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William C. Levin Hall
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Galveston, Texas
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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.

Aubrey Gorman

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 Chastka

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.

Phuong Nguyen

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.

Rachelle Barry
Diana Trejo

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.

Bridget Andrews

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
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.

Joanna Baczek
Tiffany Bielamowicz
Kristopher Jones
Stacey Marshall

Amy Newberry
Lauren Patton
Megan Walsh

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.

Jennifer Dees
Ericka Gardner
Ashley Heimer

Amy Newberry
Guadalupe Salinas

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.

Daharshkumar Rana
Melyssa Ross

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.

Alicia Danto

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.

Bridget Andrews
Sarah Fulton
Kyle Poulsen
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.

- Sharman Ali
- Kelsey Berg
- Kolby Buckner
- Jocelyn Callado
- Sisay Cheqsa
- Aprill Curry
- Hailey Daniel
- Katherine DeHaven

- Laura Fincannon
- Erynn Frenchak
- Nevin George
- Andrew Glass
- Carlos Gonzalez
- Santosh Kadel
- Huy Le
- Haley Nace

- Benjamin Richter
- Hali Smith
- Gabrielle Steele
- John Thornton
- Jeremy Timlick
- Megan Walsh
- Lauren Young

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.

- Jennifer Dees
- Ashley Depalmero
- Emma Dover
- Habib Drammeh
- Kayla Floyd
- Abdoulie Gaye
- Robert Guedea

- Muhammad Hasan
- Christopher Hem
- Jamie Hughes
- Lauren Jarvies
- Anushay Kherani
- Britany Lostak
- Emile Mason

- Amanda Murphy
- Kaitlyn Nelson
- Lucia Ruggieri
- Brittini Serwinski
- Braelen Svoboda
- Ryan Vick
- Rajesh Wagle

- Mohammad Zakaria
- William Zudrow

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.

- Amy Newberry

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.

- Katherine Kemp
- Natalie Leonard
- Catherine Ryan

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

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

LUNCH
Recognition of Donors and Introduction of Scholarship Recipients
Dean Elizabeth Protas

Thank You and Closing Remarks
Dean Elizabeth Protas
Scholarships and Awards

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.

Zoe Apted
Veronica Hernandez
Katherine Servin

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.

Renee Wilson

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

Alicia Danto
Daniella Garza
Lyndsey Markert

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.”

Allison Attal

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.

Peter Arenyeka
Jessica Marasse

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.

Tahira Akber
Jennifer Borkey
Katie Holekamp
Kendra Loftice
Kimloan Nguyen

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.

Denise Ramos
Brynne Steger
Insiya Karim Valika

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.

Courtney Zink

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.

Micah Adams
Sofia Perez

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.

Anne Marie Busch
Claire Conroy
Wesley Cruse
Kathryn Davis

Kelsey Gallagher
Sarah Heins
Kristen McInnerney
Cyndi Nguyen

Violeta Nieves
Swara Patel
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.

Yvonne Huff

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.

Micah Adams  Ashley Mitchell  Alyssa Valastro
Sheril Marek  Allison Rankin

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.

Eunji Lee  Jenilette Velasco

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.

Katie McGregor  Anika Peters  Keverlyn Walker

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.

Alexis Gonzalez

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.

Tahira Akber

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.

Bridget Andrews

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.

Demori Driver

The Ruby 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.

Maria Garcia
Kamylle Palomino

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.

Alexandra McCain
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.

Jimmy Avira
Jillian Chamberlain
Sarah Fulton

Hannah LaGarde
Lauren Threadgill

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.

Hasan Akber
Belinda Amaro
Ruby Calderon
Lindsey Carroll
Amanda Duncan
Brandi Dyess
Zahra Ebrahim
Adrienne Fairchild
Jaime Gonzalez
Jennifer Goode
Melanie Gray
Chelsea Halbleib
Niyati Hariyani
Megan Henry
Kelly Jackson
Andrea Jakubec
Joel Jurado
Yoel Kidane

Laura Kim
Stephanie Kollister
Vi Lai
Andrew Lang
Courtney Lundin
Sarah Maass
Lauren Martin
Emilee Mason
Sharon Mead
Logan Merritt
Elizabeth Mikita
Nathan Muelstein
Amy Newberry
Danielle Nissman
Emmanuel Nyangau
Drona Pandeya
Rajkumar Rajendran
Denise Ramos

Jasmynn Randle
Tara Rosenthal
Monique Saleh
Chelsea Sapp
Lindsey Schreck
Taryn Sheldon
Julie Soder
Nora Somuyiwa
Sarah Swindle
Tayar Thompson
Minh Hoang Tran
Quynh Tran
Claire Volz
Nolan West
Alexandra White
Erin Wikelius
Oluwaseyiyan Winful
Janice Wong

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.

Meredith Carpenter

Kempner Scholarship Fund for Allied Health
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.

Alaina Cleland
Jane Doan
Shelby Frierson

Zachary Gray
Lynn Matthusen
Victoria Stokely

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.

Shelby Frierson

Lillian Wang

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.

Andrew McGinnis

Kimloan Nguyen

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.

Nathan Muehlstein

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.

Travis Grogan