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.

We also thank Dr. David Callender for his presence at and continued support of this event, which recognizes both students and benefactors.

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,

Elizabeth Protas, PT, PhD, FACSM, FAPTA
Vice President and Dean
George T. Bryan Distinguished Professor
Program

Welcome
Elizabeth Protas, PT, PhD, FACSM, FAPTA
Vice President and Dean

Remarks
David L. Callender, MD, MBA, FACS
UTMB President

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Recognition of Donors and Introduction of Scholarship Recipients
Dean Elizabeth Protas

Thank You and Closing Remarks
Dean Elizabeth Protas
**Scholarships and Awards**

**Cecilia Garcia Akers Endowed Professorship in Physical Therapy**
This endowment was established in honor of her parents Dr. and Mrs. Hector P. Garcia and recognizes a student with outstanding academic achievement and a commitment to health care as a human service. The student must be in good academic standing with a GPA of at least 3.5.

_Erynn Frenckak_

**Dr. 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.

_Rachael Anderson_
_James Garvin_
_Thien “Tommy” Nguyen_

**The Barbara R. Barton Scholarship**
This memorial scholarship was established to recognize a student with outstanding academic excellent in Physical Therapy. Barbara Barton was an alum of our physical therapy program (1956).

_Jennifer Boudreaux_
_Alyce Henley_
_Marco Hernandez_
_Sofia Perez_
_Emily Valdes_

**The Robert Kendal Bing Occupational Therapy Scholar Award**
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.”

_Jacob Wardell_

**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.

_Bethany George_
_Nancy Carillo_
Charles H. and Pamela A. Christiansen Scholarship
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.

Alexa Craig

Edith and Emanuel Cohen/Evelyn A. Gerstein Memorial 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.

William Juch

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 therapist for their commitment to cultural diversity, as demonstrated through academic, community and professional activities.

Melanie Gray

Dean’s Silver Anniversary Competitive Academic Scholarship
Funded by the SHP Silver Anniversary account created in 1993, these awards are based solely on outstanding academic performance.

Hasan Akber  Akisha Keval  Lucia Ruggieri
Amy Baumann  Kang Ko  Guadalupe Salinas
Rachelle Barry  Ashlyn Hudson  Lauren Semple
Alexa Craig  Kristine McInnerney  Kelsey Shull
Patience Czee  Kathleen Moses  Jing Xu
Alicia Danto  Haley Nace  Dock Yates
Fikru Daniel  Jessie Norris  Courtney Zink
Sonia Jiwani  Michal Payne

Harry and Joanne Davis Scholarship in Physician Assistant Studies
This award recognizes the outstanding physician assistant student who exemplifies excellent 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.

Tyler Eschbach
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.

Claire Conroy
Jenna Mullen

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

Lauren Semple

The William T. “Bill” Donoho Endowment
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.

Sarah Burnett
Christie Escobar
Allison Rankin
Jessica Rodriguez
Sobia Siddiqui

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.

Megan Dronet
The Edgar and Grace Gnitzinger Endowed Scholarship
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—in order to fund scholarships and professorships in all four schools.

Micah Adams  Cassey Kendrick  Elizabeth Rosamond
Jimmy Avira  Stephanie Kollister  Lindsey Schreck
Ruby Calderon  Kasey Krejci  Stephen Smith
Samantha Dillon  Cassandra McCully  Victoria Stokely
Jane Doan  Christopher Mehring  Sara Swindle
Amanda Duncan  Brittney Miles  Alejandra Valenzuela
Meagan Gilbert  Nathan Muehlstein  Kelsey Voit
Gerad Hancock  Danielle Nissman  Ann Weaver
Jamie Hinderliter  Lauren Patton  Erin Wikelius
Ann Hochschild  Claire Phillips  Schann Wilson
Tewodros Kassa

The Thomas N. and Gleaves T. James Scholarship
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 an commitment to community service.

Mary French

M.G. and Lillie Johnson Endowment Fund in Clinical Sciences
To provide scholarship support to students attending either The Victoria College or Wharton County Junior College who enter the Clinical Laboratory Sciences program at UTMB Galveston.

Maria Elena Lara-Zamudio
Claudia Tonsul

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.

Christopher Mata
**Harris and Eliza Kempner Endowed Scholarship**
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.

- Brittney Buckmaster
- Emily Begnaud
- Richard Golightly
- Katelyn Fore
- Phylicia Gawu
- Monique Massey
- Alexandra McCain
- Jaisie Stevens
- Grace Wairimu

**Dr. Eugene Kindley Scholarship**
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 junior students enrolled in the School of Health Professions, based on academic merit, financial need, and demonstrated leadership.

- Claire Conroy
- Jessica Rodríguez

**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.

- Haley Smith

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

- Felicia Amin

**Frances LuAnn Murphy Cox Memorial Scholarship**
This scholarship was established to award a scholarship to a student continuing their medical education in Occupational Therapy and with financial need. Preference is given to a single or married parent.

- Jeremy Stovall
Physician Assistant Studies Cultural Diversity Scholarship
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.

April Guerrero

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.

Kelly Dawson
Denise Ramos
Jaisie Stevens
Kelley Vosburgh
Lauren Young

Judy Jones Reinhardt Endowment
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.

Katrina Lam
Alvin Mathew

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 award is to award scholarships to full-time UTMB School of Health Professions senior students in good academic standing, with leadership, service, and financial need as primary factors in awarding scholarships.

Brittany Buckmaster
Hannah LaGarde
Lauren Patton
Jaisie Stevens
Minnie and Ward Savage Presidential Scholarships in Allied Health
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.

Meredith Carpenter
Theresa Dang
Saba Fatima
Brittney Lostak
Cyndi Nguyen
Kim Nguyen
Lillian Wang
Kelly Zipp

SHP 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.

Tahira Akber
Jaclyn Collins
Kristen Kyrish
Allison Poussard
Haleigh Smith
Jennifer Warshaw Dees

School of Health Professions Alumni Association
(formerly Allied Health Sciences)
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.

Rachel Hales
Jenna Mullen

Peyton and Lydia Schapper Endowed Scholarship
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.

Ashley Hudson
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.

Alana Clark

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

Kelley Cuellar Carianne Cunningham Samantha Gammel Ericka Gardner Ana Garibay Kelsey Hales Muhammad Hasan Sarah Ann Hillman
Nadine Hulleman Christopher Ladd Trami Luu Keith McInerney Rachel Miller Rachel Molberg Friday Omorogie
Kamylle Palomino Jenna Potz-Nielsen Stephanie Sipp Brittni Serwinski Leslie Yukono Rajesh Wagle Chelsea Wahl Aubrey Worlow

The Sjoerd Steunbrink Scholarship
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.

Claire Conroy Christie Escobar Jaisie Stevens

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.

Lisa Abrameit Allison Attal

University Federal Credit Union Scholarship
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.

Christie Escobar Richard Golightly
University Federal Credit Union Endowed Scholarship honoring Edith Camellia St. John

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

Brooke Lewis

University Federal Credit Union Scholarship in the Department of Respiratory Care

This scholarship was established by the University Federal Credit Union to support and benefit a SHP student pursuing his/her education in the field of Respiratory Care. The purpose of this award is to provide scholarship support to a full-time student enrolled in the School of Health Professions Respiratory Care Program, based on academic merit, financial need, and demonstrated interest on continuing in the respiratory care profession.

Kelley Cuellar
Taylor Pace
Camellia St. John
Jerin Thomas

UTMB Alpha Eta Society Fund

This scholarship support is for full-time senior students in the School of Health Professions who are receiving either baccalaureate or graduate degrees and are members of the UTMB Chapter of Alpha Eta Society. This scholarship is awarded to students in good standing who demonstrate excellence and commitment to community and/or professional service.

Jeremy Bourgeois
Kelly Jarvis
Lauren Patton
Orli Roth
Sobia Siddiqui

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 School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the School of Health Professions and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Sofia Perez
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.

    Christopher Mata

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.

    Christopher Ladd

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.

    Aidee Garza
    Jennifer Majeski

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.

    Lauren Priestly

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.

    Randy Phillips

Linda Lange Williams Memorial Scholarship
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.

    Ashley Childress
    Danielle Decha
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