ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES CELEBRATES OUR STUDENTS AND DONORS
DEPARTMENT OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS BRUNCH
NOVEMBER 12, 2011, 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

I. Brunch and mingling (10:00 AM)
   Please help yourselves to the brunch buffet featuring
   • Mixed greens with assorted toppings and dressings
   • Grilled vegetable and goat cheese frittata
   • Cheese blintzes with fresh fruit topping
   • Home fried potatoes with sautéed onions and peppers
   • Fresh fruit display
   • Grilled ham steaks with pineapple chutney
   • Smoked bacon and sausage
   • Crudité of fresh vegetables with chipotle ranch
   • Assorted rolls, muffins, and danish

II. Opening remarks (10:25 AM)
   • Dr. Lee McLean, Chair and Associate Dean, Department of Allied Health Sciences and School of Medicine
   • Dr. Bud Harper, Associate Dean, School of Medicine, Alumni Office

III. Student speaker (10:30 AM)
    Christina Eugenia Bravo,
    Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences,
    Recipient of the Rebecca Rule Womble Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship

IV. Student scholarships and awards presentation (10:35 AM)

V. Brunch and fellowship time (10:50 AM)

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Dear Distinguished Guests,

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to thank you for attending the Department of Allied Health Sciences fifth annual celebration of our student scholarship and award recipients and our generous scholarship donors.

We depend on private financial support to advance our mission to improve the quality and accessibility of health care for the people of North Carolina and the world. At the heart of the Department’s success in producing the nation’s leading allied health professionals for over 40 years is a set of key program values that guide faculty, students, and alumni:

**Exemplary Teaching:** To produce excellent health care practitioners and researchers who are prepared to provide leadership to their disciplines and their future work settings

**Innovative Research:** To conduct research and generate new knowledge that will inform future practice and policy in allied health disciplines

**Patient-Centered Clinical Practice:** To advance the art and science of clinical practice with a focus on patient outcomes and quality of life

The financial support of our donors continues to help us meet the increasing needs of our students who are not fully state supported. We greatly appreciate the ongoing generosity of our donors.

Warm Regards,

Lee K. McLean, PhD
Associate Dean and Chair
Department of Allied Health Sciences Divisions

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- Molecular Diagnostic Science
- Occupational Therapy
- Radiologist Assistant
- Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
- Speech-Language Pathology

Centers
- Center for Literacy and Disability Studies
- Center for Human Movement Science

Doctoral Programs
- Audiology (AuD)
- Human Movement Science (PhD)
- Speech and Hearing Science (PhD)
- Occupational Science (PhD)
- Physical Therapy (DPT)

Enrollment
- 446 students for 2011-2012
- 69.06% from North Carolina

Baccalaureate Degree Programs
- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science
  - Radiologic Science

Professional Certificates
- Auditory Learning for Deaf Children
- Clinical Laboratory Science
  - Radiography

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- Radiologist Assistant

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The Allied Health Student Fellowships are supported through a generous gift from the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association. The fellowships are awarded to deserving allied health students who, in addition to having financial need and scholastic ability, exhibit characteristics of emerging professional excellence.

**Carly Elizabeth Dragan**  
*Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
**Hometown:** Cheshire, Connecticut  
**Personal Statement:** Ever since I began thinking about my future, I have been drawn to the field of speech-language pathology. This is because speech-pathologists give individuals the tools necessary to unlock the ability to communicate. Particularly, I have felt very committed to working with children with autism, as communication deficits can be severe and impact entire families. I decided to pursue my career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill due to the wealth of autism-related resources, and have had various clinical experiences thus far that have expanded my knowledge and compassion for this population. Professionally, I would like to enhance my abilities and use evidence-based practices to determine what would be most effective and appropriate for clients. Ultimately, I would like to work on an interdisciplinary team so the child is supported in all aspects of life. My ideal setting would be to provide services in the home to collaborate with the whole family. I am very fortunate to have received this fellowship, and am thankful to all those supporting my career and my future.

**Amanda Elizabeth Martin**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Etowah, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I have worked with children from as early as I can remember. From taking care of my younger cousins before I could work to teaching swim lessons and assisting in Sunday school classrooms. This past semester I finished my first physical therapy pediatric/neuromuscular clinical affiliation and absolutely loved the experience. I have always wanted to specialize in pediatrics and this clinical site only strengthened that desire. I worked with school-age children at a special center in New York for children with developmental disabilities. Although challenging at times, I cannot see myself going into a different career path. I have also setup my last clinical rotation at an outpatient pediatric clinic to expand my knowledge and practice with this population. As for career aspirations, I sincerely just want to be a good and caring clinician. I would like to practice in both acute and outpatient pediatric settings during my career. There is such a variety of experiences within pediatrics that I can’t imagine limiting myself to one field. I appreciate having this additional aid to help decrease my financial burden. This will allow me more freedom in choosing potential employment opportunities.
Kaitlyn Theresa Mortimer  
*Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
**Hometown:** Millis, Massachusetts  
**Personal Statement:** During the past year at UNC I have reaffirmed my passion for working with adults who have disorders that affect their ability to speak, comprehend language, and swallow. The medical aspects of speech pathology are of interest to me because they require a lifetime of learning and new experiences with patients and disorders that appear constantly. The clinical aspects of speech and language that I love so much would not exist without evidence-based practice derived from research. I continue to be a part of the Aphasia Research Group within the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences. My participation in this group has inspired me to pursue a master’s thesis project of my own under the supervision of Dr. Katarina Haley. I feel fortunate to receive the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship again because it continues to allow me to achieve my own educational and clinical goals and also shows me that there are others who continue to support my personal aspirations and endeavors. I am humbled by and appreciate all of the support I receive and look forward to another rewarding year.

Arianna Timko  
*Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology*  
**Hometown:** Homewood, Illinois  
**Personal Statement:** My early education at a Montessori school engrained a rich understanding of and preference for interdisciplinary studies, which continued when I chose a liberal arts institution for my undergraduate education. The interdisciplinary nature of rehabilitation psychology thus drew my attention, as the practice consistently utilizes a network of biological, psychological, social, environmental, and vocational considerations in order to achieve optimal goals of rehabilitation. My professional goals and career ambitions include work with persons who have a psychiatric disability resulting at least in part from a history of trauma. This may include individuals who have suffered from childhood sexual or physical abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and those who have served in the military. The UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship will help me reach my full potential by allowing me to receive the best education I can and to take advantage of all of the opportunities available to me. This fellowship is an award I am immensely grateful for and appreciate by giving my all to my studies and ensuring that the gift is honored through my educational and professional achievements.
The June C. Allcott Fellowships

In her life (1916-1996) June C. Allcott was a gardener of friendships. She explored the world as a traveler, weaver of baskets, culinary adventurer, designer of jewelry and clothes, guidance counselor at the University of North Carolina, computer explorer, music and art lover, and friend. June Allcott helped students expand their potential at UNC and make career choices. She had a particular place in her heart for those interested in the health fields. Fellowships are awarded for students who demonstrate exemplary, ongoing, and new community service.

Joy Agner
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
Hometown: Coos Bay, Oregon
Personal Statement: I have been fortunate enough to work and volunteer with a variety of peoples in different geographic regions, with different needs, desires, and struggles. In these endeavors I have been continually brought back to the realization that what we do defines who we are. When people cannot fulfill the roles most important to them due to illness, disability, displacement, misfortune, or inequality, their opportunities for a meaningful life are circumscribed. Occupational therapists have a unique position in that they can help those individuals do the things they really care about. My personal aspirations are to work on a community level promoting health through occupation. The Allcott Fellowship will support me in reaching that goal by reducing my financial burden and reminding me of the wide-reaching benefits of service.

Sarah Lynette Ladd
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Wilson, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I was drawn to the field of Speech-Language Pathology because I know that this profession will better prepare me to continue pursuing my passions for serving marginalized populations, advocating for disabled children, and using language and education as a means of empowerment. With my degree, I hope to become a bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist working with children in under-served areas, either in the U.S. or abroad. I also hope to play an active role in advocacy and support for children with disabilities. The June C. Allcott Fellowship is helping me realize these dreams by giving me more freedom to remain involved in Latino and child advocacy alongside of my education. It will also leave me with less of a financial burden as I graduate, so that I can more freely pursue work abroad or in lower-income sectors. I am incredibly grateful and excited to receive this award, and I want to thank all those who have made it possible. Thank you for helping me and, in turn, helping those who I will be serving!
**The June C. Allcott Fellowships**

**Nathan Emmanuel MacCosbe**  
*Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Durham, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** After hearing the debates on health care reform in the fall of 2009, it was clear to me that the future of health care would rely on services that were cost effective, efficient, and produced tangible results. I decided to pursue a career in occupational therapy because I admired the pragmatic and holistic approach that occupational therapists took toward interventions. I believed that an education in occupational science would give me a strong foundation to adapt to our dynamic health care system and address the barriers to effective care. I have observed the strengths and weaknesses of various settings during my clinical and volunteer experiences. Rather than develop new practice settings during an economic recovery, I hope to strengthen traditional settings and preventative services by establishing more efficient methods and policies for health care practice. Specifically, I have taken an interest in the care of older adults, and I hope to make innovations in a health care system that must be prepared to respond to the rapidly expanding population of older adults. I am honored to receive the June C. Allcott Fellowship. Receiving this fellowship will allow me to continue to focus on opportunities to examine our existing health care system and advance change.

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**Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Scholarship of Excellence Award**

The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions sponsors a scholarship program to recognize outstanding students in the allied health professions who are achieving excellence in their academic programs and have significant potential to assume future leadership roles in the allied health professions.

**Jennifer Anne Tooher**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, Georgia  
**Personal Statement:** I am grateful for the opportunity to have been selected as a recipient of the ASAHP Scholarship of Excellence Award. Representing allied health professionals, specifically physical therapists, I am excited to be a part of this profession as it continues to grow and develop. I’m committed to clinical excellence and leadership within my field as I progress through the curriculum and once I am a physical therapist.
Meredith Taylor Reed  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Atlantic Beach, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** Witnessing, on a personal level, how physical therapy has helped others overcome struggles in their daily lives has had such a profound influence on my career path. Physical therapy offers relief to patients suffering from an array of ailments, treating each in a manner specific to their case. Having the opportunity to improve patients’ quality of life, whether they have a physical disability, need post-surgical rehabilitation, or even as a less invasive alternative to surgery, is definitely an aspect of the field that I look forward to the most. After graduating and obtaining licensure, I plan to practice in the field and gain experience with a diverse patient population. Eventually, I plan on opening up my own clinic in an underserved area in eastern North Carolina. Being able to combine my talents by offering access to care while having the opportunity to give back to my community is a long-term goal I wish to accomplish. I am truly honored and blessed to receive the Thorpe/Mitchell Diversity Leadership Development Award. Such a generous gift will allow me to focus more on school and relieve some of the financial burden associated with furthering my education.
Through the generosity of our donors and the UNC Medical Alumni Association, the Department of Allied Health Sciences is pleased to offer four scholarships for Allied Health students for the 2011-12 academic year. Students are selected based on a variety of factors, including academic merit, financial need, and exemplary volunteerism and community service. Based on a history of service, it is hoped that these students will continue to give back to the Department and University after graduation.

**The Medical Alumni Association Loyalty Fund Scholarships**

Buddy Clark Loyalty Fund Radiologic Science Annual Scholarship
Established through the generosity of Dr. Ernest and Mrs. Jean Spangler

**Ashley Elizabeth Beckwith**
*Division of Radiologic Science*
**Hometown:** Hollywood, Maryland
(Ashley’s personal statement is on page 24)

James and Evelyn Fowler Physical Therapy Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship
Established through the generosity of Sara Anderson

**Leigh Anne McLaughlin**
*Division of Physical Therapy*
**Hometown:** Fayetteville, North Carolina
(Leigh’s personal statement is on page 43)

Jerry Lambiente Loyalty Fund Radiologic Science Annual Scholarship
Established through the generosity of Robert and Lauren Noble (’89)

**Raha Parandvar**
*Division of Radiologic Science*
**Hometown:** Chapel Hill, North Carolina
(Raha’s personal statement is on page 25)

Lanning-Taylor Clinical Laboratory Science Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship
Established through the generosity of Susan Lanning-Taylor (’85)

**Kevin Michael Smith**
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*
**Hometown:** Greensboro, North Carolina
(Kevin’s personal statement is on page 18)
Inaugural Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship

A generous gift from the program’s medical director, Bradley Vaughn and his wife Karen, has provided the inaugural merit-based scholarship to assist and reward a deserving student studying in the UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science program for the 2011-12 academic year.

Kristy Michelle Fox  
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program  
Hometown: Vale, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: In Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science I have found a career that allows me to help people, while learning about a relatively new and expanding field. I am able to make a difference and improve the quality of my patients’ lives. In my field I see that people sometimes forget that things, like sleep, make a big impact on your life and wellbeing. Improving the quality of sleep in my patients will increase the quality of their lives. My goal is to continue my education and build my experience so that one day I can become an instructor in my field. I believe that teaching others about Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science will have a positive effect on even more people; they are both growing fields that many people know very little about. I am very honored to have been chosen for this scholarship; it will allow me to focus more on my education.

Nihon Kohden Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship

As a founding gold partner in the 2012 UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Corporate Partners Program, Nihon Kohden has generously provided a merit-based scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year. Nihon Kohden is Japan’s leading manufacturer, developer and distributor of medical electronic equipment with subsidiaries in the USA, Europe, and Asia and distributors in nearly every country in the world.

Ginger Dawson Gentry  
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program  
Hometown: Carthage, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: My career started in 1997 working with patients in the hospital as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. In 2003, I had the opportunity to train in the sleep lab and I became a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist in 2004. Helping people improve their health and quality of life has always been my goal. I do feel that my knowledge and abilities help people daily improve their lives and I continually strive to learn new methods that can benefit my patients. My desire is to continue my education in the Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science program in order to stay updated on new research and techniques, which will allow me to provide more knowledge and assistance to my patients. The program will also broaden my knowledge of different fields in neurodiagnostics and open up more career opportunities for me. Since I am a mother of three, it is very important to teach my children the importance of furthering their education and working hard towards their dreams. Because of the huge financial responsibility of three children, this scholarship is essential for completing my goal, so I am extremely thankful and feel very fortunate to receive this scholarship.
CareFusion Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship

As a founding gold partner in the 2012 UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Corporate Partners Program, CareFusion NeuroCare has generously provided a merit-based scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year. The NeuroCare Division of CareFusion develops, manufactures and markets neurological and neurodiagnostic monitoring products, vascular monitoring products and hearing screening products.

Sonya Aneissia McNeill

Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program

Hometown: Pembroke, North Carolina

Personal Statement: This award will assist me in accomplishing my goals as I attain my bachelor’s degree through the Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science program, which provides the core knowledge needed to excel in my career. Words cannot describe the value of the instructors affiliated with this program. The expansion of neurological and sleep science research will create many new resources that will aide in the diagnosis and treatment, for generations to come, of those who are affected by neurological and sleep disorders. As a dedicated Polysomnography Technologist for 13 years, I aspire to increase patient awareness and create educational opportunities for future technologists. As we are faced with new challenges in this profession, we need leaders to achieve our optimal goal, which is to improve the quality of many people’s lives. I have hopes of creating a huge impact in this profession, as my instructors and the donors of this scholarship have made in my life. As I advance forward in my career, I will work hard and give back to this exciting profession. Thank you for contributing to my success.

ResMed Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship

As a founding gold partner in the 2012 UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Corporate Partners Program, ResMed has generously provided a merit-based scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year. ResMed is a leading developer, manufacturer and marketer of products for the screening, treatment and long-term management of sleep-disordered breathing and other respiratory disorders.

Samantha Elizabeth Campbell

Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program

Hometown: Denver, North Carolina

Personal Statement: By being a sleep technologist, I feel that I have the best and most rewarding job in the world. I am the first person the patient encounters when having a sleep study and therefore can devote my time to answering and addressing all of the patient’s questions and concerns while educating the patient on the various sleep disorders and treatments. I hope in the future to manage a sleep center. I believe I can implement strategies that will boost sleep center morale and employee satisfaction, both of which greatly have an impact on the way our patients feel during their stay at the sleep center. Patient satisfaction and giving exemplary patient care are what make my job as a sleep technologist worthwhile. I would like to thank ResMed for awarding me this scholarship. It is quite an accomplishment for me and I want to thank you all for the helping hand. I have wanted nothing more than to earn my bachelor’s degree and after receiving this degree, I fully intend to continue my education and earn my master’s degree.
Allene W. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Scholarship

Kay Alphin Johnson (’68) and her husband, Marvin, made a generous gift to establish the Allene W. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Scholarship in honor of Kay’s mother to assist and reward a student at UNC studying to become a clinical laboratory scientist.

Erin Elizabeth Hester
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Hurdle Mills, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Four years ago, I began attending classes at UNC with hopes of discovering a major that would intrigue me intellectually and inspire me to help other people. I struggled to find a realm in academia that incorporated my love for learning with practical applications in the working world; however, my acceptance into the Clinical Laboratory Science program at UNC has entirely changed my academic experience. The CLS program has provided me with a foundation of knowledge and analytical problem solving skills that does not compare to any other undergraduate degree. I love knowing that my everyday efforts in a clinical laboratory will help in the diagnosis and treatment of disease in countless patients. In my future studies, I hope to attend graduate school to further my knowledge of immunology. The knowledge I have gained in the CLS program and my higher education will hopefully allow me to one day make important advances regarding disease and immune functionality and to apply my own research to diagnostics in the clinical lab.

Jesse C. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Scholarship

Kay Alphin Johnson (’68) and her husband, Marvin, made a generous gift to establish the Jesse C. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Scholarship in honor Kay’s of father to assist and reward a student at UNC studying to become a clinical laboratory scientist.

Mary Elizabeth McLawhorn
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: New Bern, North Carolina
Personal Statement: In May 2010, I graduated from NC State University with a B.S. degree in Microbiology. My career plan upon graduation was to become employed in the medical field, preferably a hospital, in a clinical lab setting. During my job search, I learned that most hospital laboratories require a degree in Clinical Laboratory Science and certification as a Medical Technologist. Not meeting these qualifications, I expanded my job search and secured a position with LabCorp of America as a Technologist Trainee in the Infectious Disease department. I thoroughly enjoyed my work at LabCorp and gained valuable lab experience. It gave me a sense of pride to know that my work had a direct, positive effect on the diagnosis and treatment of a patient. However, I realized that a second degree in CLS would expand my opportunities for career advancement and enable me to reach my ultimate goal of working in a hospital setting. I am honored to be part of the CLS program at UNC Chapel Hill and to be a recipient of the Jesse C. Alphin Scholarship. After graduation, I plan to become a certified clinical laboratory scientist, eventually specializing in microbiology.
Louise M. Ward Scholarships

A bequest from the estate of Louise M. Ward, a former director of the UNC-Chapel Hill Division of Clinical Laboratory Science, has provided funds to assist and reward students at UNC studying to become clinical laboratory scientists. Three Louise Ward scholars are chosen by the CLS faculty each year based on their potential for contributing to the CLS profession, academic excellence, and personal characteristics.

Astrid Aponte

Division of Clinical Laboratory Science

Hometown: Cary, North Carolina

Personal Statement: Ever since I was little kid concocting science experiments in the kitchen and analyzing every living thing that crossed my path, I embraced my curious nature. Clinical Laboratory Science initially caught my attention two years ago because of its endless possibilities. In this last year alone, I have learned more than seems possible and have enjoyed exploring human physiology as it applies to the clinical laboratory. I love knowing that my work in the lab plays a crucial role in patient care, and that the tests I run can ensure the most efficient and effective treatment. Patients may never know who my colleagues or I are, but our work is critical to their wellbeing. I hope to continue making a positive difference in my community and I believe this CLS program creates the perfect foundation. With the many opportunities in this field and my undeniable love for so many aspects of it, I do not have a definitive career plan yet. Receiving the Louise M. Ward Scholarship serves as encouragement that there are always generous people who believe in a student’s potential to benefit their profession. I look forward to seeing where my career goes and am deeply grateful for having been chosen as one of this year’s scholarship recipients.

Amanda Lynn Gilbert

Division of Clinical Laboratory Science

Hometown: Mooresville, North Carolina

Personal Statement: My interest in the medical profession sparked at an early age. My younger sister and I were diagnosed with diabetes when we were two years old, and both of my grandmothers struggled with the disease in their later years. I was frequently exposed to the health care setting, and I always admired those who had dedicated their lives to helping others. This is what initially drew me to the clinical laboratory profession. With a degree in Clinical Laboratory Science, I will have extensive opportunities to make a difference in people’s lives. Upon graduation I plan to continue gaining experience in the laboratory of a research university hospital, and my long-term goal is to become involved in research to help prevent, treat, and cure juvenile diabetes. I feel incredibly honored to have been awarded the Louise M. Ward Scholarship. It is a privilege to be considered a valuable contribution to the clinical laboratory profession, and financial assistance is always a blessing. I greatly appreciate your help and encouragement, which allow me to pursue my passion.
Susan Lanning-Taylor Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship
A gift from Susan Lanning-Taylor (‘85) and her husband, Steve, has provided funds to assist and reward a second-year student at UNC studying to become a Clinical Laboratory Scientist. Lanning-Taylor scholars are chosen by the CLS faculty based on their potential for contributing to the CLS profession, academic excellence, personal characteristics, and financial need.

Kevin Michael Smith
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*

**Hometown:** Greensboro, North Carolina

**Personal Statement:** The second week of my freshman year I began working in a colorectal cancer research lab because I really enjoyed biology and wanted to get more experience. After working in the lab for two years, I understood the process of research well, but wanted something that was more tangentially helpful to those who were sick, so I decided to apply my skills in the lab with a clinical approach. I want to use my CLS degree as a foundation for a Doctorate in Epidemiology and a Masters in Infectious Disease, eventually working for the World Health Organization. Working at the WHO, I'd like to study either the epidemiology of parasitic infection in Sub-Saharan Africa or the spread of sexually transmitted infections associated with human sex trafficking. While the financial support certainly is appreciated and important, the faith that Mrs. and Mr. Taylor have shown in me to succeed and make a difference is incalculable.

Molecular Diagnostic Science Corporate Partner Program Scholarships
We are pleased to offer three Molecular Diagnostic Science (MDS) Corporate Partner Program Scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year thanks to the generosity of our founding Gold partners in the MDS Corporate Partners Program: Abbott Molecular, Applied Biosystems/Life Technologies, Association of Public Health Laboratories, BD Molecular Diagnostics, Gen-Probe, Laboratory Corporation of America, Quest Diagnostics, Roche Diagnostics Corporation, and ZeptoMetrix Corporation.

Amanda Fitzgerald
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*

**Hometown:** Clemmons, North Carolina

**Personal Statement:** It is such an honor to receive the MDS Corporate Sponsors Scholarship. This means that all the hard work has paid off, especially for my family who has supported me emotionally and financially through my academic endeavors. Although I will be graduating in December, this scholarship does not mark the end, but the beginning of a professional career in the molecular diagnostic field. Upon completion of the MMDS Program, I hope to one-day work as a supervisor or laboratory manager in a molecular laboratory. This position appeals to me because I would be responsible for educating and training laboratory personnel and students while also exploring new diagnostic methods to implement within the laboratory. I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity to further develop my teaching skills and educate students. I look forward to building a strong sense of self-confidence in students, while teaching them respect for the molecular diagnostic field.
Lisa Kay Cremeans  
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*  
**Hometown:** Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I am a certified clinical laboratory scientist returning for an advanced degree in the field of laboratory medicine. I was drawn to clinical laboratory science (CLS) during my freshman year of college. My adviser at the time was the head of the CLS Department and convinced me that a CLS degree would open a gateway to a very fulfilling career in the medical sciences. I worked as a medical technologist for approximately 15 years and left the field for a short time to gain experience in the drug safety/regulatory environment of the pharmaceutical industry. I recently decided to return to the laboratory and pursue a master’s degree in molecular diagnostic science because it is such a growing field. I felt that I needed to have a firm foundation and knowledge of molecular science in order to face the challenges of this rapidly expanding area of laboratory medicine. I am very honored to be a scholarship recipient. This scholarship will help to provide financial assistance while I attend school at a time when my family will be dependent on a single income.

Donald Stephen Serafin  
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*  
**Hometown:** Durham, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I was initially drawn to molecular diagnostics because it is one of the fastest growing fields in science with new discoveries and advancements being made at a rapid pace. In addition, I have come to appreciate the remarkable capacity of this field to benefit a patient by greatly improving their care and outcome. As a result of my experience in the Master’s in Molecular Diagnostic Science program, I have become inspired to play a bigger role in the process of patient care. It is my firm belief that my involvement in this program has provided me the unique perspective of a clinical laboratory scientist, as well as a respect for their contribution to the overall management of a patient. This scholarship means that others have placed their confidence in my ability to achieve and excel in academics and in my professional aspirations. Through acceptance of this scholarship, I acknowledge this confidence and pledge to make an even stronger devotion to strive for excellence in all that I undertake.
McLendon Labs Scholarships
In 2006, the McLendon Laboratories of UNC Hospitals began offering full-tuition scholarships (plus assistance with books) for UNC CLS students who agree to work there for two years post-graduation.

**Teresa Lauren Britt**  
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*  
**Hometown:** Concord, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I have always desired a career in the medical field because it is important to me that I go home each day knowing that my actions matter; that I have, even in the smallest way, helped to better and/or save a life. With my degree, I will provide the laboratory information and services needed for the diagnosis and treatment of disease—a significant and important job. This scholarship will substantially help fund my training in the clinical laboratory science program and therefore alleviate the burden that the cost of my education has been on my family and the incredible guilt I feel of being the cause of that burden. I am a first generation college student and my mother always told me that if I went to college, we would find a way to pay for the opportunity she didn’t have. This scholarship is the golden ticket to my future. I wish to take my degree and go into medical research, specifically neurological research. I hope for my work to one day help provide a preventative treatment or cure for debilitating neurological diseases such as Huntington’s or Parkinson’s.

**Diana Huei Chen Kuo**  
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*  
**Hometown:** Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
**Personal Statement:** Becoming a returning student was a difficult decision to make considering I would have to go into debt—yet again. However, receiving the McLendon Labs Scholarship made that decision a much easier burden to bear. Being a senior on lab rotations has strengthened my confidence in my decision to attend the clinical laboratory science program at UNC Chapel Hill, which would have been much more financially stressful without this scholarship. The clinical experience that I will get from this year will allow me to be involved with patient’s results in order to help improve their health. Eventually, I would like to couple the things I have learned in this program with my Master’s in Public Health degree and work abroad in communities that are plagued with diseases that are no longer or rarely found in the United States. Thanks to this scholarship, I feel I am more able to focus on the practical and hands-on aspect of the CLS program, rather than worrying about finding a job.
Julia Pollard Rice
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Snow Camp, North Carolina
Personal Statement: This last year in the CLS program at UNC Chapel Hill has been an unbelievable experience. This program has provided me with the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. The amount of knowledge I have learned is amazing and the clinical experience has truly prepared me for a career in Clinical Laboratory Science. Being a wife and mother, making this midlife career change presented a challenge, but the McLendon Lab Scholarship has made it all possible and I am so grateful for that. I look forward to working at McLendon and making a difference in the lives of others. I feel so honored to have been chosen for this award. I hope that I can make the same impact of compassion and care on others lives as I have been shown through the CLS program and McLendon Labs.

Jerrica Rae Snow
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: McLeansville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I have always known that I wanted to be in the medical field and my love of science made it a perfect fit. After taking microbiology, I knew I wanted to work in a lab that applied many of the procedures I had learned. Before graduating from UNC in May, I discovered the Clinical Laboratory Science program at UNC and felt it offered all of the qualities I desired, from utilizing the techniques I had learned through the microbiology course to being a part of the patient recuperation process. In my career, I want to work as a medical technologist and provide accurate results in a timely manner. In addition, I want to take part in any research opportunities that may present themselves. This scholarship means so much to me and I feel so blessed to have been selected. It is a wonderful opportunity that enables me to gain experience and to put my career on the fast track to success. I cannot put into words how grateful and how appreciative I am. I especially want to thank Cathy Holleman and Dr. Herbert Whinna for selecting me as a recipient. I cannot wait to join their team at UNC Hospital!
RPLA/Wake Med Clinical Laboratory Science Scholarships

The Raleigh Pathology Lab Associates (RPLA) and WakeMed have teamed up to provide two scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year for students at UNC studying to become Clinical Laboratory Scientists. The scholarships were established to support the education of future laboratory professionals. By helping current CLS students with the financial burden of higher education, the RPLA/WakeMed Scholarships seek to increase the number of highly qualified laboratory practitioners in the future.

Emily Rae Glass
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Matthews, North Carolina
Personal Statement: As an incoming freshman to UNC, I went to a meeting for Clinical Laboratory Science. At that stage in my life I had no idea what I wanted to do but I knew I loved science. After attending the meeting, I took a tour of the clinical laboratory and decided that I wanted to major in CLS because of all the opportunities for employment after school. This major allowed me to not only continue studying the science that interested me, but also gave me a more directed career path than other baccalaureate degrees in science. After graduation, I hope to work in a hospital laboratory for a couple of years before attending graduate school for a master’s degree in microbiology. My goal is to work in Latin America so that I can focus on learning about infectious diseases. The Wake Med/Raleigh Pathology Laboratory Associates Scholarship is a gracious award that will allow me to fulfill my goals as a clinical laboratory scientist, which will in turn aid all of my future patients. I am so thankful for this scholarship because it tremendously impacted my financial ability to continue my education in the CLS program.

Shelby Lynn Pavan
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania
Personal Statement: I learned about the field of clinical laboratory science through my microbiology professor at Elmira College during my junior year and became hooked. Last summer I completed my internship at a hospital laboratory in Elmira, N.Y., and I realized then that no other career would provide me with the satisfaction that clinical laboratory science would. I am in my element while performing laboratory work! After being accepted at UNC Chapel Hill, I knew that I was on the right track to a meaningful career helping people in the health care system. This scholarship is assisting me in realizing my goal of becoming a clinical laboratory scientist by relieving some of the financial stress that accompanies higher learning. I am truly grateful that there are people who are willing and able to financially help students like myself achieve their professional goals.
The Carolinas Rehabilitation Occupational Science Annual Scholarship was created to reward and recognize a deserving Occupational Science student who has an interest in a career working in acute physical rehabilitation. The scholarship is awarded to a student who completes a clinical affiliation at Carolinas Rehabilitation in the summer. Funding for the scholarship has been provided by Carolinas Rehabilitation in recognition of the excellent clinicians now working at the hospital who graduated from the UNC Occupational Science Program.

Nathan Emmanuel MacCosbe  
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy  
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: After hearing the debates on health care reform in the fall of 2009, it was clear to me that the future of health care would rely on services that were cost effective, efficient, and produced tangible results. I decided to pursue a career in occupational therapy because I admired the pragmatic and holistic approach that occupational therapists took toward interventions. I believed that an education in occupational science would give me a strong foundation to adapt to our dynamic health care system and address the barriers to effective care. I have observed the strengths and weaknesses of various settings during my clinical and volunteer experiences. Rather than develop new practice settings during an economic recovery, I hope to strengthen traditional settings and preventative services by establishing more efficient methods and policies for health care practice. Specifically, I have taken an interest in the care of older adults, and I hope to make innovations in a health care system that must be prepared to respond to the rapidly expanding population of older adults.

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Nathan Emmanuel MacCosbe  
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Joy Agner  
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy  
Hometown: Coos Bay, Oregon  
(Joy’s personal statement is on page 10)
Buddy Clark Loyalty Fund Radiologic Science Annual Scholarship
Dr. Ernest Spangler and his wife, Jean, have endowed the Buddy Clark Scholarship through the Medical Foundation’s Loyalty Fund. Dr. Spangler decided to create the scholarship to honor the important role that Mr. Buddy Clark and other radiologic technologists played in his career and in improved patient care.

Ashley Elizabeth Beckwith
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Hollywood, Maryland
Personal Statement: I became interested in medical imaging after the passing of my grandfather when I was sixteen. After losing him I knew I wanted to participate in the discovery, monitoring, and treatment of disease processes. With a career in medical imaging as a CT Technologist, I provide my personal care to those in need while utilizing the most advanced methods of imaging technology. Being awarded a position in the Medical Imaging Program has been one of my greatest accomplishments. I have been inspired to work hard as both a student and as a technologist. My experience in the Division of Radiologic Science has been exceptionally rewarding and one that I will reflect upon for the duration of my career and beyond. I am most honored to be recognized as a recipient of the Buddy Clark Loyalty Fund Radiologic Science Scholarship. I would like to extend my gratitude to the donors of this scholarship for making my desire for a career in medical imaging possible.

Tina D. Robbins Memorial Award
The Tina D. Robbins Award is given to a student who has demonstrated high ethical standards and a genuine concern for his/her patients and fellow man. This year’s recipient maintained a positive attitude and demonstrated high ethical and moral standards in all clinical rotations and classroom situations.

Natalie Renee Ridge
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Monroe, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My desire to help others within a health care setting as well as my passion to learn about the human body and its various pathologies drove me to pursue a degree within the Radiologic Science Program at UNC Chapel Hill. I graduated in May 2011, and a week later, took my registry exam and finally got the letters after my name: Natalie Ridge, R.T.(R). I felt awesome! The following week, I started my career as a Radiologic Technologist within the Vascular and Interventional Radiology Department at UNC Hospitals. I received the Tina D. Robbins Memorial Award upon graduation and it was a true honor. It was unexpected and I was blown away. I am proud to say that I was the recipient of such a special award and treasure it close to my heart... I always will. Thank you.
The Lambiente Annual Scholarship was established through the generosity of Robert and Lauren Noble ('89). Dr. Jerry Lambiente (Retired Colonel, United States Army) was born in Brooklyn on September 27, 1912, and died on February 12, 1999. He was married to the late Jean Reavis Lambiente. Dr. Lambiente attended New York Military Academy in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY, and then went on to attend the University of Notre Dame. After completion of his undergraduate degree, he attended Creighton University Dental School in Omaha, Nebraska, and shortly thereafter enlisted in the United States Army. Dr. Lambiente served in World War II and the Korean War and retired in 1971 after 31 years of distinguished military service. Dr. Lambiente possessed an appreciation for education and a desire to share with others. As a result, his philanthropic activities included numerous monetary and historical artifact contributions to the University of Notre Dame and the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Jerry Lambiente Radiologic Science Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship

Raha Parandvar
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Personal Statement: I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor. I wish to thank those who so generously made the Jerry Lambiente Loyalty Fund Scholarship available to me. Through the support of this scholarship and the Radiologic Science program, I am well on my way to achieving my academic goals and I hope with my degree, I will be able to make a difference for others in a way as meaningful as this scholarship has been for me. I am currently a junior majoring in medical imaging, and I will graduate in May 2013 with a bachelor’s degree. I am grateful to be a student in Radiologic Sciences program, and I need to thank all my professors for helping me to be successful in this program. Because of the potential the donors and the faculty have seen in me, I am inspired to remain committed and dedicated to my studies and clinical education.
The Phyllis Ann Canup Pepper Radiologic Science Memorial Fund Scholarships

This fund was established as a tribute to Phyllis Ann Canup Pepper’s lifetime and career in radiologic technology. She was born in Cabarrus County, a daughter of Blanche Bebber Canup and John Lewis Canup. Following graduation from A. L. Brown High School, she became one of the earliest radiologic technologists to graduate from UNC, completing her training in 1955. She joined the Department of Radiology at the University of North Carolina Hospitals after graduation and later served as chief technologist until 1962. She then went to Charlotte to become the Chief Technologist at Presbyterian Hospital. She remained at Presbyterian Hospital until her marriage in 1969. This Fund was established by her husband, Francis D. Pepper, Jr., M.D., a 1956 graduate of the UNC School of Medicine. Funds earned by this endowment are distributed into equal parts. The Fund provides support for students through the Scholarship Awards and for the Radiologic Science Program through the Advancement Fund.

Danielle Ashley Drum
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am ecstatic and blessed to be a part of the UNC Chapel Hill Radiologic Science program. It has been my life-long dream to pursue a career in the medical field. With extensive research, I realized that medical imaging was the right match for my interests. Participating in the radiologic science program has furthered my desire to work in radiology, through the hands-on experiences that occur in clinical education. As I continue my program journey, I am focusing my decision towards the career path that best fits my skill set and attributes. I am honored and truly thankful to receive the Phyllis Ann Canup Scholarship as it assists me to further my studies and continue gaining clinical experience without as much financial stress. Ultimately, this grant will assist me in helping the community as it provides me with the ability to best prepare for my career as a medical imaging professional.

Angela Huynh Vuong
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Entering college, the Radiologic Science Program was never in my plans—I was going to pursue a chemistry major and apply directly to medical school. After a conversation with a friend in the program, I realized this program offered a good opportunity to gain clinical experience and knowledge that I could immediately apply inside and outside of the medical setting. Although I have just started, this program has been one of the best decisions I have made in my college career. I am honored to have been selected to receive the Phyllis Ann Canup Scholarship. To know that my teachers think I am deserving of such a reward and that someone is willing to financially support my education is uplifting. With this award, I am excited to continue my education while relieving some of the financial burden on my parents and allowing me to focus on my education.
Robert Ryan Howells  
*Division of Radiologic Science*  
**Hometown:** Fayetteville, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** As a freshman, I came in like the typical pre-medical student—a biology major with a chemistry minor. As I was taking my courses, however, something was missing. I just wasn’t happy with what I was doing. I knew that I wanted to do something in medicine one day more than anything, but I truly had no idea how to get there. That’s when I heard about radiologic science. Medical imaging is a fascinating and ever changing profession, and this major truly encompasses every scope of a degree that I would want to pursue. The clinical experiences are invaluable to me and the quality of the degree is incredible. Not only is the program itself amazing, but also the people within it and associated with it are truly inspiring and it is so obvious that they care about our futures. With this scholarship being given to me by a man that I have never met, solely because he and the radiologic science faculty believe in me, is an incredible feeling to have, and I will never forget it.

**Joseph Taylor Radiology Student Assistance Fund**

Joseph Taylor’s professional career spanned over 50 years in radiology and centered on promoting and advancing the profession. The Joseph Taylor Radiology Student Assistance Fund financially assists students, specifically those in the university-based radiologic technology certificate program. The Taylor award will be given each year to a student who displays a passion for the field of radiology and a commitment to helping patients in need. The fund will help students who may not otherwise have the means to afford required educational materials.

Jed Phillip Bullington  
*Division of Radiologic Science*  
**Hometown:** Raleigh, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** The field of radiography has fascinated me since I was a young child. The technology that allows us to see inside someone to help them get well is amazing. I chose to pursue this field so I can make a difference in the lives of the patients that I meet. I feel that each and every patient deserves to be treated with dignity, compassion, and kindness, without prejudice. I want to combine my previous years of life experiences with the new skills that I have learned at UNC to help me achieve this goal. I feel very fortunate to be a part of the UNC Radiologic Science program and the many opportunities it has offered me. As an older student making a midlife career change, returning to school isn’t always easy, but the rewards are many. It’s an honor to receive this award and I plan to use the funds to help me finish my studies.
Dr. Mark C. Fleming Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Annual Scholarship

Mark Fleming (UNC RCP Class of 1998) has made a generous gift and commitment to the UNC Chapel Hill Division of Rehabilitation Counseling & Psychology to fund the Dr. Mark C. Fleming Rehabilitation Counseling & Psychology Annual Scholarship. The Fleming Scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving student with financial need and promise for future clinical excellence. Dr. Fleming currently serves as the Director of Behavioral Health Services with Corizon, the largest healthcare company of its kind providing medical, mental health, and pharmacy services to state level department of corrections and county jail programs across the nation. Dr. Fleming’s areas of research interest and clinical expertise include trauma, severe mental illness, multicultural counseling, co-morbidity, the mental health needs of incarcerated individuals, the psychology of men, and an integrative approach to the mental health needs of his clients. Previously, Dr. Fleming served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Individual and Family Studies and as Assistant Director for the Center for Counseling and Student Development at the University of Delaware. Upon leaving the University of Delaware, He served as the Director for the Center for Counseling and Student Development at Coppin State University. Dr. Fleming received his B.A. in Psychology with a minor in African American Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds a M.S. in Rehabilitation Psychology and Counseling from UNC Chapel Hill. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University.

Melissa Martell Senior
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: During my undergraduate career I was given the opportunity to develop my passion for the field of psychology and my interests in developmental disabilities through personal, professional, and academic experiences. The amalgamation of these paths guided me to pursue a career in rehabilitation counseling and psychology. I look forward to helping individuals with disabilities every day reach their personal life goals through counseling. I am honored to be the recipient of the Mark Fleming Scholarship. This scholarship allows me to focus primarily on my academics, but also gives me the opportunity to volunteer for multiple organizations in the Triangle area.
**Richard H. Peters Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Annual Scholarship**

The Richard H. Peters Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Annual Scholarship was established by Jay Peters in loving memory of his father. Richard H. Peters was born in 1920, in Toledo, Ohio. He attended Scott High School and transferred to Hill School to complete his high school education. This prepared him for the challenges of Yale University, where he majored in political science. Mr. Peters attended graduate school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and earned his law degree. After passing his boards, he moved to Cincinnati and began work as a public defender. He eventually moved back to Toledo and practiced law until the time of his death in 2001. His son, Jay, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed his education as a Rehabilitation Counselor and Psychologist in 2000.

**Kelly Marie Nelson**  
*Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology*  
**Hometown:** Lafayette, Louisiana  
**Personal Statement:** Cognitive functioning has always fascinated me on a vocational level, but it affected me on a personal level in the summer of seventh grade when my grandmother died of Alzheimer’s disease only weeks after my uncle survived a left-hemisphere stroke. Although their loss of cognitive abilities progressed differently, the grief and emotional adjustments they experienced were very similar. I am interested in the rehabilitation of traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivors, as the cognitive and emotional consequences they face are comparable to what my grandmother and uncle underwent. These challenges associated with TBI can profoundly affect individuals’ quality of life, the key to a unique and fulfilling existence. Following graduation, I plan to work with survivors of TBI, particularly wounded warriors, on achieving their optimum cognitive and functional potential and on addressing the emotional adjustments to their disability. I am honored to receive the Richard H. Peters Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to fully engage in both the clinical and research experiences offered by the university. I am grateful to be able to continue pursuing a variety of academic and service opportunities that will enhance my education and, ultimately, enable me to better help others.

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**Arianna Timko**  
*Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology*  
**Hometown:** Homewood, Illinois  
*(Arianna’s personal statement is on page 9)*
Janice Rebecca Pettie Bowles Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship

The Janice Rebecca Pettie Bowles Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship was established through the generosity of Lauren Peyton Graves ('05) in memory of her aunt, Janice Rebecca Pettie Bowles. Born in 1956, Janice Rebecca Pettie Bowles graduated from Martinsville High School in Martinsville, Virginia, and attended Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond before transferring to Averett College (now Averett University) in Danville, Virginia. There, she received her BS in Education with endorsements in several core areas, such as mathematics and reading, and her MS in Curriculum and Instruction. She also earned an endorsement in administration and supervision from the University of Virginia. She worked in many capacities for the Martinsville City School System for 26 years, teaching special education and mathematics, serving as an educational diagnostician, and coordinating community outreach. She further demonstrated her love for teaching the youth in her community by frequently delivering the children’s sermon at her church. Janice’s journey in educating children ended with her passing in 2005. The creation of the Janice Rebecca Pettie Bowles Speech and Hearing Sciences Scholarship in Janice’s honor and memory will continue her legacy of dedication and love for teaching children.

Alisha Rose Harron
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Cape May, New Jersey
Personal Statement: Throughout my education, I have always aspired to work as a school-based speech-language pathologist within the public-school system. I enjoy working with school-aged children and appreciate the value in providing the best resources and skills for accessing the curriculum. Without adequate communication, children risk falling behind their peers and not achieving to the best of their ability. I hope to provide children with the functional skills and confidence needed to obtain the finest public education possible. Additionally, I aspire to work in a school setting that has a high population of mainstreamed children with various developmental disabilities due to my interest in a team-based approach. I value working collaboratively in therapy goals with professionals from other disciplines such as occupational and physical therapy in order to provide the best functional treatment. The receipt of this scholarship reduced the impact of school on my financial future. Thus, it will enable me begin devoting more of my earnings sooner towards purchasing additional therapy materials and attending continuing education conferences, and overall allow me to improve the quality of my education and treatment.
Dr. Sylvia Campbell Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship

The Dr. Sylvia Campbell Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship was established through the generosity of Gary Campbell in honor of his wife, Sylvia, as a surprise for her birthday. Dr. Sylvia Campbell earned an MS in speech and hearing sciences and an MS in Audiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1974 and 1977, respectively, and a PhD in speech and hearing sciences in 1993 from the University of Maryland, College Park. She is an active member of ASHA and was awarded the Certificate of Clinical Competence in 1974. Dr. Campbell helped organize and staff the Southeastern Speech and Hearing Center in Fayetteville, NC, and then served as the resident speech-language pathologist at the North Carolina Developmental Evaluation Clinics in Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, and Raleigh. From 2000 to 2006, she was an adjunct faculty member of the Graduate School of Human Development at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. In 2006, she joined the faculty of Kuwait University as an assistant professor in the newly established Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at the College for Women in Kuwait. There, she taught essential prerequisite and upper-level courses. She extended her commitment to the University of Kuwait for an additional academic year in order to teach several courses essential for graduation. She celebrates and challenges the first class of young Kuwaiti women who graduated in June 2008 as the first locally trained speech-language specialists.

Ann Marie Bartholomew
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My interest in languages, previous volunteer experiences, and exposure to family members receiving speech therapy all initially drew me to the field of speech-language pathology. I have an interest in bilingual speech-language pathology and previously participated in a community-based learning trip to Guatemala. I plan on returning to Guatemala this spring with the knowledge gained from my previous trip to interact with the local community and participate in bilingual speech therapy. After graduating, I hope to reach underserved populations struggling with communication disorders. I also have an interest in medical speech-language pathology and want to assist the ever growing number of older adults dealing with acquired language, dysphagia, voice, or cognitive disorders resulting from neurological injury or pathology. Aiding someone’s ability to communicate or to safely eat a regular diet continually inspires me and fuels my passion for this profession. Receiving this scholarship while pursuing my master’s degree eases some of the burden of supporting myself and allows me to further focus on my clinical and academic work. I am deeply honored and appreciative to receive this award.
Diversity Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology

The UNC Chapel Hill Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences Diversity Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology seeks to increase the number of students from under-represented groups pursuing a master’s degree in SLP. The goal is to enhance the racial, ethnic, linguistic, and gender diversity of our program and of the profession. The purpose of this fund is two-fold: 1) to increase the racial, ethnic, linguistic, and gender diversity of the SLP program by providing scholarships to students from under-represented groups; and 2) to support recruitment activities aimed at attracting individuals from under-represented groups to academic programs offered within the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences.

Camille LaVette Walton
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Alpharetta, Georgia
Personal Statement: I was a fifth grader in a noisy elementary school cafeteria when I learned I had a lisp. This sudden, unanticipated revelation thrust me into a whirlwind of self-consciousness. Never before had I realized my speech set me apart from the masses of budding students around me. Though good fortune spared me a great deal of ridicule, I remained acutely aware that I was, indeed, different, and no amount of good fortune would allow me to escape the embarrassment. As a headstrong adolescent, I made it my personal goal to rid myself of my speech disorder without the luxury of speech therapy. Although I worked to successfully remediate my disorder, the emotional effects remain indelibly etched in my childhood memories. Personal knowledge of the consequences of speech disorders in children shaped my desire to pursue a career in speech-language pathology and specialize in the areas of early intervention and school-based treatment. I hope to positively impact the lives of young children by giving them renewed confidence in their communication abilities. This generous financial contribution will help to propel me toward that goal, and I am extremely grateful and honored to accept this scholarship.

Sarah Lynette Ladd
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Wilson, North Carolina
(Sarah’s personal statement is on page 10)

The June C. Allcott Fellowships
Audiology Alumni Annual Scholarship

More than 30 Division of Speech and Hearing Science alumni and faculty members responded to the call to create the Division’s first AuD Annual Scholarship. Their gifts have been matched dollar-for-dollar through other contributions to the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences Advancement Fund. The new audiology scholarship will be offered for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years and will help ensure that our AuD program (which has risen to #6 in the most recent U.S. News and World Report ranking) has the resources it needs to maintain its record of excellence, attract the best applicants, and provide students with the best educational opportunities.

Cecil Grey Yeatts III
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Richmond, Virginia

Personal Statement: I stumbled into the field of audiology when I was a film student in an undergraduate galaxy far, far away… It was here I discovered a controversial documentary, titled “Sound and Fury,” featuring Cochlear Implants, Deaf Culture, and Sign Language. I was spellbound and have been ever since. My background is in youth development and outdoor education, so I’ve naturally gravitated towards pediatric audiology. One of my ultimate objectives is to help pass a national school-age hearing screening policy. I believe it is our obligation as ear health ambassadors to improve and protect the quality of life in our community. We can achieve this through proactive education of deleterious behaviors and early identification of potential hearing impairments; moreover school-age hearing screenings are the best way to accomplish early detection and remediation. I am grateful to have been awarded this scholarship, not only because it is truly an honor to have been selected by the faculty in my department, but also because it alleviates some of the financial burden of attending graduate school. Now I can afford more time to my studies and my overall educational experience.

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Kaitlyn Theresa Mortimer
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Millis, Massachusetts

(Kaitlyn’s personal statement is on page 9)
Rebecca Rule Womble Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship

The Rebecca Rule Womble Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years. The scholarship was established through the generosity of George Womble ('68) in honor of his wife Rebecca Rule Womble who graduated with MS Speech-Language Pathology in 1972 from the UNC-Chapel Hill Division of Speech Hearing Sciences. “I was so very glad George established the scholarship in my name, and I am glad to share this honor with my cousin Sally Rule Taylor in whose name we previously funded a scholarship,” said Rebecca. “It is wonderful to be able to ‘pay it forward’ since I myself was the recipient of a scholarship when I had the privilege of enrolling in the Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program at UNC, and subsequently graduated with the inaugural class. I have also greatly enjoyed serving on the Advisory Board to the Division and celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2010. Getting to know Dr. Peters and now Dr. Roush has been an honor and no doubt explains in part why this program has become one of the best in the country/world! My experience in the field was limited as other opportunities opened up for me including motherhood, women’s ministry, and mission work. But I know the incredible impact that the field of speech and hearing sciences can have and we delight in helping some deserving students pursue their calling.”

Sarah Salisbury Persia
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My interest in speech-language pathology began in my previous career, where I was working with chronic tracheostomy and ventilator patients. I decided to apply to graduate school in hopes of helping this population to be able to communicate. Just before I began the master’s program, my grandmother had a stroke that left her with a severe aphasia. Going through that experience with her led me to my research interest in aphasia and neurogenic communication disorders. This has become my passion in this field, and my hope is that I will continue to be able to help individuals like her throughout my career. I am honored to receive this award, which will allow me to continue to learn and research.

Adult Communications Disorders Annual Scholarship

The Adult Communications Disorders Annual Scholarship was established through the generosity of Amy Chaney Heffern ('86) and John Heffern ('83) for a student interested in any aspect of adult communication disorders. Amy received her BA in 1984 and MS in speech and hearing sciences in 1986, and John received a BA in economics in 1983 and an MBA from the Kenan-Flager Business School in 1988. Amy has a private practice serving adult clients in the Princeton, NJ, area, primarily contracting with University Medical Center at Princeton. She is also in the process of founding the Central New Jersey Laryngectomee Support Group in conjunction with the local American Cancer Society to provide support, education, and community outreach to individuals with laryngectomies and their families. John is a managing partner and senior portfolio manager at Chartwell Investment Partners in Philadelphia.
Christina Eugenia Bravo  
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences  
Hometown: Cary, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I aspire to be a compassionate, effective, and culturally sensitive speech-language pathologist. I would like to serve those with communication needs in the acute care hospital setting, specifically the growing Spanish-speaking population of North Carolina and abroad. My experience as a Cuban-American, along with my educational background in Spanish, allows me to effectively relate to Spanish-speaking communities. I have witnessed firsthand how the Hispanic community in North Carolina battles not only a language barrier, but also a cultural one. Developing countries such as Guatemala also struggle to provide speech and language services due to economic and educational barriers. I am committed to overcoming these barriers by improving the level of education and services offered in developing countries and providing quality care to Hispanics in North Carolina. This is a lofty, but attainable goal that I am confident I can personally contribute to. This scholarship will provide me not only with financial resources, but also the courage and confidence to transform my dreams and aspirations into realistic career goals.

Erica Janae Miller  
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences  
Hometown: Gastonia, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: As someone who has benefited from speech therapy, I know how integral speech-language pathology can be in someone’s life. I can vividly recall how unhappy I was prior to starting speech therapy; speaking was just so difficult for me. This difficulty speaking caused me to be a quiet, shy child; however, afterwards, I was a more confident and outgoing person. I strongly believe that the ability to communicate effectively is an essential human right. Personal experience, as well as a belief in the importance of effective communication, led me to this profession. I’m particularly interested in working with adults in a hospital setting. As a result of your generous contribution, I’ll be able to achieve this goal and become a member of the expanding speech-language pathology field. Additionally, this contribution will enable me to help others communicate more effectively, hopefully serving as an integral figure in the lives of others, just as my speech pathologist was for me.
Robert W. Peters Award

The Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences established the Robert W. Peters Award Fund to annually recognize a student who has demonstrated excellence in research. The award is named in honor of the late Professor Robert W. Peters, who joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina in 1969 and founded the Institute of Speech and Hearing Sciences, which later became a division in the Department of Allied Health Sciences. Dr. Peters chaired the academic program in speech and hearing until 1981 and taught coursework in psychoacoustics, fluency disorders, and research design. His research focused on auditory and speech perception, sensation and perception, and stuttering. He later became a professor at the University of Southern Mississippi where he served as Departmental Chair of Speech and Hearing Sciences and as Research Administrator for the University. In 1981 and 1982 he was a Visiting Research Scholar in the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University of Cambridge in England.

Alexandra Jeannine Cornejo
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I was drawn to the field of speech and language pathology because of my desire to help enhance the lives of people with severe disabilities. My experiences as a student clinician have honed my interest in pediatric feeding disorders, as well as therapy approaches for children with significant developmental disabilities like cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and Fragile X syndrome. My current research is focused on the nature, safety, and methods of feeding infants with cleft palate. In the future, I hope to specialize as a pediatric therapist for feeding disorders, and also specialize in providing assistive and augmentative communication technologies for severely disabled and non-verbal children. I believe research is essential to the field of speech-language pathology and there is so much yet to be discovered to promote excellence in therapy approaches. I am tremendously honored to be the 2011 recipient of the Robert W. Peters award. Through this award, I have been encouraged to press on in the work of research. I plan to continue to pursue my passion for research throughout my career.
Charlotte Money Beatty Memorial Scholarship

The family, friends, and colleagues of Charlotte Money Beatty created this scholarship in her loving memory after her passing in 1993. The scholarship is open to all students with particular attention being given first to minority students and second to students expressing a desire to pursue a career in pediatric physical therapy.

Christina Marie Lanzone

Division of Physical Therapy

Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina

Personal Statement: I have always had a passion for working with children. Whether I was babysitting, teaching swim lessons, lifeguarding, or coaching a swim team, I have always loved interacting with and trying to improve children’s lives. When I realized that I wanted to be a physical therapist, I wanted to incorporate my passion for pediatrics. One of the many reasons that I chose to attend UNC’s physical therapy program was its strength in pediatric physical therapy. In my first year, I have been able to participate in many unique pediatric opportunities, which have given me wonderful hands-on experience. I am currently finishing my first clinical rotation at a very rural clinic and hospital in the mountains of North Carolina, where there are no pediatric specialists. With the skills I have developed, I have been able to treat pediatric cases. For my next clinical rotation, I have been lucky enough to receive a clinical assignment in which I will be working with a pediatric PT who works for the school system. Thank you for the generous donation that will enable me to continue to pursue pediatric opportunities and further my skills and ability to help children with disabilities and injuries.

Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Scholarship of Excellence Award

Jennifer Anne Tooher

Division of Physical Therapy

Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

(Jennifer’s personal statement is on page 11)
The Dana Keef Calabrese Physical Therapy Annual Scholarship was established through the generosity of Dana Calabrese (’79) of Gastonia, NC. Dana received a BS in physical therapy from UNC Chapel Hill in 1979 and was a Margaret L. Moore Scholar. Initially working in orthopaedics, in 1980 she began specializing in the management of temporomandibular joint dysfunctions and continued in the field of dental physical therapy for the next 20 years. Ms. Calabrese coauthored “Clinical Evaluation of Physical Therapy in the Management of Internal Derangement of the Temporomandibular Joint,” with Dr. William S. Kirk, Jr. (Journal of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, 47:113-119, 1989). Married to John C. Calabrese, also a Carolina graduate, Dana has a daughter, Blair, and son, Wes, who recently graduated from UNC. The entire family enjoys Tar Heel camaraderie! While now retired and residing in Gastonia Dana remains deeply grateful for the rigorously valuable PT education she received at UNC.

Katie Elizabeth Volkerding
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Batavia, Ohio
Personal Statement: I was drawn to physical therapy for a number of reasons. I enjoy working with diverse patients, developing meaningful relationships, and helping others during the rehabilitative process. Throughout the DPT curriculum, I have gained experiences in various physical therapy settings. Outpatient orthopedics, particularly dance/sports medicine, is an area that I plan to pursue in the future. I am very excited to have been chosen for a performing arts physical therapy fellowship during my final clinical rotation next summer. I have been dancing since the age of seven, and I would love to blend my passion for the performing arts into my profession. As the recipient of the Dana Keef Calabrese Scholarship, I am truly honored. I will be forever grateful, as it is deeply rewarding that the Calabrese family and UNC alumni are actively supporting my educational and professional goals. I cannot overstate my thanks for their generosity.

Mabel M. Parker Physical Therapy Annual Scholarship
The Mabel M. Parker Physical Therapy Annual Scholarship was first established through the generosity of Gladys (’62) and Robert Hart for the 2007-08 academic year. Mabel Marie Parker was born in Cass County, Mich. She earned a baccalaureate degree from Western Michigan University, a graduate degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a professional degree in physical therapy at Duke University in 1957. Mabel specialized in treating patients with poliomyelitis, which was prevalent at the time. She practiced at Warm Springs, Ga., Variety Children’s Hospital in Miami, and in private practice in Orlando. She joined the faculty of the Division of Physical Therapy at the UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine and UNC Hospitals in 1959. Her career accomplishments at UNC included managing clinical education for students, developing a protocol for integrating public health principals into the curriculum, serving as the acting director of the program on two separate occasions, and co-directing a grant to develop a method to evaluate stroke patients. She found great joy in teaching and retired as Professor Emeritus in 1979. Mabel was a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), and recipient of several awards including the APTA’s prestigious Lucy Blair Award in 1982. She also authored several publications concerning clinical education. Mabel remained active in retirement, playing tennis, golf, and bridge and fishing, especially at Topsail Beach where she shared a sound-front home. She was also an avid sports observer and a great fan of UNC teams. Mabel died on January 18, 2011, in Chapel Hill at the age of 93.
The Vanessa Louise Hall Memorial Scholarship in Physical Therapy at UNC Chapel Hill

The Division of Physical Therapy received a very generous gift and commitment from Louise and Paul Hall of Durham to create a new endowed scholarship for physical therapy students in memory of their daughter Vanessa, who died tragically on February 11, 1998, from injuries sustained in an automobile wreck after being accepted into Carolina as a high school senior. Vanessa’s career goal at the time was to become either a physical therapist or a pediatrician. The first Vanessa Hall Scholarship was awarded for the 2009-10 academic year.

Donna Renne Dean  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** As I continue on my journey to complete my education in the Physical Therapy program, I have developed even more aspirations and pursuits in my future profession. I have continued to develop an interest in adult neurology as well as orthopedics related to the performing arts as I have a strong background in ballet. I intend to keep an open mind with every clinical assignment I receive and hope to learn everything I can about each area of this profession, as well as expand my understanding of many different patient populations. Regardless of my future specialty, I hope to learn how to connect with my patients on a personal and professional level in order to provide the treatment and care that is meaningful and considered beyond exceptional in this profession. This scholarship will make it easier for me to attend conferences to learn more about different areas and new techniques in this profession. It will also allow me to volunteer with physical therapists who share my passion for the arts, as I will now have the time and finances to travel beyond Chapel Hill.

Sarah Marie Kauk  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Saranville, Nebraska  
**Personal Statement:** I was drawn to the field of physical therapy by its mission of assisting people in the restoration of function. I enjoy the wide application of physical therapy and recognize that people from all walks of life can benefit from treatment. This includes people from rural communities. Rural health care is essential to maintaining a healthy and productive state. Unfortunately, people often fail to seek treatment when health care providers are not available close to home. Many health professionals opt for jobs in larger communities creating a shortage of health care providers, particularly physical therapists, in the rural communities of North Carolina. I understand and enjoy the lifestyle, values, and work ethic of rural America. I also recognize the unique needs of small communities. After successful completion of the DPT program, I desire to return to a rural community and use the skills I have been given to better the lives of the people around me. I want to give them access to care that would otherwise be unavailable. This scholarship will help ease the financial burden of the cost of education and assist me with this goal.
Ethan Tyler Chavis
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Pembroke, North Carolina
Personal Statement: In pursuing a career field, I was always drawn to health care where I could take my profession and use it for the glory of God. I decided to find a health field that fit me and that I could use as often as possible when doing mission work in and out of the states. Physical therapy really fit my character. I’ve had a speech impediment my whole life so I understand what it feels like to be physically impaired. I want people to be able to enjoy this great gift that God has given us, our bodies. I desire for people to know how to take care of themselves and to be able to help them maintain and regain full body functions before and after health issues arise. I plan to do some type of overseas mission work where I will teach people about the gospel of Jesus and also provide physical therapy to those people free of charge in the name of Christ. Getting a Doctorate in Physical Therapy and receiving this award has and will help me to achieve this conviction that God has laid on my heart.

Beverly Elizabeth Knight
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My choice to pursue physical therapy stemmed from various factors including my fascination with the human body and its ability to heal and the desire to help others return from injury and ultimately maintain a high quality way of life. Firsthand experience with family members needing physical therapy and the vast number of areas to specialize within physical therapy also attracted me to the field. At this point I am open to discovering the myriad of opportunities that physical therapy holds for me professionally. In whatever area I choose to focus, I look forward to one-on-one interactions with clients and encouraging them through their healing process. I also aspire to one day extend my knowledge and practice beyond the United States. The scholarships I have received are greatly appreciated because they lessen the financial burden of school and allow me to focus closely on my education and go forward to pursue my passion of helping others. Thank you for your generosity!

Diversity Scholarship in Physical Therapy

Betsy Crawford made a generous gift and commitment to the Division of Physical Therapy to create a new Diversity Scholarship in Physical Therapy, which seeks to increase the diversity of students pursuing physical therapy careers. We are also thankful to other alumni and friends who have already contributed to this fund. The Diversity Scholarship in Physical Therapy was first awarded to a deserving student for the 2008-09 academic year.
Kenneth C. Ngwu Jr.
Division of Physical Therapy

Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina

Personal Statement: Adversity is one of the most inevitable circumstances of life, and what matters is how one matures and grows stronger from the challenges he or she faces. Among the many various medical professions that exist, I believe physical therapists have the greatest lasting impact on a patient. As a career, physical therapy involves helping people regain function of common bodily movements we often take for granted. Patients undergoing physical therapy often have much to overcome and cannot do it alone. They depend on the physical therapist and the expertise that comes with the position. Receiving this scholarship will help me a lot as an aspiring physical therapist so that I can continue to explore my interests in physical therapy areas such as Multiple Sclerosis and sports physical therapy. I am very grateful to the individuals who have contributed to make this scholarship available for students like me who hope to one day make an impact on patients lives daily.

Meredith Taylor Reed
Division of Physical Therapy

Hometown: Atlantic Beach, North Carolina

Personal Statement: Witnessing, on a personal level, how physical therapy has helped others overcome struggles in their daily lives has had such a profound influence on my career path. Physical therapy offers relief to patients suffering from an array of ailments, treating each in a manner specific to their case. Having the opportunity to improve patients’ quality of life, whether they have a physical disability, need post-surgical rehabilitation, or even as a less invasive alternative to surgery, is definitely an aspect of the field that I look forward to the most. After graduating and obtaining licensure, I plan to practice in the field and gain experience with a diverse patient population. Eventually, I plan on opening up my own clinic in an underserved area in eastern North Carolina. Being able to combine my talents by offering access to care while having the opportunity to give back to my community is a long-term goal I wish to accomplish.
G. Wayne and Tanya B. Long Annual Scholarships in Physical Therapy

G. Wayne and Tanya B. Long of Wilmington have made commitments to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to support UNC physical therapy and nursing students. The Longs, who own Well Care LLC, a Wilmington-based home health care company, created the G. Wayne and Tanya B. Long Annual Scholarships in Physical Therapy. Selection is based on financial need and outstanding scholastic achievement, with preference given to students interested in a career in home health care. The scholarship was first awarded for the 2009-2010 academic year. The Longs each graduated from UNC in 1978. Wayne earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and Tanya majored in sociology.

Alicia Lauren Kinsey
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Orlando, Florida
Personal Statement: A love for science, a desire to work with people, and a respect for the human body are a few of the things that drew me to the field of physical therapy. I love that I have the opportunity to make a living by restoring people’s function. My clinical interests currently are in the outpatient clinical setting, with a focus in manual therapy. I desire to further the profession of physical therapy through advocacy and by educating health care professionals and people in the community about physical therapy. My goal as a physical therapist is to improve the quality of life of those in my community and be a contributing professional in the state of North Carolina. I chose to attend the program at UNC for its great reputation and wealth of resources, but unfortunately my doctoral program comes at a high financial cost. This award will assist me in achieving my career aspirations by relieving the burden I currently have from student loans. The scholarship will allow me more freedom in job selection following graduation, where I can focus more on the job setting rather than the highest salary.

Carly Christine Laper
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Personal statement: I chose the field of Physical Therapy because of my own personal and family experiences through injuries and illnesses. I want to make sure that everyone has the chance to have the quality of life they desire and deserve. In my future career, I hope to specialize in neuro-rehabilitation, and more specifically stroke patients, to help them achieve the gains that may be possible on the road to recovery. I am not sure if I want to spend my time in the acute, long-term, or outpatient setting, but I am sure I will do some of each in order to gain a more well rounded view of recovery. I want to use my knowledge to help those that may not be able to afford prolonged health care so that everyone may have the option of reaching their highest degree of functioning. A scholarship means so much to me right now. It means that I can spend less time working to help pay for school and more time volunteering my time in a variety of settings ranging from health care to general community activities. I would like to thank those involved in awarding me the scholarship.
Leigh Anne McLaughlin  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Fayetteville, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I entered the profession of physical therapy with a desire to help others achieve their highest quality of life and mobility. As part of our curriculum I was assigned to work at a public school for children with disabilities. I began each day with a smile and eagerly looked forward to a full and exhausting day of work with the kids. I aspire to build a career as a pediatric physical therapist and hope to make a difference in the lives of high risk infants and toddlers and those with developmental disabilities. I also hope to broaden my horizons through service trips abroad and in rural North Carolina providing help to those with less than adequate access to healthcare. As the recipient of this scholarship I plan to carry on the tradition of giving to others through community service and health outreach. The James and Evelyn Fowler Physical Therapy Scholarship is a blessing and I am grateful for the donor’s investment in my academic pursuits.

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The Class of 1964 Physical Therapy Annual Scholarship  

The Class of 1964 Physical Therapy Annual Scholarship is awarded to a deserving Carolina Physical Therapy student through the generosity of Miriam Danzey and other members of the Class of 1964.

Jesse Kowalski  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Waxahachie, Texas  
**Personal Statement:** I am deeply honored and incredibly grateful to receive this award. Thank you for your kind generosity and the contribution you have made to my education. I only hope I can make as much of an impact on those I will encounter in the future. My hope is to bring strength, healing, and joy to as many children as I can by becoming a pediatric physical therapist. I want to use my hands and the wonderful knowledge and skills I am learning here at UNC to help children with disabilities achieve all that they physically can. I love this field and was drawn to it due to its unique and rewarding qualities, such as the ability to change the lives of others, and the personal nature of the care it provides. And I am one of the lucky ones who never lost the ability to treasure roaring like a dinosaur, singing *Old McDonald Had a Farm*, or being covered with sticky yogurt kisses by amazing little ones. I never cease to be amazed by the resilience of children and the unconditional love they exude. I hope that like them, I never forget to put my heart into everything I do and to embrace each day I get to take another breath (and every patient I get to treat) with open arms and a big smile.
The Judy A. White Professional Development Fund was established in 2006 by an anonymous donor to promote the professional growth and development of Carolina Physical Therapy students and faculty members in honor of long-time faculty member Judy White. In choosing the Judy A. White Professional Development Award recipients each year, the division director gives preference to candidates who share Judy White’s tireless commitment to the profession of physical therapy.

**Judy A. White Professional Development Awards**

Established by Amy and Daniel Gitterman in honor of their resilient son Max and daughter Claire, the Gitterman Pediatric Physical Therapy Award is presented annually to a student who is studying pediatrics in the physical therapy graduate program. The award includes guided mentorship in the study of pediatrics.

**Max and Claire Gitterman Pediatric Physical Therapy Student Scholar Award**

Established by Amy and Daniel Gitterman in honor of their resilient son Max and daughter Claire, the Gitterman Pediatric Physical Therapy Award is presented annually to a student who is studying pediatrics in the physical therapy graduate program. The award includes guided mentorship in the study of pediatrics.

**Elisabeth Paige Kensrue**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Tampa, Florida  
**Personal Statement:** In physical therapy, there are many different areas of specialty, and pediatrics has most definitely sparkled my interest from the beginning. The thought of giving children with neurological ailments a chance to walk, eat, and play independently and improving the quality of the rest of their lives inspires me to become the best clinician I can be. With this generous contribution of financial aid and pediatric mentorship and experience, I will be able to further pursue my passion of working with kids and take advantage of amazing opportunities in the world of neurological pediatric physical therapy. I hope to fully absorb the knowledge of amazing physical therapists currently intervening in the lives of kids every day.

**Megan Jo Eyler**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Davidson, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I am truly fortunate to be part of such an amazing field. Physical therapy is both challenging and humbling and the UNC DPT program is granting me knowledge and skills that will allow me to make a difference in the lives of my future patients. I was drawn to physical therapy after shadowing as an undergraduate. From my experiences, I realized how rewarding it is for both patient and therapist, and the positive lifelong impacts physical therapy can have on a person’s quality of life. I have enjoyed working with underserved populations of North Carolina and hope that I will get the opportunity to serve those abroad as well. I feel honored and privileged to be a recipient of the Judy White Professional Development Award. Our ever-changing health care environment makes it an exciting time to be part of the physical therapy profession and this scholarship will allow me to attend professional conferences and to enhance my academic endeavors. Thank you very much for investing in my aspirations to become an excellent physical therapist!
Chrisitina Marie Lanzone  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Raleigh, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I am currently attending my first clinical rotation and one of the things that I have enjoyed most is speaking with students from other physical therapy programs. I am lucky to have met several different students from different programs and love comparing curriculum and techniques for everything from evaluation to treatment. This makes me realize that I would love to attend conferences and meet other physical therapy students and physical therapists. Also, I love representing the profession of physical therapy, as well as the DPT program at UNC Chapel Hill, to which I am so grateful for my education and all of the wonderful experiences it has afforded me. Thank you for your generous donation that will allow me to continue to meet other physical therapy students and physical therapists and to represent the profession and UNC Chapel Hill as best I can.

Natalie Catherine Lawler  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** The simple request of many patients entering a physical therapy clinic or rehab program is returning to normal. What does normal really mean? For so many people, normal consists of everyday activities that bring them pure and simple joy. Normal means the continuity of life at a manageable and enjoyable pace. Physical therapy is a profession that focuses on restoration to normalcy. Part of what drew me to this field is the compassion within a PT’s eyes, the healing in their hands, and a genuine passion for easing pain. PT is one of the few professions that asks the patient what his or her goals are and caters the program to those goals. Whether it is line dancing or household chores, each goal is attended to. If one treatment technique does not work, another is attempted, until the patient’s quality of life has improved or those goals are reached. The one-on-one time with each patient is crucial to ensure proper healing. I will strive to bring healing to each patient by devoting my life to this profession. I hope this award will broaden my abilities to further my education to be the most skilled and knowledgeable PT for my patients.

Donna Renne Dean  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, North Carolina  
*(Donna’s personal statement is on page 39)*
Physical Therapy MS Curriculum Scholarships

The MS Society of Eastern North Carolina established the Physical Therapy MS Scholarship for students who will specialize in working with individuals with Multiple Sclerosis. Students take coursework that focuses on clinical practice in all areas of physical therapy. Course projects focused on issues that affect patients with MS may be integrated into various courses, including Musculoskeletal II, Neuromuscular I and II, Motor Control, Measurement and Functional Assessment, Differential Diagnosis, and Management.

Cari Eicher
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Cary, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I would like to extend my greatest appreciation to the National MS Society, Eastern North Carolina Chapter, for the opportunity to be a part of this challenging and rewarding scholarship program. I intend to represent the UNC Chapel Hill Division of Physical Therapy enthusiastically, professionally, and compassionately. I am both honored and excited to be able to participate in this unique experience to gain more knowledge in neurologic rehabilitation for patients with MS. This scholarship will allow me to take advantage of opportunities to further my education including: attending National MS Society meetings and conferences, participating in clinical affiliations specific to patients with MS, additional coursework, research, and community outreach. In the future I hope to apply the knowledge and experience gained from this program to improve the quality of life of individuals with MS both in the clinic, and by getting involved with new research.

April Marian Fay
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am honored and excited to be a part of the Multiple Sclerosis track in the UNC Chapel Hill Physical Therapy program. There is a serious need for health care professionals that understand the complexity involved in the MS diagnosis and that can share the knowledge with colleagues, patients, and families of patients with MS. I plan to study the disease in depth, get to know more patients with MS, advocate in the community, work with neurologists, and participate in meetings and activities with the MS Society to develop my understanding of the role physical therapists have in the management of MS. This generous award from the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the MS Society will enable me to expand upon my skills and learn more about the treatment of MS and how to empower those with the disease to manage their lives. I genuinely appreciate this opportunity to specialize my focus in physical therapy in preparation for serving North Carolina as a leader in the treatment of MS.
Jennifer Anne Tooher  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Atlanta, Georgia  
**Personal Statement:** It is such an honor to have been chosen as a Multiple Sclerosis Scholar. Being provided this unique opportunity to learn about and serve the MS patient population, I plan to become a neurologic physical therapist and work in outpatient neurology at a hospital, focusing on patients with MS. As a leader, I hope to take on more responsibility within neurology and eventually become a manager or director of PT services. Physical therapy integrates the science of the body with the psychological aspects of recovery and the social dimension of patient interaction, and I am excited to continue developing my knowledge and understanding of MS and neurologic physical therapy as an MS scholarship recipient.

Elizabeth Carlton Waddell  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Lewisville, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I am delighted to be selected for the UNC Chapel Hill Physical Therapy Multiple Sclerosis Scholarship and am excited by the opportunities and challenges the scholarship provides. This invaluable experience allows me to focus on neuromuscular physical therapy, which I find immensely rewarding and interesting. As I progress through the MS curriculum, I will utilize the wealth of resources the program provides to enhance my education. The immersion into studying MS will prepare me to meet the needs of patients with MS and to share this knowledge with my classmates and community. I am thankful for this collaboration between the UNC Division of Physical Therapy and the National MS Society, Eastern NC Chapter. As a MS Scholar, I am fortunate to be involved with others that are passionate about their work. Collectively, we will improve patient care, advocacy, and awareness of MS. I have the upmost gratitude to those that have made this scholarship possible and I am committed to giving back to the community.
Rose Hamm (UNC PT Class of 1969) has made a generous gift and commitment to the UNC Chapel Hill Division of Physical Therapy to fund the Rose and Dave Hamm Annual Scholarship for Clinical Excellence in Physical Therapy. The Hamm Scholarship is awarded annually to an in-state student with financial need and promise for future clinical excellence in the physical therapy profession. The scholarship honors Dr. Hamm’s late husband, David Hamm, Jr., MD, whom she met on an airplane in 1972 when both were bound for a medical conference in Hawaii. Dr. Hamm, who graduated from University of Southern California Medical School, became one of the first Board Certified Internists in Long Beach, Calif. Dr. Hamm became well known for his genuine, compassionate care, his diagnostic skills, and his integrity with all medical personnel with whom he worked. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rose, four children (Greg and David Hamm, Vicki Johnson, and Heather Rohrer), seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Dr. Hamm, who was an accomplished violinist, enjoyed music of all types, golf (especially on the North Carolina courses), and reading. Rose Hamm is currently an Assistant Professor of Clinical Physical Therapy at the Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy, Ostrow School of Dentistry, University of Southern California.

Kathryn Hannah Pegg
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Personal Statement: To receive a scholarship based on clinical excellence is especially important to me because of what it represents—a conscious effort day in and day out to provide patients with the highest quality of care. My personal affirmation is that I not only want to become a physical therapist, but I also want to become a leader in the realm of orthopedic and aquatic therapy so that I am able to serve others to the best of my ability in order to maximize physical rehabilitation. I have a true passion for helping others and I hope that this passion will one day carry over to my clinical practice in a very evident and transmittable manner. I am not only honored to receive this award, but I am also inspired and encouraged to continue striving for clinical excellence during my final year in the DPT program and as I enter into the professional world.

Meredith Taylor Reed
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
(Taylor’s personal statement is on page 12)
Louis and Eleanor Duquette Human Movement Science Annual Scholarship

The Duquette scholarship is awarded to a deserving PhD student who is enrolled in UNC Chapel Hill’s Doctoral Program in Human Movement Science. The Louis and Eleanor Duquette Human Movement Science Scholarship was established through the generosity of Colonel Thomas L. Duquette, a 1991 graduate of the HMS program, in honor of his parents. Louis and Eleanor Duquette of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, are native New Englanders who instilled the virtues of hard work and the value of education in all their children. Now retired from their successful hardware business, Louis and Eleanor continue to lead active lives.

Sakiko Oyama
Human Movement Science Program
Hometown: Nagoya (city), Aichi (prefecture), Japan
Personal Statement: It was a fascination with athletic injuries, which I developed through playing sports when I was young in my home country of Japan, that lead me to study athletic training in the United States. Since then, my fascination has grown stronger and has led me to study the application of biomechanics and motor control in the prevention of athletic injuries in the Interdisciplinary Program of Human Movement Science at UNC Chapel Hill. My plan after graduation is to pursue a career in higher education. As a scholar, my goal is to help prevent pitching-related upper extremity injuries in youth and high school baseball players. As an educator, I hope to inspire students to think and learn beyond what is taught in the classroom and apply those concepts to real life settings. It is such an honor to be a recipient of the Louis and Eleanor Duquette Human Movement Science Scholarship as it is great motivation for me to continue to pursue my career goals.

UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

Amanda Elizabeth Martin
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Etowah, North Carolina
(Amanda’s personal statement is on page 8)
A $757,000 bequest from the estate of L’Vir Sande of Salisbury established the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship Fund in Physical Therapy at UNC Chapel Hill in 2002, allowing the division to offer scholarships to prospective students. Income from the fund—established in honor of Sande’s wife, Rebecca—produces scholarships awarded annually to physical therapy students with financial need. Mr. Sande was a pioneer in radiologic medicine and was widely published in that field. In the late 1980s, he became physically incapacitated and received physical therapy. It was this experience, coupled with a love of the Carolina campus and its students, that led him to designate the scholarship for physical therapy.

**Daniel Blackmon**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Greenville, South Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** My decision to pursue a career as a physical therapist began in my final semester as an undergraduate student. While participating in a club sport, I suffered a knee injury that required surgery and physical rehabilitation. This was a painful but enjoyable experience and opened my eyes to a career I had previously never considered. It soon became my passion to help others return to the activities and lifestyles that they had enjoyed prior to or, in spite of, their own physical limitations. The Sande scholarship helped turn my dreams into reality and helped ease my financial burden as an out-of-state student. It is an honor and a privilege to be awarded this scholarship, and I am extremely grateful for it. I am so thankful that these opportunities exist for students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and I will always be mindful that my selection for this scholarship was not only a monetary gift, but also a statement of confidence in my abilities to successfully complete my education and use what I have learned as a physical therapist.

**Jessica Louise Burpee**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Griffin, Georgia  
**Personal Statement:** My decision to enter the field of physical therapy was driven by my desire to work in a profession focused on optimizing the quality of life for individuals. The goals I wish to pursue as a physical therapist include practicing physical therapy in areas with underdeveloped health care systems and working to expand the profession internationally by sharing my skills with health care providers in developing nations. I believe the need for rehabilitation services in many places far exceeds the care that is available. Thus, there is a great need for increasing the quality and availability of physical therapy clinics and education programs in underserved areas within the United States and other nations. By pursuing a career in physical therapy, I hope to develop or advance rehabilitation services within remote and/or impoverished communities, as well as advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, and promote physical therapy as a primary health care service. The Sande Scholarship has provided me a means to pursue these aspirations, and I am extremely thankful to the donors for their generosity.
Jaime Lynn Emel  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Downingtown, Pennsylvania  
**Personal Statement:** Throughout my academic career, I always harbored a fascination for and amazement with the human body. I knew at a very early age that I would be most fulfilled in a medical profession, and after many shadowing experiences during my undergraduate education, I found physical therapy to be a perfect fit. Physical therapy clicked for me when I observed my first pediatric therapy session. I loved it so much that I went on to spend hundreds of hours volunteering in a school-based therapy setting. I have a passion for pediatric physical therapy unlike any other I have experienced; it brings me joy and fulfillment. I plan to use the knowledge I gain during my physical therapy education at UNC Chapel Hill to heal, motivate, and encourage children with developmental disabilities and hopefully prepare them for a healthy future. I am extremely grateful to have received the Sande Scholarship to help fulfill my dreams. This generous gift will allow me to become the best therapist I can be and provide care for others throughout my life.

Megan L. Christiansen  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Raleigh, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** During high school, I greatly enjoyed working one-on-one as a peer tutor in biology. The experience combined my love of science with a growing desire to use my own knowledge to help others succeed. When I began undergrad, I looked for a career that would allow me to continue this combination, and found a match in physical therapy. The career provided an outlet for creativity, required effective communication, and allowed me to use my expertise to help others achieve their full potential, one at a time. Currently I am interested in pursuing outpatient orthopedic PT, and would like to work with a variety of patients including athletes, stroke rehabilitation, geriatrics, and pediatrics. Being awarded the Sande Scholarship will allow me to focus far less on the stress of how I will be able to pay for grad school, and more on learning the material which will someday allow me to give my patients top quality care.

Beverly Elizabeth Knight  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Raleigh, North Carolina  
(Beverly’s personal statement is on page 40)
Brandon Michael Hall  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Randleman, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I am greatly honored to be working toward the completion of my Doctorate of Physical Therapy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The knowledge I have gained through the program so far will enable me to give high quality care to the patients I will serve in the future. During my summer clinical rotation, I was able to apply my experience from school in a workplace atmosphere. I worked with a variety of patients, from the elderly to the physically challenged, and each endeavor was met with great success. I was able to participate in the Constraint Induced Manual Therapy Camp this summer and volunteered to help a child with diplegic cerebral palsy perform aquatic exercises. I now work with a child who has dyspraxia. I have been able to execute these tasks with confidence with the knowledge that I have gained through this university. Improving the quality of life for others was a goal I set for myself during my high school years, and I believe I am on the road to fulfilling this aspiration. I would like to thank you for your charitable contribution toward my education. I feel I am very blessed to have received the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship.

Michael Steven Essa II  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Greensboro, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** As an athletic trainer I have been fortunate to help many high caliber athletes recover from various orthopedic injuries. Though this line of work continues to be rewarding, it pales in comparison to the impact a physical therapist can have on a patient’s life. I hope to pursue a career in sports physical therapy and outpatient orthopedics that will allow me to work with a variety of patient populations, both old and young. Restoring activities of daily living and developing strategies that allow people to live more productive, happy lives offers both a challenge and feeling of satisfaction that few other fields provide. The generosity of the Sande family has made my career change possible and has given me an opportunity to make an impact on the health care needs of North Carolinians. I am extremely excited to make a difference in people’s lives and thankful for the chance to do so!
**Aisha Jacasta Jones**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Wilson, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** This scholarship aids me in my journey to become a physical therapist, a dream I have had since I was in high school. I am in the third year of my program and it is a great feeling knowing that I am one step closer to completing a major milestone of my life. I have a passion for physical therapy, service, and the geriatric community. In addition to completing my DPT degree next August, I am working on completing the Certificate in Aging program. With the knowledge and experience that I gain from these two programs, I intend on practicing and servicing all populations, but with a special interest in geriatrics. During my past clinical rotations, I have had the opportunity to work in rural and underserved populations. When I graduate, I intend to find a job in an underserved area because I feel that older adults in these types of areas are greatly in need of our services.

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**Angela Diane Lauten**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Kernersville, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** My interest in physical therapy stemmed from a long fascination with and deep appreciation for the mechanics of the human body and its ability to heal itself. Being a gymnast for sixteen years, I had personally experienced many hours of therapy and rehabilitation. My curiosity was officially sparked as I progressed throughout my collegiate years as a varsity athlete—I realized I had a vested interest not only in the practicum of healing, but also in the quality of life that was enabled by my providers. And so physical therapy has become one of the outlets by which I seek to serve others. My goal is to use the gifts I’ve been given to channel healing, encouragement, and hope in my patients. Not only do I hope to serve within the state, but I also aspire to take my education overseas, giving basic and often life-saving health care to those in need. The Sande Scholarship continues to play a vital role in my education and is spurring me on in this incredible journey. I am so grateful for this gift and I look forward to all the opportunities this scholarship will afford me.
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Meredith Taylor Reed  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Atlantic Beach, North Carolina  
(Taylor’s personal statement is on page 41)

Jessica L. Rolle  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Boyds, Maryland  
**Personal Statement:** From an early age, I knew I wanted to work in health care in some capacity. It wasn’t until I took anatomy and physiology in college that physical therapy started to become a stronger interest of mine. I fell in love with how the human body is put together, both structurally and functionally. I had found something I was truly passionate about. Physical therapy is a fabulous combination of both the science behind human movement and the more personal component of working with patients one-on-one. It is a demanding career, but one that is immensely rewarding as well. At this point in time, I anticipate working in either a neurologic or orthopedic setting when I graduate. There are many opportunities for physical therapists and I am looking forward to exploring my options for the future. I am incredibly grateful for the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship, as it is allowing me to focus more on learning to be a great therapist rather than the necessary finances that go along with it.

Ryan Christopher Rubio  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Greensboro, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I chose to pursue a career in physical therapy because I am fascinated by the workings of the human body and what it takes to keep it healthy and functional. I want to further expand my knowledge and use it to enhance both my life as well as the lives of people who are suffering. I take great pleasure in seeing the improvements people make as a result of physical therapy, and I want to dedicate my life to helping them overcome their limitations and achieve their goals. Receiving this scholarship was a great honor not only because it helps me financially in my career path, but also because it reminds me that others believe that I have what it takes to be successful, and that is an inspiration. It signifies that UNC Chapel Hill has put its faith in me, and I will work every day, both while in school and in my future practice, to do this institution proud.
Kendall Nicole Schlossberg  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I am honored to be completing my graduate degree in Physical Therapy here at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As I approached year two of the program, I couldn’t help but reflect upon what brought me to UNC and to the profession of PT. Each step in this journey has solidified my commitment to the profession and to bettering the lives of others in any way possible. I am extremely grateful to have been the recipient of the Sande Scholarship for 2011-2012. As a student who has had to support myself entirely throughout my college experience, my appreciation is beyond words. I am the only member of my family to have gone to college, let alone graduate school. For students like myself, who do not have a traditional support system, the opportunity to receive help such as the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship means more than just monetary relief. Rather, it means dreams can come true and aspirations can finally be attained. Thank you very much for your generous contribution to my professional development.