therapy

This scholarship is awarded to a physical therapy student who shows promise as demonstrated by academic achievement, scholarly interest and performance during clinical affiliation rotations.

Jessica Moreno

Dorothy Wahne and Norma Spann Memorial Scholarship

To be awarded to a student in Occupational Therapy in the School of Health Professions, who is in good academic standing, has a high financial need and demonstrates an interest in treating the geriatric population.

Renewable if candidate meet requirements.

Erica Hsu

Mary Jane Webb Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence, with a preference given to a student who has demonstrated leadership ability and commitment to the clinical laboratory profession through school and community involvement, and who has financial need.

Brennen Hohn

Linda Lange Williams Memorial Scholarship in Physical Therapy

Linda Lange Williams was a 1971 graduate of the SAHS Physical Therapy program. A tragic fire claimed the lives of Linda, her husband and young son. The Sabine District of the Texas Physical Therapy Association, aided by donations from family and friends, established this scholarship to honor her memory.

Serina Holder

Susan and Gaddis Wittjen Scholarship in Physical Therapy

This scholarship is awarded to a Physical Therapy student in good standing enrolled in the School of Health Professions. Preference is given to students with financial need.

Students shall be selected by the Dean of the School of Health Professions.

Jesus Urzua

Working Wonders Scholarship

Funds from this scholarship benefit students from all four UTMB Schools with an established financial need.

Allison Aguirre

Julia Newsom

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