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AT THE RIZZO CENTER IN CHAPEL HILL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012
Dear Distinguished Guests,

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to thank you for attending the Department of Allied Health Sciences sixth 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
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UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

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.

Leanda Donaie  
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science  
Hometown: Choiseul, St. Lucia  
Personal Statement: I always wanted a career in the medical field, so my original plan was to obtain a degree in biology or chemistry and use that as a basis for my career path. After spending my first year at UNC taking biology and other science classes, I realized that I was gaining the knowledge about various topics, but even with laboratory classes I was not effectively applying what I was learning. Then I learned about Clinical Laboratory Science. CLS offered all the challenges I expected in classes and what I aspired to have in a career. To work in a setting that provides information to guide patients to a better health status and recovery has always been of the utmost importance to me. My degree in CLS will provide me with the skills and knowledge I need to help patients and their families, and also serve as a foundation for me specializing in either microbiology or therapeutic drug monitoring. I am so grateful to have been chosen for the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship. This scholarship will not only help me financially, but such a gift continues to inspire me to give back in whatever way I can. So I want to say a special thank you to the Volunteer Association members for their generosity and inspiration.

Gabrielle Scronce  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Vale, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I am often reminded in the classroom and in the clinic how physical therapy combines my love of science, people, and community service into a career that enables individuals to reach their highest functional and health potentials. The field of physical therapy is continuously growing and improving, and my goal as a professional is to contribute to the field’s advancements in rehabilitation. I am also dedicated to sharing my skills and services with people who are medically underserved, and I am grateful to be a physical therapy student at UNC Chapel Hill where faculty and students work side by side as volunteers. Receiving the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship enables me to share more of my time in service to others, and I am thankful to the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association for their investment and support of my academic and volunteering pursuits.

UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

Melissa Martell Senior  
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology  
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: Growing up with family members with disabilities really brought my attention to the field of rehabilitation counseling and this experience also provided me a unique perspective for my current studies. In my sophomore year of my undergraduate education, I began working with children with autism spectrum disorder and it was then I decided to dedicate my life to helping individuals with disabilities. This past year in the Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program, I advanced my knowledge of helping individuals with disabilities in a variety of settings. I have also increased my passion for helping individuals with disabilities specifically in educational settings. Along these lines, my research interests include evaluating the transition process of students with autism spectrum disorders from high school to postsecondary education environments. My future professional ambitions involve helping students with disabilities reach their desired goals in a college or university setting. I am beyond grateful for receiving the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship. This award allows me to focus on my educational and professional goals as well as participate in all of UNC’s amazing opportunities.

Christina Shoaf  
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences  
Hometown: Saint Paul, Minnesota  
Personal Statement: My interest in speech-language pathology began in my previous career as a mental health practitioner working with children and young adults with autism spectrum disorders. I witnessed the impact of communication difficulties on the lives of my clients and their families daily. I was always astounded at the way a speech-language pathologist could alleviate much of the distress associated with a communication disorder. I felt so inspired by the expertise of these professionals that I decided to apply to graduate school in hopes of helping individuals with autism and developmental disabilities communicate. Upon receiving my graduate degree, I plan to work in a clinical or school setting with children with autism and their families. I want to perform comprehensive evaluations and to design appropriate treatment programs in collaboration with a team that includes families and related professionals. I would also like to use my proficiency in Spanish and my past experiences working with socio-culturally diverse families to open up any cultural or linguistic barriers to therapeutic intervention. Receiving this fellowship will help me move closer to achieving these goals, and I am extremely grateful and honored to accept this award.
UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

Angela Huynh Vuong  
Division of Radiologic Science  
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: Entering college, Radiologic Science was never in my plans–I was going to pursue a degree in chemistry and apply directly to medical school. After a conversation with a friend in the program, I realized that the Radiologic Science program was a good opportunity for me. I could leave crazy chemistry behind and gain clinical experience and knowledge that I could immediately apply inside and outside of the medical setting. Looking back on all that I have already learned in just the past year and a half, I realize that applying to 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 UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship. To be chosen as the recipient of this award from the many applicants who are just as deserving is truly uplifting. With this fellowship, I am excited to continue my education in the medical field while relieving some of the financial burden on my parents and allowing me to focus on my education.

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 to students who demonstrate exemplary, ongoing, and first-hand service.

Meg Ferrell Proctor  
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy  
Hometown: Jackson, Mississippi  
Personal Statement: The field of occupational therapy holds great promise for individuals who encounter barriers to participation in meaningful activity. We help people who have injuries, illnesses, and disabilities to participate more fully in their lives and communities. However, in the current climate of our health care industry, there is the risk that occupational therapy will not reach the people who need our services the most. My commitment as a future occupational therapist is to uphold the World Federation of Occupational Therapy’s declaration that occupation is a human right. I will strive to provide broad, holistic programming to groups of people such as refugees, prisoners, people with long-term disabilities, and individuals from systemically oppressed racial and economic groups. I believe that this affirms my own humanity as well as the humanity and full potential of the people with whom I work, ultimately enriching and sustaining our lives and communities. This generous fellowship will help me to continue to engage my community in meaningful ways while I pursue my degree and licensure in occupational therapy.

The June C. Allcott Fellowships

Negat Negussie-Retta  
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology  
Hometown: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Personal Statement: I was born and raised in Ethiopia, a country that has captured international attention during times of drought and famine. It is a place where the majority of the population falls below international poverty lines and many make less than a dollar a day. Seeing such destitution daily overwhelms you, but it also fuels the desire to make a change in your community. Growing up with certain privileges such as a roof over your head, three meals a day, and clothes on your back pushes you to pay your blessings forward. My decision to pursue a career in rehabilitation counseling and psychology stemmed from my desire to help others. I grew up observing the plight of the mentally ill population and I have also worked and researched in the mental health field for more than three years. This has given me the drive to improve the current standards of client-centered care services regionally as well as internationally. I always strive to live by the principle “the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others,” and that is why I am so honored to be the recipient of the June C. Allcott Fellowship. I can only hope to live up to the namesake of this award.

Brianne Elisabeth Shelly  
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology  
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: Exactly 26 months ago, I became involved in an organization called Building Tomorrow, a national non-profit organization that raises money and awareness for the need for schools in Uganda. I am proud to say that I have helped to build UNC’s first school in Kidula, Uganda, and I am forever grateful to Building Tomorrow because without them, I would not be here today receiving the June C. Allcott Fellowship. I find it highly ironic that helping to provide an education for generations of children in Uganda has enabled me to further my own education on how to counsel people to achieve a healthy lifestyle. If you’ve ever taken one of my cycle classes, you know I love to motivate and challenge people to get fit and take out their daily stressors on a bike. I am determined to show America that counseling people with exercise is one of the best ways to overcome stress, anxiety, depression, a variety of eating disorders, and many more issues that we all face. I’m looking forward to continuing to promote Building Tomorrow’s dreams and attaining my own educational dreams over the next two years as well as developing an intervention to get America moving.
Thorpe / Mitchell Diversity Leadership Development Awards
The Thorpe / Mitchell Diversity Leadership Development Award honors Dr. Robert Thorpe and Mrs. Brenda Mitchell. Dr. Thorpe served as a mentor to countless students and faculty members as a professor in the Division of Radiologic Science from 1973 to 2007. He was Associate Chair/AHEC Director in the Department of Allied Health Sciences from 1986 to 2001. Mrs. Brenda Mitchell, who currently serves as the Associate Chair for Student Services, has been AHEC Operations Director for the Department of Allied Health Sciences since 2001. She has also been a faculty member in the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences since 1996. Dr. Thorpe and Mrs. Mitchell, the co-founding donors of this award, are passionate about mentoring and encouraging others to excel and achieve their highest goals.

Crystal Lynnette McCullough
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina
Personal Statement: It was my first year here at Carolina when I learned of the Clinical Laboratory Science program and all of the benefits it had to offer. After attending interest meetings, reading information about the program, speaking with various professors in the program, and taking an introductory course to CLS, I became even more enthralled with the idea of discovering treatments and vaccines for patients. After having the luxury of shadowing a scientist at UNC Hospitals, I confirmed on that day that CLS was the profession I wanted to pursue. I am extremely grateful and honored to have been accepted into this program and selected as a 2012-13 recipient of the Thorpe/Mitchell Diversity Leadership Development Award. With this enormous blessing, I will strive to perform to the utmost of my ability and represent CLS and this illustrious university well. The skills I learn will be applied not only for the advancement of my future, but also to help people and give back to those who are misrepresented within the realm of health care.

Allison Santana
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Personal Statement: In my earlier years, I thought of clinical laboratory testing as a rather “black-boxed” process. I would have medical tests sent off to the laboratory and trusted that the results that came back were accurate. I became interested in the field of Clinical Laboratory Science when I took a microbiology lab course and I observed that great care must be taken in order to produce accurate results. This is important because those awaiting their results on the diagnosis or treatment of their disease place a great deal of trust in those performing the diagnostic testing. To be able to study Clinical Laboratory Science is both an encouragement and a blessing. My hope is to excel in this program and to use this as a foundation of knowledge that will enable me to give back to my community in a useful and interesting way. My passions span across the disciplines, and this course of study will certainly enable me to be of service to my community in this field and beyond.

The Medical Alumni Association Loyalty Fund Scholarships
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 2012-13 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.

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

Danielle Ashley Drum
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina
(Danielle’s personal statement is on page 21)

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

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

Issack E. Boru
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia / Woodbridge, Virginia
(Issack’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)

Jessica Chanell Clemmons
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Williamson, North Carolina
(Jessica’s personal statement is on page 18)
Allene W. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Annual 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.

Carla E. Molestina
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Mooresville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My desire of becoming a professional in the health field has always accompanied me throughout my life, but because of many different personal circumstances, I have had to delay this dream. A few years ago, I decided to go back to school and pursue this dream. In order to achieve my goals I had to make the hard decision of leaving the work field and dedicate my time solely to my studies. I deeply appreciate the privilege of being selected for the Allen W. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Scholarship. I am certain that the Clinical Laboratory Science program will prepare me as a professional, ready to join the health network, and it will teach me how to utilize my capabilities to the maximum for the well-being of others. Health care is an extended network where doctors, nurses, scientists, surgeons, pediatricians, technicians, social workers, and therapists work together with one main goal, which is to optimize health and to provide care to people around the world. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity of joining this network upon graduation.

Jesse C. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Annual Scholarship

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

Shelby Lynn Pavan
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania
Personal Statement: I have always been attracted to the sciences, wondering why things worked the way they did and wanting to be able to solve problems using scientific techniques. During my first four years in undergraduate studies at Elmira College, I majored in biology without knowing what I wanted to do with that degree. Once I spoke to one of my teachers and did some in-depth research, I knew that the Clinical Laboratory Science field was exactly what I was looking for. The work done in the labs in hospitals or other areas helps to impact and affect patient care without physical involvement with the patients, and that was the part that really drew me into this field as a career. With my career as a clinical laboratory scientist I can help both the patients and doctors by providing correct test information that will help them develop diagnoses. Without this scholarship, it might not have been possible for me to be a part of this program and I fully appreciate every person and organization that is able to contribute funds to help students like me achieve their goals.

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. 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.

Helen Bui
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Ever since I was a child, I had a keen interest in the medical field. I wanted to contribute to society and make my mark as a health care professional. However, during my sophomore year I started to feel frustrated with the science major I started out with. I was not able to make use of my knowledge to benefit the health community and yearned to find a program that would recognize my potential and fulfill my academic needs. Luckily, I discovered the Clinical Laboratory Science program, which exposed me to a plethora of career opportunities and allowed me to hone my skills as a laboratory scientist. With a degree in CLS, I will be able to confidently advance in a career that will allow me to provide services needed in diagnosing and treating diseases. After a close relative of mine abruptly passed away from Acute Leukemia just before I was accepted in the CLS program, I knew I wanted to use my knowledge from CLS as a foundation towards my future research to eradicate cancer. I am incredibly grateful and honored to have been selected as one of the recipients of the Louise M. Ward Scholarship, which helped to relieve some of the financial burden upon my parents and allowed me to fully pursue and take advantage of my academic career here at UNC.

Blythe Nicole Butler
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Shallotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: In the spring of my junior year, Ms. Laine Stewart spoke to my microbiology class about the CLS program. Since I had completed all of the prerequisites and had been looking for a field that allowed me to pursue my interest in applied science, I decided to apply. It was the best academic decision I have ever made. I love the course diversity and the tight knit family I have found through my fellow classmates and professors. Furthermore, in the month since I began working at Duke Clinical Labs as a Client Services Representative I have been taking note of the endless opportunities one can pursue with a CLS degree. I have met a former UNC CLS student who oversees continuing education programs for Duke Lab employees and another woman who acts as a communicator between the lab, primary clinics, and private doctor’s offices. Both of these women took their CLS degree to the next level and have in fluenced me to pursue a career in infectious disease research and education after graduation. Ultimately, I would like to specialize in infectious disease so that I may travel to poverty stricken areas of the world to aid in the eradication of such diseases as tuberculosis or malaria.
Louise M. Ward Scholarships

Amy Zhan
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Jamestown, North Carolina
Personal Statement: As I scrolled through the various majors and minors that UNC offers, I stumbled across Clinical Laboratory Science. The major sounded just right for me as I aspired to be a medical technologist when I fell in love with biology my freshman year of high school. I went to a CLS meeting to learn more about the CLS program and was drawn in by the fact that I could have so much impact in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. I also liked the fact that I could be in the medical field without having to be at the patient’s bedside. I am more of a behind the scenes person and found that CLS was the perfect fit for me. I want to research incurable diseases and hopefully advance cures for those diseases in the future. I am extremely grateful to be awarded the Louise M. Ward Scholarship. I am honored to be chosen as a recipient of this generous scholarship. The financial support and encouragement is greatly appreciated. This allows me to pursue my journey into this program and profession.

Molecular Diagnostic Science Corporate Partner Program Scholarships

We are pleased to offer three Molecular Diagnostic Science (MDS) Corporate Partner Program Scholarships for the 2012-13 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.

Lisa Kay Cremeans
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am honored to be completing my graduate degree in Molecular Diagnostic Science at UNC Chapel Hill. My undergraduate degree in Clinical Laboratory Science has been a gateway to wonderful opportunities and it has allowed me to gain experience in both the clinical laboratory and the pharmaceutical industry. I have always had a love for science and I am thrilled to have this opportunity to expand my knowledge of CLS in an area that is rapidly growing. A master’s degree in Molecular Diagnostic Science has the potential to expand employment opportunities in laboratory medicine and allow me to further pursue positions that involve training and education, patient safety, quality assurance, and leadership. I am confident that I will leave this program with a firm foundation in molecular science and will be prepared for the challenges to come. Returning to school to further my education while being midlife in my career was a difficult decision to make. I am very grateful and honored to be a recipient of the MDS Corporate Partner Program Scholarship. This scholarship has lessened the financial burden on my family and allowed me to focus on my studies.

José Constantino Sevilla
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Thanks to the Molecular Diagnostic Science program, I’ve become skilled in the techniques required to diagnose all sorts of diseases using cutting edge technology. The progress I’ve made has been equal parts our faculty’s dedication and my growing interest in the field. While I consider my training so far an extension of my present work as a research technician, there are definite differences. As a member of this field, I’ll have the opportunity to work closely with other health care professionals. I’ve been able to witness technologists communicating with other experts on even ground, playing a direct role in serving the patient. Ultimately, that’s the type of impact I want to make as a laboratory professional. I have a vision for the future, one with a family and reasonable standard of living. A career in molecular diagnostics is a genuine opportunity to achieve these goals. This financial award will help reconcile some of the compromises I had to make during my time as a student, both ensuring I don’t have unnecessary concerns once I’m ready to enter the field and helping me reach personal goals within more reasonable timeframes.

Tatyana Zhuravleva
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Asheville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am honored to receive the MDS Corporate Partner Program Scholarship. This scholarship means to me that I can follow my dreams and pursue a master’s degree. I originally heard about the Masters in Molecular Diagnostic Science program completely by accident, when I opened an email about an upcoming Clinical Laboratory Science information session. Everything about the MDS program, especially its versatility, resonated with me. The training for industry, clinical, and research laboratories, as well as teaching, appeals to me very much and I am confident that as I learn more about these aspects during this program, I will make the best career decision for myself and for the people that this decision will ultimately impact. The only hesitation I had about joining this program was the financial burden of higher education. Thankfully, this problem has been alleviated because of the generosity of the donors who fund this wonderful scholarship. I am thoroughly enjoying the MDS program so far, and I look forward to merging my love for helping others with that for molecular biology!
**RPLA Clinical Laboratory Science Annual Scholarship**

The Raleigh Pathology Lab Associates (RPLA) Clinical Laboratory Science Annual Scholarship seeks to increase the number of highly qualified laboratory practitioners in the future by helping current CLS students with the financial burden of higher education.

**Melissa Ann Mauney**

*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*

*Hometown:* Sherrills Ford, North Carolina

**Personal Statement:** I was drawn to the field of Clinical Laboratory Science because I have always had an inquisitive mindset and was intrigued that I could use this in a medical setting. I find immunological diseases, specifically autoimmune ones, interesting. I am fascinated with the ins and outs of how the body can attack itself and its own products. I also have a desire to continue my education into the field of pathology and become a clinical pathologist, with the possibility of ultimately becoming a medical examiner. I am thankful to Raleigh Pathology Lab Associates for supporting this scholarship, which alleviates some of the financial burdens of continuing my education while raising a family.

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**WakeMed Health and Hospitals Clinical Laboratory Science Annual Scholarship**

The WakeMed Health and Hospitals Clinical Laboratory Science Annual Scholarship seeks to increase the number of highly qualified laboratory practitioners in the future by helping current CLS students with the financial burden of higher education.

**Alexander McLean Lawler**

*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*

*Hometown:* Blowing Rock, North Carolina

**Personal Statement:** When I was 8-years-old, I was diagnosed with Wilson’s disease and treated at UNC Hospitals by Dr. Steve Lichtman, who I still see to this day to monitor my condition. At the time, I was aware that my frequent blood drawings, which I despised, were for the purpose of making sure I was okay, but I was always curious as to how someone could figure that out from my blood. It was my fascination with my condition and those of others that ultimately steered me toward majoring in biology and continuing on to Clinical Laboratory Science. Upon completion of the program I plan to work for at least a few years in a clinical setting. It will be very meaningful to me to be on the other side of the process that saved my life as a child. I also hope to use this work experience to build a stronger foundation for later moving into clinical research and, eventually, returning to school for a PhD in genetic testing and research. I am very thankful for this scholarship as both continued education and medical expenses have taken their toll.

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**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:** Fulfilling, challenging, inspiring, wonderful, and sometimes exhausting. These are just a few adjectives to describe my first year in the CLS program, job in the McLendon Core Lab, and first few weeks of clinical rotations. However, if I had to just pick one, I would pick “fulfilling.” This scholarship provided me with the opportunity to provide the lab services needed for the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Every day when I walk into the lab, I think to myself, “Wow, the results that I provide today will permanently impact people’s lives. This matters, so let’s give 110%.” I cannot express how much this scholarship has helped me and my family—I am honored and humbled to have been selected. Last year I wanted to pursue neurological research, but the professors and lab instructors at UNC have been such an inspiration to me that I now wish to further my degree and become an educator in CLS while pursuing research interests. I hope that I can make even a fraction of the positive impact on future students that my instructors have made on me.

**Jerrica Rae Snow**

*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*

*Hometown:* McLeansville, North Carolina

**Personal Statement:** I have always known that I wanted to work in the medical field and be a part of the recovery process for patients. I discovered the Clinical Laboratory Science program at UNC and felt it offered all of the qualities I desired in a health care setting. In my career, I want to work as a medical technologist and provide accurate results in a timely manner. This scholarship means so much to me and I am beyond 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 Dr. and Mrs. McLendon for making all of this possible. In addition, I want to thank Cathy Holleman and Dr. Herbert Whinna for selecting me as a recipient. I cannot wait to join their team at UNC Hospitals.
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.

Jessica Chanell Clemmons
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Williamston, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Being a first generation college student, raised by a single mom, there were plenty of times I wondered if I would be able to afford college. However scholarships like the Lanning-Taylor Scholarship not only made this possible, but also greatly removed some of the monetary burden that accompanies a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill education. I was driven to Clinical Laboratory Science by the multiple medical opportunities that it offers. A degree in CLS not only ensures job security, but also a plethora of opportunities that I intend on utilizing. In the first few years after graduation, I plan on working in a hospital’s laboratory in the triangle area. After gaining work experience, I aim to further my education by applying to the Masters in Molecular Diagnostic Program at UNC Chapel Hill. Upon completing this program I aspire to work in a forensic laboratory utilizing the laboratory skills that the wonderful professors of the Clinical Laboratory Science program instilled in me and my new found knowledge of molecular diagnostics.

UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

Leanda Donaie
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Choiseul, St. Lucia
(Leanda’s personal statement is on page 6)

Thorpe / Mitchell Diversity Leadership Development Awards

Crystal McCullough
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Greensboro, NC
(Crystal’s personal statement is on page 10)

Allison Santana
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
(Allison’s personal statement is on page 10)

OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Carolinas Rehabilitation Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Annual Scholarship

The Carolinas Rehabilitation Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Annual Scholarship was created to reward and recognize a deserving 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 program.

Michelle Lynne Reed
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
Hometown: Toledo, Ohio
Personal Statement: Several years ago when my sister-in-law offhandedly mentioned occupational therapy, I could never have anticipated just how momentous that exchange would be. Having since steered my life in the pursuit of becoming an occupational therapist, I have had the wonderful privilege of attending the UNC Chapel Hill Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy program. The myriad educational experiences and opportunities with classmates, faculty, professionals, and the community have truly enriched my life and fostered in me a deep appreciation for the complexity of life and for occupational therapy’s commitment to promoting meaningful human engagement in the world. I am absolutely thrilled to have been chosen for the Carolinas Rehabilitation Scholarship and to have the fieldwork opportunity at Carolinas Rehabilitation–Main in Charlotte, NC. I look forward to expanding my idea of occupational therapy, learning about the innovative programs they have available to clients, and working with the interdisciplinary team to facilitate rehabilitation with adults there. Last, I am extremely grateful for this scholarship and Carolinas Rehabilitation’s dedication to the growth of the profession, so that I may one day pay it forward.

The June C. Allcott Fellowships

Meg Ferrell Proctor
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
Hometown: Jackson, Mississippi
(Meg’s personal statement is on page 8)
Increasing Diversity in Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Scholarship

Pursuing a passion to increase diversity in the Occupational Therapy profession, recent UNC graduate Stacy Wilson ('10) has created an annual scholarship which seeks to spread awareness of the Occupational Therapy profession to under-represented groups for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 academic years. The goal of the scholarship is to increase the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the OT/OS program and profession. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student who completes a project encouraging the spread of awareness education to under-represented groups.

Dokota Michell Boston
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
Hometown: Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am honored to receive the Increasing Diversity in Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Scholarship. As an African-American woman, I feel an innate passion for promoting diversity in the health field in general, and that passion is multiplied when it comes to occupational therapy. I want to represent and bring OT to the forefront as a possible profession for others who are in the shoes I was in back when I was considering career choices. And even more, I want to be the type of face I wish I had seen more of when looking at pictures of OTs during my exploration. According to the 2010 census, the OT profession is 92% women, 7.6% Asian, 4.6% Hispanic, and only 2.7% African-American. Needless to say, these numbers are unparalleled with what the general population in the U.S. looks like. Occupational therapy serves people from all races, genders, cultures, sexual orientations, and diverse backgrounds; so to me, it is fundamental that the profession represent its population of clients. I am a person who is striving to make that a reality asap! With this scholarship I plan to go out to schools, particularly those with large minority populations, and present OT. My goal is to at least get students curious about OT enough to explore it as a possible career choice for themselves.

RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE

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.

Danielle Ashley Drum
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina
Personal Statement: It is an honor to be a part of the UNC Chapel Hill Radiologic Science program. This program has guided me in the accomplishment of reaching my goal of a career in medical imaging. It has been my dream to obtain a career in a medical field for over fourteen years and in medical imaging specifically for nine years. Patient care has been my inspiration to work in a health care facility because I have always wanted to be a component in helping patients get well. My plan is to work as a computed tomography technologist, cross train in magnetic resonance imaging, and to one day become a supervisor in the radiology department. I am blessed to be selected for the Buddy Clark Loyalty Fund Radiologic Science Annual Scholarship as it will facilitate my continuing education in this field. This scholarship will relieve financial stress, which will enhance my learning as I complete the program and prepare to provide the best care possible to the public.

Tina D. Robbins Memorial Award

The Tina D. Robbins Award is given to a graduating student who has demonstrated high ethical standards and a genuine concern for his/her patients and fellow man.

Shannon Monique Woodson
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Once I stepped onto UNC’s campus, I went on a journey to dig deeper than med school and nursing. I went on tours, joined a health careers club, and shadowed. Once I discovered the Division of Radiologic Science, it all seemed to come together. In the field of radiology, you may not be in the spotlight, but you discover that you are at the heart of health advancement. We are the windows into the human body, and a department in which patients spend a significant amount of time. As a radiologic technologist, you are a key player in patient care, diagnosis, and treatment; and that’s enough to make anyone proud to put on a pair of scrubs. I am currently a registered radiologic technologist, pursuing CT certification, and planning on pursuing MRI certification in the future. I am also considering going into health policy and administration one day to expand my ability to impact health care. Receiving the Tina D. Robbins Memorial Award was a surprising and very honorable moment. The only thing better than knowing that you are making an impact is knowing that your efforts were noticed. I am a very proud recipient and couldn’t be more thankful for this recognition.
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, 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., MD, 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 scholarships and for the Radiologic Science program through the Advancement Fund.

Pamela Ann Coffel
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Apex, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I realize how incredibly privileged I am to be a part of the Radiologic Science program. I’ve enjoyed the medical field for years as a dietitian and recently decided to make this career change. The technology is ever changing, ever advancing, and continually improving diagnostic capabilities, which intrigues me. Patient care and quality assurance have always been the focus of my health care efforts. I will take an active role in continually improving the quality of care provided to our patients. I feel so deeply honored by this award. Thank you to Dr. Pepper for establishing this scholarship and to the wonderful faculty who selected me as a recipient; returning to school is exciting but does carry with it great financial burden. As I continue on with my radiologic studies and career I will continue to honor the contributions of Phyllis Ann Canup Pepper.

Ivey Nicole Summerlin
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Personal Statement: When I was 7-years-old, I saw the X-rays of my mother’s back. I felt a spark within me, and my interest continued growing toward a career in medical imaging. Being accepted into the UNC Radiologic Science program was the first step in pursuit of my dream. My program experiences have been exceptionally rewarding and ones that I will treasure and reflect upon for the rest of my life. Radiologic Science is constantly changing and expanding with the new research, and I am grateful to be a part of such a fascinating and highly demanding field. I would like to extend my gratitude to the faculty in the Division of Radiologic Science and the generous donor of this scholarship. I am truly honored to be a recipient of the Phyllis Ann Canup Pepper Scholarship as it will assist me to further concentrate and excel in my academic career.

Jenna Michelle Stainback
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Graham, North Carolina
Personal Statement: During my second year of college, I faced a financial situation that required me to withdraw from courses for a semester. It was during this time that I discovered Radiologic Science and my desire to pursue a career in this field. With dedication and discipline, I was able to re-enroll at Alamance Community College and turn this dream into a reality. As a transfer student, I feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful program and I look forward to future accomplishments as a radiologic technologist.

My aspiration to help others has always been clear, and Radiologic Science allows for me to put this desire into practice. My experience as a medical imaging student has been incredibly rewarding and I am thankful for the challenges I have had to face. I am honored to be selected to receive the Phyllis Ann Canup Pepper Scholarship. As a student who has constantly struggled with financial instability, I wholeheartedly thank the donors of this scholarship and those who have recognized me to receive it. With this award, I will be able to continue my education as a medical imaging student with less of a financial burden and for that, I am blessed.

Angela Huynh Vuong
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: To be lucky enough to be chosen as a recipient for the Pepper Scholarship again this year is truly unbelievable. I am proud to have been chosen by my professors as someone worthy of this award and to lift some of the financial burden off of my parents’ shoulders for another year. Being a part of the Radiologic Science program has been an opportunity of a lifetime. Although I had never planned on pursuing a degree in Radiologic Science, I am glad to have found the program through a previous graduate, for it has provided me with many opportunities to get involved in the medical community as well as further my education on a more personal level. Before the Radiologic Science program, I felt lost among the crowds of students on UNC’s campus, but now I can finally see a future and a set career in health care. With this scholarship, I am excited to finish my last year in the Radiologic Science program and to start preparing for the next steps in my career.
The Phyllis Ann Canup Pepper Radiologic Science Memorial Fund Scholarships

Rebecca Walters  
Division of Radiologic Science  
Hometown: Cary, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I decided to get a degree in Radiologic Science because I felt it gave me the best opportunities to accomplish my career goals. During my lifetime I have had many interactions with a variety of healthcare workers. I had one particular doctor who was extremely passionate about her patients. She took the time to talk to me about what was going on in my life and how I was coping with certain medical issues that I have had over the years. That doctor even called me from her home on her day off because she had discovered a new medication that could make an upcoming trip I was taking easier to deal with. A degree in Radiologic Science will allow me to deal with many different kinds of patients and provide the high quality of health care that I believe every patient deserves. This scholarship will allow me to focus on getting the best education possible at UNC by not having to work while going to school. I hope that in the future I will be able to assist other struggling students in getting an education that will better not only their future, but the future of their community as well.

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.

Lynae Sherie Baker  
Division of Radiologic Science  
Hometown: Miramar, Florida  
Personal Statement: While I was living in the Dominican Republic and working with American adolescents, I realized I wanted a career where I was helping people. After I graduated from high school, I completed my bachelor’s degree in Social Work and worked with adolescents for a few more years. However, I was still interested in the medical field. I obtained my certification to be a nurse assistant in order to work in the hospital setting. I loved working with patients in the hospital setting, so I decided to return to school. I choose the Radiologic Science field because it combined my interest of helping people and technology. I enjoy the challenge and creativity required for working in the diagnostic X-ray field. Further down the road, I would like to expand my knowledge and specialize, but I am still deciding on the specific field. This award is an honor and a blessing. I independently moved to North Carolina and must work part-time while in school in order to pay for my living expenses. I have greatly enjoyed living in North Carolina, and upon graduating I hope to join my colleagues in continuing to raise the bar in quality and service in diagnostic X-ray.

Dr. Jerry Lambiente Radiologic Science Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship

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.

Issack E. Boru  
Division of Radiologic Science  
Hometown: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia / Woodbridge, Virginia  
Personal Statement: Watching my father suffer from a concussion and observing its effects since age six drew me into health care. I blamed the robbers who attacked him for denying me the right to know my father. I also blamed insufficient medical imaging technology in Ethiopia for not diagnosing his condition fast enough. Better medical care would have bettered his chances of experiencing life fully and giving me the fatherly love my older siblings enjoyed. The Radiologic Science program was a huge stepping stone towards fulfilling my dream—to improve medical imaging technology and care throughout nations. The Lambiente Scholarship couldn’t have arrived at a better time—I was concerned about my financial means for rent and food. In addition to the monetary reward, this scholarship is a great motivator; it gives me another reason to be grateful and push myself to make the people who believed in me proud. It is yet another reason why I can’t afford to quit or get distracted.

UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

Angela Huynh Vuong  
Division of Radiologic Science  
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina  
(Angela’s fellowship statement is on page 8)
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 and Psychology to fund the Dr. Mark C. Fleming Rehabilitation Counseling and 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 health care 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.

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.

Lauren Renée Bangert Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Hometown: Reynoldsburg, Ohio Personal Statement: I am a second year graduate student in the Division of Rehabilitation Counseling Psychology at UNC Chapel Hill. After graduating from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in 2010, I worked in a traumatic brain injury research lab at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. It was this experience that solidified my interest in pursuing a graduate degree in counseling. I was drawn to the Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program at UNC Chapel Hill because of its focus on counseling individuals with disabilities and the option to specialize in psychiatric disabilities. After completing the RCP program, I hope to continue my education by pursuing a PhD in Clinical or School Psychology. I aspire to work with and advocate for children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral concerns, and to help alleviate the stigma associated with childhood mental illness. It is an honor to receive the Richard H. Peters Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Annual Scholarship. As an out-of-state student, I am extremely appreciative of supporters like Mr. Jay Peters who provide such generous scholarships that help with the costs of attending graduate school. Receiving such support from an alumnus of my program is especially exciting and I am so grateful to be awarded the Peters Scholarship this year.

Savannah Marie Carson
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Personal Statement: I am passionate about the treatment of eating disorders, anorexia nervosa in particular. Through personal experience, I have witnessed positive and negative aspects of current treatment conditions. I was drawn to the field of Rehabilitation Counseling because of the focus on disability, advocacy, and person-centered planning. By combining this foundation with training in a Clinical Psychology doctoral program, I believe I will be better prepared to serve persons with eating disorders. I aspire to work in a residential treatment facility as a staff psychologist. I am particularly interested in best practices for eating disorders treatment. Vocational rehabilitation has been overlooked within this population. Employment offers so many benefits to consumers that are especially relevant to persons with eating disorders. I am incredibly honored and grateful to be chosen as the recipient of the Dr. Fleming Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology scholarship. As an out-of-state graduate student, this scholarship eases the burden of tuition as well as granting me the opportunity to expand my professional network and learn from a great mentor.

Lauren Renée Bangert
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Personal Statement: I am a second year graduate student in the Division of Rehabilitation Counseling Psychology at UNC Chapel Hill. After graduating from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in 2010, I worked in a traumatic brain injury research lab at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. It was this experience that solidified my interest in pursuing a graduate degree in counseling. I was drawn to the Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program at UNC Chapel Hill because of its focus on counseling individuals with disabilities and the option to specialize in psychiatric disabilities. After completing the RCP program, I hope to continue my education by pursuing a PhD in Clinical or School Psychology. I aspire to work with and advocate for children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral concerns, and to help alleviate the stigma associated with childhood mental illness. It is an honor to receive the Richard H. Peters Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Annual Scholarship. As an out-of-state student, I am extremely appreciative of supporters like Mr. Jay Peters who provide such generous scholarships that help with the costs of attending graduate school. Receiving such support from an alumnus of my program is especially exciting and I am so grateful to be awarded the Peters Scholarship this year.

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Melissa Martell Senior
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina

(Melissa’s personal statement is on page 7)
GENEX Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Annual Scholarships

The GENEX Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Annual Scholarships have been awarded to four deserving UNC Chapel Hill Rehabilitation and Counseling and Psychology students for the 2012-13 academic year. These scholarships were established through the generosity GENEX Services, Inc. which is among the nation’s leading providers of fully integrated care management services in the occupational, non-occupational, auto, and group health care markets. GENEX clients include self-insured employers, insurance carriers, managed care organizations, and third-party administrators.

Casie Lorraine Hall
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Davis, California
Personal Statement: My desire is to serve, to help, to lead, and to counsel. I proudly describe myself as a military brat and credit that experience with many of the opportunities life has shown me thus far. My junior year in high school my mother was deployed to Iraq. Her deployment lasted just short of eight months, but upon homecoming, it seemed to extend right into daily life. A few weeks after returning home, my mother was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a psychiatric illness affecting thousands of returning veterans. The journey to her recovery has been long and arduous, and it has given me a true sight into the needs of our military members and military families. My desire is to combine my personal experience and the knowledge I gain as a part of UNC’s Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program to provide support services for military families who are impacted by PTSD. I am deeply thankful for the people who provided our family with support during and after my mom’s deployment, and I am wholly inspired to do the same for others.

Tommi Alyse Pait
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Ernest Hemmingway once said, “I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.” I applaud myself for being an active listener to those around me. I realize that if I choose not to listen, I am failing those who have come to me to speak. So often, we are consumed with talking and give little to no attention to listening. Being an educator of underprivileged children for the past five years brought new light and meaning to my life. I realized I could do more than teach them historical facts and their multiplication tables; I could teach them how to be the best person they can be, no matter their biological or environmental make-up and all I had to do was listen. My experiences thus far formed a foundation that I can build upon in the Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program through coursework and practicum. Upon graduation, I aspire to become a Licensed Professional Counselor who is able to promote a successful, independent lifestyle to those with disabilities. The GENEX Scholarship allows me to expand my horizons in research, as well as investigate into various community affiliations and volunteer opportunities.

Katherine Lee Aiello
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Wake Forest, North Carolina
Personal Statement: In first grade I wrote in a class assignment that I wanted to be both a scientist and an artist. These two fields of study have stuck with me all that way through both grade school and undergrad. I wish to combine counseling and art into effective types of complementary and alternative therapies. I know this branch of therapy is commonly referred to as expressive art therapy, but I believe there is so much more to this concept to be discovered when applied specifically to rehabilitation. I want to lead others to figure out just how beneficial it can be. After I finish my master’s degree and obtain my Certification in Rehabilitation Counseling, I will undergo supervision in hopes of becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor. I never want to stop challenging myself so I have recently begun to explore the idea of getting my doctorate. I love every aspect of rehabilitation, so I know I will continue to learn as much as I can as long as I am able.

John Taylor Houchens
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Lawrenceville, Georgia
Personal Statement: As early as I can remember, I have always displayed a caring heart towards others. I used this blessing in all aspects of my life except academics.Exiting undergrad unsatisfied with a bachelor's in music, I needed to search deeper for my life’s calling. It was not until I considered graduate school that I found the opportunity to use that blessing professionally. Researching the multitude of therapies, I concluded that rehabilitation counseling was the perfect fit for me. Since my admittance to UNC’s Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program, I have been overjoyed about my future and all the possibilities it holds. With my combined interests in technology and therapy, I plan to eventually help consumers with substance abuse, specifically in the realm of technological addiction. As a recipient of the GENEX Scholarship, I am honored, excited, and frankly surprised. Not only has this affirmed that I am pursuing the right profession for me, but it has also encouraged me to hold myself to a higher standard. I am beyond grateful.

The June C. Allcott Fellowships

Negat Negussie-Retta
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
(Gabby's personal statement is on page 9)

Brianne Shelly
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Chapel Hill, NC
(Bri’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.

Kaylen Marie Hunter
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina
Personal Statement: As a student who is looking for every possible way to finance my education, I am very thankful for the Janice Rebecca Pettie Bowles Scholarship. This assistance will cause me to worry less about financial issues and allow me to focus more on my studies. UNC, with its abundant educational opportunities, had me exploring careers in medicine, psychology, and education. Thankfully, I discovered a path that offered me the best of these three worlds: speech-language pathology. My mother is a retired SLP, but I did not automatically consider this as an option for me. Speaking with her about her career, observing her interact with her old students, and seeing her still find joy in the progress they have made years after working with them solidified my decision to work with children. After graduating, I hope to work in the school system and to one day continue on with my education and pursue my PhD. I want to delve deeper into the world of speech pathology from a research perspective to allow me to learn more about the field that I love. I thank everyone who supports this scholarship for making all of this a possibility for me.

Danielle Brooke Kopkin
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Marietta, Georgia
Personal Statement: My interest in the brain and language, helping others, and experience with a close friend receiving speech services drew me into the field of speech-language pathology, and I have never looked back. I aspire to be a compassionate and effective speech-language pathologist working with adults with communication and feeding needs in the acute care hospital setting. My greatest passion is rehabilitating persons who have lost language, cognitive, and/or swallowing function following a stroke, traumatic brain injury, or other neurologic insult or disease. I strongly believe the ability to communicate is an essential human right and I strive to make that a reality for my patients. As a result of your generous contribution, I’ll be able to achieve this goal and become an integral member of the medical speech-language pathology field. Aiding an individual in eating a pleasurable meal and communicating with their loved ones continually inspires me and fuels my passion for this incredible profession. I am deeply honored and grateful to receive this scholarship.

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 a MS in speech and hearing sciences and a 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.

Dr. Sylvia Campbell Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship

Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina
Personal Statement: As a student who is looking for every possible way to finance my education, I am very thankful for the Janice Rebecca Pettie Bowles Scholarship. This assistance will cause me to worry less about financial issues and allow me to focus more on my studies. UNC, with its abundant educational opportunities, had me exploring careers in medicine, psychology, and education. Thankfully, I discovered a path that offered me the best of these three worlds: speech-language pathology. My mother is a retired SLP, but I did not automatically consider this as an option for me. Speaking with her about her career, observing her interact with her old students, and seeing her still find joy in the progress they have made years after working with them solidified my decision to work with children. After graduating, I hope to work in the school system and to one day continue on with my education and pursue my PhD. I want to delve deeper into the world of speech pathology from a research perspective to allow me to learn more about the field that I love. I thank everyone who supports this scholarship for making all of this a possibility for me.
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 underrepresented 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.

Rebecca Rule Womble Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship

The Rebecca Rule Womble Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship was established through the generosity of George Womble ('68) in honor of his wife Rebecca Rule Womble who graduated with a MS in 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.”

Audiology Alumni Annual Scholarship

More than 30 Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences alumni and faculty members responded to the call to create the Division’s first AuD Annual Scholarship for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years. Their gifts have been matched dollar-for-dollar through other contributions to the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences Advancement Fund. The audiology scholarship will help ensure that the AuD program (which has risen to #3 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.

Adara Nicole Blake
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I was first exposed to speech-language pathology at a very young age; my mother is a physical therapist in the nursing home setting, and some of my earliest memories are from the rehab departments where she worked. Since my first day of college I’ve been challenged and excited by this incredible field. I am a graduate of New York University, and my degree was a huge financial commitment. I always held at least one job each semester, and during my final year worked 22 hours a week on top of a full course load. I also graduated a year early in order to lower the cost. My master’s degree is not only important to me personally, it is necessary to become a licensed speech-language pathologist. This generous award has allowed me to embark on this next phase stress-free, with all of my energy focused toward learning how to be an excellent clinician. I am so grateful for peace of mind, and have been enjoying my program more than I ever thought I would. When I graduate, I would like to practice both in a pediatric hospital and in clients’ homes as an early intervention provider.

Jenna Marie Browning
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Burlington, Washington
Personal Statement: My interest in audiology began by hearing stories from my family members who have hearing loss. My great grandfather was one of the first people to receive a prosthetic stapes as a research participant under Howard P. House who established the House Research Institute in California in 1946. My dad and grandpa both have unilateral hearing loss from shooting guns while hunting in Alaska. I have seen how audiology has changed their lives. While learning about audiology as an undergraduate student, I became fascinated by speech perception and how infants take in sounds from their environment and create meaning from it. I want to help change the lives of children with hearing loss by intervening early enough that their speech and language acquisition shows no difference from their peers. My goal is to simply become the best pediatric audiologist that I can be. Receiving this scholarship eases some of the financial burden of attending graduate school and allows me to further focus on reaching this goal. I am extremely grateful and honored to accept this scholarship.

Kathryn Michelle Briggs
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Jamestown, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Growing up, the gift of communication was something that I took for granted. However, over time, I’ve come to realize that speech is one of the most precious gifts in life. Competency in communication is an integral part in one’s ability to effectively produce change in the world. This fact is what drew me to the field of speech-language pathology. Over the years, I have developed a deep desire to see that every person is able to express his or her thoughts, and thus, has the opportunity to impact the world. We all have a voice, and I desire to help others fully use the communicative ability that has been given to them to bring change and influence to the world. In the future, I hope to work in a very diverse environment. I also hope to use the skills I learned to serve children in an underprivileged area, and to work with those who come from backgrounds without a positive authority figure in their lives. It is an honor to be chosen for the Rebecca Rule Womble Scholarship, and I am very thankful for the generosity given to me. Through the help of this financial gift, I will be able to pursue higher education, which will allow me to fulfill my dream of working to give every individual a voice.
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.

Kevin Terence Cunningham
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Rhinebeck, New York

Personal Statement: I entered the field of speech-language pathology because I love solving problems. I have a passion for the challenge of gathering information, formulating a working hypothesis, and testing it to solve clinical puzzles. I also love interpersonal interaction, meeting other people to hear their stories. Speech-language pathology, with its broad and complex scope, offers rich opportunities for problem solving to help others maximize their well-being. Through the research, clinical, and academic experiences offered in the MS program at UNC, I have been challenged to learn and grow as a scholar and clinician. It amazes me when I consider all the opportunities and support I have enjoyed in the program in such a brief span of time. My clinical interests lie in medical speech-language pathology, especially the diagnosis and management of disorders in older adults. My research interests are in neurologic motor and language disorders. My goal is to use scientific research to support clinical practice by improving diagnostic accuracy and developing and testing realistic interventions. I feel blessed and humbled to be the recipient of the Adult Communication Disorders Annual Scholarship and Robert W. Peters Award. I would like to thank the donors for their kind support and generosity.

Norman and Nevada Pierce Annual Scholarship

The Norman and Nevada Pierce Annual Scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies (CLDS) and the Pierce family. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were staunch advocates of higher education and produced three first-generation college completers: Sharon Pierce Culpepper, special and regular education teacher; Jeffrey Pierce, MD, traumatic brain injury specialist; and Patsy Pierce, PhD, CCC-SLP. Patsy Pierce was one of the original researchers at the CLDS and is a former faculty member in the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences. The Pierce scholarship honors the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce by supporting a second-year MS-SLP student with demonstrated financial need who wants to work with individuals with developmental disabilities including traumatic brain injury.

Maureen Feldbaum
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Mandeville, Louisiana

Personal Statement: The ability to communicate was something I once gave little consideration until several life experiences demonstrated its profound impact upon quality of life. A family member with Alzheimer's Disease, another with mild traumatic brain injury, and my work with a non-verbal child with severe autism and sensory processing disorders gave me the opportunity to witness the diversity of communication disorders, their origins, degrees of severity, and impact across the lifespan. I have most enjoyed my clinical experiences in medical settings and feel drawn to working with children with feeding, swallowing, and/or neurogenic communication disorders. Being a part of the graduate speech-language pathology program at UNC, with its dedication to research, evidence-based practice, and clinical preparation is the realization of a dream. My empathy for those affected by communication disorders and their circle of family and friends continues to grow. My goal is to combine this empathy with the knowledge and experience of a skilled speech-language pathologist, serving these individuals as a clinician, researcher, and advocate. I am very grateful for this generous scholarship and the financial assistance, which allows me to focus on the academic and clinical experiences before me.

UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association's Allies Health Sciences Fellowships

Christina Shoaf
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Saint Paul, Minnesota

(Christina’s personal statement is one page 7)
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, 2012, in Chapel Hill at the age of 93.

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. 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. Physical therapy has become not just a future profession, but 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 and clinical training overseas. The Sande Scholarship and now the Mabel M. Parker Scholarship are playing a vital role in my education, spurring me on in this incredible journey. I am so grateful for these gifts and I look forward to all the opportunities these scholarships will afford me now and in the future.

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.

Joslyn Brooke Chavis
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Maxton, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Physical therapy provides the opportunity to enhance and impact the lives of patients, equipping them to heal, protect, and prevent future injuries or impairments to their bodies. As a therapist, my desire is to give those patients the possibility to live an optimal life despite disabilities or ailments that life may bring. Since my first clinical rotation this summer, I realized my desire to work with and assist the geriatric population. I plan to return to my hometown of Maxton/Pembroke, NC, to provide quality, affordable health care in a rural, underserved community to this population and the people of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. The support received from the Charlotte Money Beatty Memorial Scholarship is truly a wonderful gift and blessing. I appreciate those who kindly and compassionately give to great causes such as education in order to ensure quality health care for the future. I pray that I’ll keep and continue in that same compassion for my patients and all those I come in contact with.

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.

Matthew Grayson Medlin
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Garner, North Carolina
Personal Statement: “The greatest good you can do for another is not to share your riches but to reveal to him his own.” At some point in every person’s life is a crossroad, where support is needed to redefine their capabilities and expand their identity. Physical therapy provides the incomparable opportunity to provide inspiration for these times. We do not simply catch and release these patients; we empower them to rediscover the strength and courage to rally their ambitions, and in doing such leave a footprint on their journey. I have seen the total impact of disability in my family; its influence of the physical; its crawl into the mental and emotional. I have also seen the transformation and the integral role of physical therapy into the new. I can only appreciate what has been done for my family by bidding to provide some comparable benefit for others. My goal is simply to be an advantageous tool for the health and wellness of my community. This scholarship exemplifies such benevolence that is essential in this world, and so characteristic of this profession. It is with great honor I receive this award and with great duty I carry the responsibility to pay it forward.
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 Hall Scholarship was awarded for the 2009-10 academic year.

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 shadowing experiences and clinical education I found pediatric physical therapy to be a perfect fit. 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 Vanessa Louise Hall Memorial Scholarship and the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship to help fulfill my dreams. These generous gifts will allow me to become the best therapist I can be and provide care for others throughout my life.

Diversity Scholarship in Physical Therapy

Betsy Crawford (UNC DPT Class of 2009) made a generous gift and commitment to the Division of Physical Therapy to create the 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 contributed to this fund. The Diversity Scholarship in Physical Therapy is awarded annually to a deserving student for the 2008-09 academic year.

Kenneth Chibuike 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, so they depend on the physical therapist and the expertise that comes with the position. I am confident that I will be the best PT I can become now that I have gone through my first year in the DPT program here at UNC. Thank you for allowing me to provide myself with the necessities to further my education. 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.

Diversity Scholarship in Physical Therapy

Beverly Elizabeth Knight
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My decision to pursue physical therapy as a profession has been strengthened over the past year in graduate school. Through my classroom and clinical experience, I’ve been afforded the opportunity to apply the information I have learned thus far and continue to build a strong foundation of knowledge that I can carry with me during the extent of my graduate education and into the future as a physical therapist. I remain open to the myriad of areas of focus that exist within physical therapy and look forward to one-on-one interactions with clients and encouraging them through their healing process. A few of my interests include serving underrepresented populations and I also aspire to one day extend my knowledge and practice beyond the United States. Above all else, I aim to be of service to others and to provide quality care. The scholarships I have received are greatly cherished because they lessen the financial burden of school and allow me to continue to focus closely on my education and go forward to pursue my passion of helping others. Thank you for your generosity!

Meredith Taylor Reed
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Witnessing 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 needs. Having the opportunity to improve patients’ quality of life 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 Diversity Scholarship in Physical Therapy and the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship. Such generous gifts will allow me to focus more on school and relieve some of the financial burden associated with furthering my education.
The Sara Fowler Anderson Scholarship in Physical Therapy

The Sara Fowler Anderson Scholarship in Physical Therapy was created thanks to the generous commitments of her husband Dr. Ted Anderson and their daughters, Megan Anderson Phillips and Lauren Anderson, as well as Sara’s family, friends, and colleagues. The fund honors the life and career of Sara Fowler Anderson, a 1981 graduate of the UNC Chapel Hill Physical Therapy program. Sara’s Physical Therapy career spanned three decades prior to her death in 2012. She enjoyed providing services to a wide spectrum of those in need of physical therapy, from infants and children in early intervention programs to seniors in retirement facilities, from those requiring home care to those receiving inpatient care. She frequently expressed her appreciation for the education she received at UNC and the association she maintained with her professors, and created the James and Evelyn Fowler Physical Therapy Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship in honor of her parents, who were also UNC graduates.

Jason Parks Albright
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Asheboro, North Carolina
Personal Statement: There’s something to be said about a Carolina education. It gives you the tools to succeed, friendships that last, a community that cares, and a sense of a better tomorrow. After learning that I received the Sara Fowler Anderson Physical Therapy Scholarship, I was surprised to find that she lived in my hometown of Asheboro, her husband was my pediatrician until he moved his practice, I went to school with her two daughters, my dad was their mailman, and we both have connections to Camp Thunderbird. Even though I never personally knew her, I know that she was a caring Tarheel that provided a realization of a better tomorrow for me and my family. A realization that I hope I can pass along, everyday, as I proceed in my career.

James and Evelyn Fowler Physical Therapy Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship

The James and Evelyn Fowler Physical Therapy Annual Scholarship was created by Sara Fowler Anderson ('81) in honor of her parents, James F. ('47) and Evelyn B. ('48) Fowler.

Abigail Jane Osborn
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am very fortunate to be studying physical therapy at UNC surrounded by outstanding professors, classmates, and clinical resources. The past year has continued to confirm that I am pursuing a career that I am both passionate and excited about. All of my experiences here have motivated me to learn as much as I possibly can in these three years and to take advantage of every learning opportunity. With this scholarship, I can invest even more time in things like shadowing my professors in the clinic, volunteering with patients locally, and attending professional conferences and lectures. I am confident that through these opportunities, I am gaining irreplaceable knowledge and problem-solving skills necessary to offer exceptional care to all of my patients. I am very grateful for this award and for everyone who has supported me on this exciting journey.

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.

Cherin Delaney Duclos
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Londonderry, New Hampshire
Personal Statement: My decision to pursue the field of physical therapy stems from my amazement of the human body, all its many facets and wonders, and my desire to work with people in a way that will benefit their life and spirit. Recently, however, my own personal experience receiving physical therapy has greatly enhanced my attraction to the field more than I could ever have imagined. I learned, first-hand, that physical therapy is vital when an individual wishes to gain back the most basic functions and indications of independence. My experience proved to me that physical therapists are essential, hardworking, compassionate, encouraging healthcare providers, and I am thrilled to know that I will one day fill those shoes. Guided by the comprehensive education and clinical practice that UNC provides and now my own therapy experiences, I look forward to when it is my turn to help individuals find well-being, strength and accomplishment. I am honored to receive this scholarship and want to express my deep gratitude to the Long family for their benevolent nature, contribution to my education and continued support to the field of physical therapy.

Erin Elizabeth Toomey
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: There are several factors that have contributed to my interest in pursuing physical therapy. First, I believe that I have been called to make a difference in the lives of others by utilizing the talents given to me. Throughout my childhood, I began developing a strong desire to help others and have always known that I wanted to pursue a career in health care. This desire continued to grow as I explored the field of physical therapy. Through my experience I have discovered many of my strengths.

As a result of my academic experience at UNC, I am confident that I possess the skills, a dedication to hard work, and the personal characteristics necessary to be a successful clinician. Now, entering into my third and final year of study at UNC, I am more certain than ever that physical therapy is my life’s passion and calling. This scholarship, thanks to the continued generosity of G. Wayne and Tanya B. Long, will enable me to continue to pursue my educational and professional goals with a reduced financial burden.
Physical Therapy MS Curriculum Scholarships

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Great Carolinas Chapter, provided funding to establish the UNC Physical Therapy Multiple Sclerosis Scholarship Curriculum for students who will specialize in working with individuals with MS. The program, now designated as the MS Standardized Training and Education Program with University Partners (MS STEP UP: UNC PT), was founded by UNC PT faculty member and Carolina alumna Angela Rosenberg, PT, DPH. MS STEP UP: UNC PT seeks not only to produce clinicians with a thorough understanding of MS, but also to educate the physical therapy community at large and create a curriculum model that can be emulated by other physical therapy programs nationwide.

Catherine Leigh Jacobs
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the National MS Society, Greater Carolinas Chapter, for the opportunity to learn as an MS Scholarship recipient. I am excited to learn with and from others through the MS STEP UP program. I was drawn to physical therapy because of the opportunity to combine academic knowledge and interpersonal skills in creative ways to enrich people’s lives. This program allows me to do so within a complex and challenging neurological population, specifically those with MS. This scholarship allows me many opportunities to develop a more in-depth understanding of the disease and the ways we as therapists can provide effective neurological rehabilitation. I welcome the ability to focus my education on the MS population. Ultimately I hope to help educate patients and collaborate with other medical professions to help with the unique challenges faced by people with MS. Thank you again to all who support this scholarship. I look forward to giving back to the NC and MS communities as I continue to expand my knowledge and experience.

Audrey Celeste Osinski
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Troy, Michigan
Personal Statement: I am both incredibly honored and excited to be selected for the MS Curriculum Scholarship. Being a participant in the MS STEP UP program allows me to enhance my learning outside of our standard curriculum in order to better serve those diagnosed with MS. I am excited to work with the neurological patient population, with a special focus in treating patients diagnosed with MS by utilizing the skills and knowledge attained through this learning track. Not only will I work with patients in the clinic, but I will also devote my efforts towards educating patients and professionals in order to help others understand the importance of physical therapy so we may provide the best possible care for the MS patient population. I want to thank the Greater Carolinas Chapter of the National MS Society for enabling me to be a scholar for this exceptional opportunity and for their support, which helps me towards achieving the education necessary to accomplish these aspirations.

Jennifer Anne Toother
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
Personal Statement: Many thanks to the Greater Carolinas Chapter of the National MS Society and the UNC Division of Physical Therapy for the unique and exciting opportunity to be part of the MS STEP UP Program at UNC. It is an honor to be part of this initiative and to add to the great work that has already been developed. Integrating physical therapy into the lives of people with Multiple Sclerosis has been a rewarding experience, and I have enjoyed learning about and serving people with MS over the last year. The MS scholarship track offers specialized education and experiences through participation in directed clinical rotations and observations, research initiatives, community advocacy, national MS conferences and meetings, and coursework. Through the program, I have had the opportunity to lead and educate other physical therapists about how to better help patients manage MS, and I have gained knowledge to provide better quality care for patients with MS. I am excited to continue expanding my education and leadership with MS during my final year of this program, and I look forward to working with people who have MS as a physical therapist in the coming years!

Elizabeth Carlton Waddell
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Lewisville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am delighted to have been 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, Greater Carolinas 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 utmost gratitude to those that have made this scholarship possible and I am committed to giving back to the community.
Rose and Dave Hamm Annual Scholarship for Clinical Excellence in Physical Therapy

The Rose and Dave Hamm Annual Scholarship for Clinical Excellence in Physical Therapy 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, who was well known for his genuine, compassionate care, his diagnostic skills, and his integrity with all medical personnel with whom he worked. Rose Hamm (UNC Class of 1969) 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.

Christina Marie Lanzone
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Raleigh, NC
Personal Statement: I am honored to receive a scholarship that highlights the importance of clinical excellence. I am grateful for the education I have received from Chapel Hill that emphasizes patient-centered care and evidence-based practice. I have had the opportunity to learn from excellent clinicians who merge the science and art of patient care. They have taught me to help empower patients and enable them to participate in the activities that are most meaningful to them. My personal passion is pediatric physical therapy. I am excited to become a pediatric therapist and not only help children move and explore their world, but also provide education and resources that can help their entire family. My other passion is global health. I hope to use my knowledge and skills to help promote health and well-being on medical volunteer trips. I am very excited to go on our class trip to Guatemala this year and develop these skills. This award will help me continue to focus on working towards clinical excellence in every setting as both a student and new professional.

Julianne Denice Schmidt
Human Movement Science Program
Hometown: Bakersfield, California
Personal Statement: At age 15, I suffered a low back injury that forced me to seek care from a sports medicine professional. The care I received prompted my interest in pursuing an undergraduate and master’s degree in sports medicine. My clinical work as an athletic trainer incited my interest in the research and dissemination of knowledge that guides best practice. Pursuit of a doctoral degree in Human Movement Science over the past three years has given me the experience and skill to pursue a career in academia. My primary research interest is the clinical continuum of sport-related neurotraumatic injuries. More specifically, my research focuses on the biomechanics of sport-related concussion, improving post-concussion evaluation techniques, and on-field emergency management of the cervical spine. I am so honored to have been chosen as the recipient of the Duquette Scholarship. This award is such an affirmation that the Human Movement Science Program is a loving and supporting community that has produced graduates with a heart for the University. The Duquette Scholarship will allow me to travel to a very prestigious international conference regarding sport-related concussion consensus this coming November. This opportunity might not have been possible without the generosity of the Duquette family.

Unc Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

Gabrielle Scronce
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Vale, North Carolina
(Gabrielle’s personal statement is on page 6)
Judy A. White Professional Development Awards

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.

Daniel Hamrick Blackmon  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Greenville, South Carolina  
Personal Statement: I am exceedingly grateful for the opportunity I have been given to be a physical therapy student at the University of North Carolina. I cannot fully express how thankful I am for the generous scholarships I have been awarded, and the assistance they have provided me as I work toward my goal of becoming a physical therapist. Following my own knee surgery in 2007, and subsequent stint as a physical therapy patient, I decided to change careers and become a physical therapist myself. Since that time my decision has been reaffirmed to me repeatedly. The opportunity to help people return to the activities they enjoy, regain and improve their function, and improve their overall quality of life motivates me to become the best clinician I can be. The educational experiences and opportunities available to me since I began the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program have been enriching and engaging, and I am anxious to see what the future holds.

Stephanie Lynn Lawson  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Wise, Virginia  
Personal Statement: From the beginning I have always wanted to help people, but being a physical therapist will give me the chance to help them not only physically, but emotionally as well. To see their success and celebrate with them is a remarkable event to experience and why I love the profession. I get to be there and support them in a way other medical professions cannot. I plan on returning to my hometown, at least for a few years, to make a difference there. I care so much for those people and because I am from there they can trust me and I can lead them in the right direction. These are the people that always helped me, and this will be my chance to help them. I hope to specialize in an area and bring something different that maybe they have not seen, but will do so much good. Each day will be different, but that is what makes it exciting, and I will be making a difference in someone’s life, which is wonderful. What an honor it is to receive this award and I am so thankful and appreciative of it.

Judy A. White Professional Development Awards

Audrey Celeste Osinski  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Troy, Michigan  
Personal Statement: Initially I did not realize physical therapy would be the career path that I was destined to follow. After a personal experience, my eyes were opened to the challenging and rewarding field that defines physical therapy. I am thankful that I am a part of such a distinguished program that allows me to gain the knowledge and experience to become a life-long practitioner. I plan to work with the neurological patient population, with a special focus in treating patients diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. I look forward to practicing in the clinic as well as spending time in the community providing patient and professional education courses to improve the care for those diagnosed with MS. It is an honor and a privilege to be selected as one of the recipients of the Judy White Professional Development Award. Thank you for supporting me in my educational pursuits and providing me with the opportunity to spend more time focusing on attaining the best education possible.

Susan Eileen Williams  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Sioux City, Iowa  
Personal Statement: There was a burning desire within me to work with others—to help them achieve goals and to educate them on ways to better themselves, mentally, emotionally, and physically. I wanted to help heal someone’s broken spirit after an injury, disease, or other diagnosis changed the one they once lived. Although many professions in the medical field can work with patients and clients on these issues, physical therapy stood out as one that accomplished all these things and much more. As a professional, I hope to be honest, dedicated, and altruistic. I hope to be honest, both with myself and my patients. I hope to be dedicated to my learning and education, to exceed minimal expectations of my licensure and eventually specialize in some field of interest, to continually practice treatments based upon evidence, and to stay updated on research. I also want to be dedicated to my patients so that they may succeed in their treatments, and so they will never feel that they would have received better treatment and attention from another therapist. Finally, I hope to remain altruistic, and to always think of my patient’s well-being and needs first. This award, to me, means I’m on the right track to fulfilling my aspirations within the field. Thank you.
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.

Allison Marie Rowe
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My first exposure to the field of physical therapy was in pediatrics. It was this experience that opened my eyes to the ability of a physical therapist to not only facilitate healing, but to also impact a patient’s life in ways that extend beyond the body. To me, pediatric physical therapy requires a thorough understanding of your patient, their family, and any extenuating circumstances and challenges that exist in their daily lives. It is my honor to receive the Max and Claire Gitterman Pediatric PT Student Scholar Award. With the generous contribution of financial aid and pediatric mentorship and experience, I will be able to further my experience and my foundation of knowledge that I have developed thus far in pediatrics. I hope to gain new insight into the realm of pediatrics and I look forward to applying what I obtain from this opportunity to my upcoming pediatric clinical rotation and to my future as a physical therapist.

Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarships

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 PT.

Brandon Michael Hall
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Randleman, North Carolina
Personal Statement: As I enter the third and final year of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I am reminded how blessed I am. It has been amazing so far and the knowledge I have gained will help me in the future when I am using my skills in treating patients who require physical therapy. I hope to positively impact the lives of others through my profession. I would like to thank you for being a part of this amazing journey with me for giving me the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship. This is really a great graduate program at UNC Chapel Hill and the scholarship that you bestowed is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for supporting my career and my future.

Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarships

Jessica Louise Burpee
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Griffin, Georgia
Personal Statement: I would find it immensely rewarding to have a career as a physical therapist working with underserved populations and individuals with limited access to health care services. I believe that the need for rehabilitation services in many communities far exceeds the care that is available. Thus, my goal is to be an advocate for patients and the community as a whole by striving to increase the quality and availability of physical therapy clinics and education programs in these underserved areas. The experience I have gained through SHAC and the Refugee Health Initiative has opened my eyes to how fulfilling community outreach can be. However, it has also made me aware of the barriers to accessing physical therapy services that some populations often face. Therefore, I aspire that as a physical therapist I will be able to empower patients on both the individual and societal levels, and work towards ensuring that all patients have access to the care and services they need.

Megan Lynn 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 profession provides an outlet for creativity, necessitates effective communication, and allows me to use my growing clinical skills to help others achieve their full potential. I find working with older adults to be particularly rewarding, and look forward to serving this growing demographic following graduation. I have been incredibly blessed to receive funding from the Sande Scholarship these past three years. The support has allowed me to focus less on the financial burden of my education, and more on acquiring the knowledge, understanding, and experience that will allow me to bring top quality care to my patients and community.

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Daniel Hamrick Blackmon
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Greenville, South Carolina
(Daniel’s personal statement is on page 46)
Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarships

Cara Lillian Hehn
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Chelmsford, Massachusetts

Personal Statement: One week before my graduation from high school, my father fell over thirty feet from a scaffold while at a painting job. The next week was filled with surgeries, hospital visits, and the fear that comes with the uncertainty of future mobility. In witnessing my father’s full recovery through physical therapy, I soon realized the job description of a physical therapist extends far beyond a physical healer; it also includes being an emotional confidant, a motivator, and a friend. The immense impact that physical therapy made on my father inspired me to seriously consider physical therapy as a profession. Now that I am at UNC and progressing towards my goal of earning a Doctorate of Physical Therapy, I aspire to always put my patient and their needs first, and to be a confidant, a motivator, and a friend. I challenge myself to be aware of the diversity in every community I serve in, and to keep in mind that being a physical therapist is not a job, but rather a gift. I am so honored to have received the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship, and grateful to the Sande family and relatives for aiding me in achieving my goals. Thank you so very much!

James Bryan Mull
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Salisbury, North Carolina

Personal Statement: I chose to major in Exercise and Sport Science as an undergraduate due to my interest in the performance of the human body during physical exertion. I did not have a clear direction with how to transfer that passion into a career until my junior year when I suffered a shoulder injury that required surgery. During my rehabilitation I developed a great relationship with my physical therapist. He was instrumental in motivating me to regain complete function and strength in my shoulder. I decided to pursue physical therapy because I realized it would channel my interests into a career focused on making lasting, positive impacts on the lives of others. I want to thank the donors of the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship for affording me the ability to devote more time to studying and less to the financial burdens that accompany graduate education at UNC Chapel Hill. I feel extremely blessed to be a recipient of this award and the opportunities that it provides.

Jaime Lynn Emel
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Downingtown, Pennsylvania

(Baime’s personal statement is on page 38)

Michael Robert Murray
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina

Personal Statement: From the first time I can remember visiting my pediatrician, I knew I wanted to help others feel healthy. I am passionate about the human body, its intricacies that allow us to function every day, and ensuring that everyone can enjoy their body’s ability to its fullest. I knew that physical therapy was right for my passions after spending many years teaching children and adults the mechanics of swimming, which allowed me to engage with people using the pool for therapeutic purposes to regain function or strength after some kind of life altering event. I am very excited to have this opportunity, which would not be possible if it were not for the kindness and support from the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship. I am forever owe a great debt of gratitude to the Sande family and their relatives, and I intend to use my time at UNC to learn everything I can in order to repay the North Carolina community that has shaped me into the man I am today. I have not yet decided on a specific path of physical therapy, but intend to make a positive, lasting difference in people’s lives regardless of my area of expertise.

Laura Gray Rapp
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Lynchburg, Virginia

Personal Statement: I have been a runner all of my life, but in my sophomore year of collegiate athletics, I developed a stress fracture in my tibia. I initially didn’t invest much hope in physical therapy, but as I learned the benefits of electrical stimulation for maintaining muscle strength and equipment that allowed me to run on a treadmill underwater, I became intrigued. Six weeks later, I was back to running, my tibia healed completely, and I lost little training for indoor track. I then knew what I wanted to do with my future—to be a physical therapist. After shadowing and completing my first block of PT school, I know it is the career for me. Physical therapists have the opportunity not only to heal, but also to see progress. I am particularly drawn to pediatrics, and I aspire to work with children and watch them improve through the field that proved to be so helpful to me. This scholarship provides that possibility for me to become a physical therapist and to work with kids for whom physical therapy is the best option for living an active, healthy life, and I could not be more grateful for this opportunity.

Beverly Elizabeth Knight
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina

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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 at UNC Chapel Hill. Officially being a third-year in the program now, I am that much closer to realizing my dream of being a physical therapist. I have been able to participate in various community outreach opportunities through the DPT program, including being the physical therapy discipline coordinator for SHAC-Beyond Clinic Walls the past two years. Participation in programs such as SHAC-BCW and adaptive aquatics, as well as my three previous clinical rotations have simply reminded me of why I chose this great profession, and I am thrilled that I will get to provide these services to the public for the remainder of my adult life. I am extremely grateful to have been the recipient of the Sande Scholarship. 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 me, who do not have a traditional support system, the opportunity to receive help such as the 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.

Angela Diane Lauten  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Kernersville, North Carolina  
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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. I have always been fascinated by how intricately the human body is put together. I love how physical therapy combines the anatomy and physiology behind human movement with the more personal component of working with patients one-on-one. Injury and illness can have a huge effect on an individual’s functioning and I am passionate about restoring and improving the quality of life of my patients. Physical therapy can be a demanding career, but one that is immensely rewarding as well. At this point in time, I anticipate working in either an orthopedic or neurologic setting when I graduate. I hope to be able to serve the people of North Carolina as well as have the opportunity to travel abroad to underserved countries. 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.

Michelle Jené Treffer  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: San Jose, California  
Personal Statement: The birth of my son in 2008 was a catalyst in propelling me to take action and fulfill my lifelong dream of a career in physical therapy. I was drawn to physical therapy for many reasons, working with patients one-on-one and serving a community of those in need are among them. I could not find another career that is a better match for my personality and my core values. I love learning how the body works and how to use that information to help someone feel better, live without pain, and facilitate a healthy lifestyle. Ultimately, I envision myself as a member of the health and wellness community, providing physical therapy within an underserved community and collaborating with other professionals offering injury treatment, injury prevention education, nutrition clinics, fitness programs, and overall wellness education and services. This could mean returning to my adopted hometown of Maui, where I made my home for 10 years before embarking on this wonderful educational opportunity here at UNC Chapel Hill. I am very grateful for the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity!

Meredith Taylor Reed  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Atlantic Beach, North Carolina  
(Taylor’s personal statement is on page 39)
**NEURODIAGNOSTICS AND SLEEP SCIENCE**

**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, as a 2013 gold partner, has generously provided a merit-based scholarship for the 2012-13 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.

**Sonya Aneissia McNeill**  
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program  
Hometown: Pembroke, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I am pursuing my bachelor’s degree in Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science, which is designed to fill community needs for leaders, researchers, and educators in sleep medicine and neurodiagnostics. This is the first bachelor’s program in the nation of its kind and I am very proud to be selected into the first graduating class. I am very passionate about my work and my field as well as dedicated to improving the health of people in my community. I have worked as a sleep technologist for 14 years. I aspire to increase patient awareness and educate new technologist entering this profession. Over the last century, research has been directed toward understanding brain and breathing activity by defining neurological and sleep disorders. As we are faced with new challenges in sleep and neurological disorders, we need leaders to achieve our optimal goal, which is to improve the quality of people’s lives as well as bridge a gap to resolve an excessive shortage of qualified health care professionals to work in these professions. My personal experience with epilepsy and sleep disorders influenced me to continue my education. I work diligently to balance school, work, and single parenthood. I am honored and blessed to accept this award from Nihon Kohden. This scholarship will assist me with fulfilling my financial responsibilities for school, in order to enhance the future of my career.

**Inaugural Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship**

A generous gift from the UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science 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 2012-13 academic year.

**Tanisha Sharmaine Burke**  
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program  
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** A passion and a love for helping people drives my career choice. I believe it is in my DNA because I come from a line of health care providers in my family. Partaking in health care in any way that will enrich and help people within my community and others in the scope of my reach leads to my aspirations for the future of my career. I have been working in health care since 2000, wearing many different hats. However, for the past nine years, I have enjoyed working in the department of sleep. Sleep is a fairly new and evolving science; with that in mind, I plan to take my career to a leadership level in whatever capacity my degree can afford me. Receiving this scholarship means that I will be able to pursue opportunities and advance in this field, which means the world to me. This scholarship motivates me and confirms that I am on the right track in my profession where greater and better things are to come. I am humble and appreciative to the Inaugural Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Scholarship donors for their support.

**ResMed Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship**

As a founding gold partner in the 2013 UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Corporate Partners Program, ResMed has generously provided a merit-based scholarship for the 2012-13 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.

**Steven James O’Dell**  
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program  
Hometown: LaGrange, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I graduated from Lenoir Community College with my associate’s degree in Polysomnography in May 2011. I then started my career in sleep during August 2011 and have been striving to make a difference ever since. I am still considered new to the sleep sciences field and have only been registered since September 2011. I am continually learning through experience while working both a full-time and part-time position. Though experience is beneficial in honing my skills as a registered polysomnographic technologist, I will be able to apply new knowledge from the Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Sciences Program and excel in my profession. This program was attractive to me because it is offered through distance education and geared so that a student can continue working while enrolled. The acceptance of this scholarship is important to me because it will relieve the financial burden I face to complete my goals.
Tempur-Pedic Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarships

As a founding platinum partner in the 2012 UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Corporate Partners Program, Tempur-Pedic has generously provided four merit-based scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year. Tempur-Pedic is focused on developing, manufacturing, and marketing advanced sleep surfaces that help improve the quality of life for people around the world. The company’s products are currently sold in over 80 countries.

Christopher ‘Chip’ Nielsen
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Holly Springs, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Mentors Make the Man: Several honorable mentions are in order, who share in this thoughtful gift from Tempur-Pedic, a world leader in sleep comfort, using a NASA developed pressure-absorbing material made available to the public in the 1980s. Sleep specialist Bradley Vaughn, MD, and Heidi Roth, MD, at UNC, and Thomas Perkins, MD, and James Hundley, RPSGT, at Raleigh Neurology have all helped me get established and thoroughly grounded in the relatively new discipline of Sleep Medicine. Since my start in the spring of 2004, I have seen the level of knowledge and professionalism of myself and my peers continue to expand abundantly. This is largely due to the new education programs flourishing all across the U.S. Such as the first of its kind, the Neurodiagnostic and Sleep Science baccalaureate program, a joint venture with UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine and UNC-Charlotte, begun largely by Dr. Vaughn, MD. I look forward to robustly giving back to the community that so generously delivers quality patient care, innovative medical researchers, and product investors. This gift from Tempur-Pedic demonstrates their continued commitment to support growth and improvement in the field of Sleep Medicine. Thank you very much.

Sy J.H. Turner
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Sedalia, Colorado
Personal Statement: I have always enjoyed working with people and was drawn to my field in a desire to help others. During my clinical internship, I particularly appreciated working with children, especially when I realized how much can be done to help them in the field of Neurodiagnostics. My career aspirations include growing in and contributing to my field. More specifically, my current goal is to manage the Neurophysiology Lab at Children’s Hospital Colorado where I work. I would like to one day become a director at the hospital. I also have a strong desire to contribute to my field in the area of education. I’m serving as an advisory board member for the development of an accredited EEG program in Colorado and I would like to expand my work with the program as it develops. This scholarship means a tremendous amount to me. It will help me to reach my professional goals, especially with the financial aspect of attending college while supporting my growing family. I appreciate even being considered for the Tempur-Pedic Scholarship and I am extremely grateful to have received it.

Steven Jay Morris
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I have been working in the field of Sleep Medicine since December 2007. I graduated from Pitt Community College in May of 2008 with an AAS in Polysomnography, and became a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist in October of 2008. I consider myself blessed to have found a career that I find equally fascinating and rewarding. By far, the biggest perk of the job is helping a patient sleep better; and improving their life for the better. I am currently managing a sleep lab in Durham, and I am looking forward to graduating. I plan to either become an instructor of an AAS degree program in Polysomnography, or hope to one day run a Neurodiagnostics Department. I would like to thank Tempur-Pedic for their generous gift, and being an excellent sponsor. Without their help, I am not sure I would have been able to attend next semester, so this is quite a wonderful gift. I am expecting a baby girl on November 19 of this year, so this scholarship is an answer to many prayers.

Marisol Thornton
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Twinsburg, Ohio
Personal Statement: I am so excited to be part of the growing field of Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science. Being selected to receive the Tempur-Pedic Scholarship will allow me to continue expanding my knowledge and advance my skills. This is such a significant time in the field, with the newly established program at The University of North Carolina, which is currently helping to create future leaders. There is a growing need for neurodiagnostics in the areas of critical care and this is of great interest to me. I would like to be involved in the establishing of neuro intensive care units. Having the support of the University and of companies like Tempur-Pedic will help me to reach this goal. Enthusiasm for the field came from a former instructor, Dr. Mark Ryland. He recognizes the impact that properly trained and educated individuals will make on the growing fields of Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science, and as he always said “We can take over the world, one electrode at a time.” Thank you.
The Smith Family Foundation Scholarships

The Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation has generously made a gift to provide three scholarships for deserving students studying in the UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science program for the 2012-13 academic year.

**Deborah L. Chiou**  
*Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program*  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, California  
**Personal Statement:** I am lucky to have found a career that I am passionate about! I first heard about the field of Neurodiagnostics through a family friend in 2004. I was instantly fascinated with helping people. Through some obstacles, I finally enrolled into EEG school in 2006. It turned out to be the most rewarding experience as it opened my eyes to an entirely new area of learning. I am so enthusiastic about this field that I chose to enroll in this particular program because I want to continue the fountain of learning by pursuing higher education in the field of Neurodiagnostics. I believe that obtaining this degree will help advance my knowledge and build upon my experiences in the field. It will better equip me for future advancement and encourage involvement by connecting with others in my field, all while leading me to achieve greater heights in my career. It took a lot of courage and dedication for me to go back to school, especially in this economic recession. Therefore, I am extremely fortunate and grateful to be the recipient of this scholarship. It will relieve some financial burden so that I may focus my energies in academia, help realize my dreams, and help to reach my full potential. Thank you for your generosity.

**Jeannine Angela Davenport**  
*Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program*  
**Hometown:** Seven Springs, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I knew at a young age that I wanted a career that would help me to make a positive impact on people’s lives. I found that career in 2002 when I became a Polysomnographic Technologist. When patients are able to get a good, refreshing night’s sleep, it can change their lives for the better. Being able to see that change first hand is very rewarding. Now, as a manager, I find it rewarding to be able to train new Polysomnographic Technologists in this field. Being a student in the Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program has helped me to expand my knowledge and share it with my patients and fellow technologists. My goal is to become an instructor in this field so that I can help inspire the next generation of Polysomnographic Technologists. Receiving the Smith Family Foundation Scholarship will help me tremendously in completing my education and reaching my ultimate goals. I am honored to receive this opportunity and will use it to give back to my profession. I would like to thank the Smith Family Foundation for their generous gift.

**Eunmi Han**  
*Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program*  
**Hometown:** Glastonbury, Connecticut  
**Personal Statement:** I was born and raised in Korea where I received my bachelor’s degree in science. After coming to America, I became the mother of three girls and it was becoming a mother that made me realize my interest in science was focused on the medical field and helping others. In addition to that, I discovered meditation that focuses on breathing that allowed me to maintain a balance among school, family, health, and my many responsibilities. Inspired by my work with breathing meditation I decided to pursue a career in respiratory therapy. I hope that through my career I can play a role in establishing healthy lives in my patients so that they can live to the fullest. This scholarship means that an immense amount of relief will be lifted off my shoulders because my eldest daughter will be attending college next year, and it will help my family in this time of financial difficulty. It also has inspired me to continue working through my struggles and has given me new energy to continue caring for my family, studying further in my field, and helping my patients.

**Veronica Jenkins Loftin**  
*Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program*  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, California  
**Personal Statement:** I am lucky to have found a career that I am passionate about! I first heard about the field of Neurodiagnostics through a family friend in 2004. I was instantly fascinated with helping people. Through some obstacles, I finally enrolled into EEG school in 2006. It turned out to be the most rewarding experience as it opened my eyes to an entirely new area of learning. I am so enthusiastic about this field that I chose to enroll in this particular program because I want to continue the fountain of learning by pursuing higher education in the field of Neurodiagnostics. I believe that obtaining this degree will help advance my knowledge and build upon my experiences in the field. It will better equip me for future advancement and encourage involvement by connecting with others in my field, all while leading me to achieve greater heights in my career. It took a lot of courage and dedication for me to go back to school, especially in this economic recession. Therefore, I am extremely fortunate and grateful to be the recipient of this scholarship. It will relieve some financial burden so that I may focus my energies in academia, help realize my dreams, and help to reach my full potential. Thank you for your generosity.

Astro-Med Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship

As a Gold Partner in the 2013 UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Corporate Partners Program, Astro-Med, Inc. has generously provided a merit-based scholarship for the 2012-13 academic year. The company develops and manufactures a broad range of sleep medicine products under the brand names Astro-Med and Grass Technologies.

**Eunmi Han**  
*Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program*  
**Hometown:** Glastonbury, Connecticut  
**Personal Statement:** I was born and raised in Korea where I received my bachelor’s degree in science. After coming to America, I became the mother of three girls and it was becoming a mother that made me realize my interest in science was focused on the medical field and helping others. In addition to that, I discovered meditation that focuses on breathing that allowed me to maintain a balance among school, family, health, and my many responsibilities. Inspired by my work with breathing meditation I decided to pursue a career in respiratory therapy. I hope that through my career I can play a role in establishing healthy lives in my patients so that they can live to the fullest. This scholarship means that an immense amount of relief will be lifted off my shoulders because my eldest daughter will be attending college next year, and it will help my family in this time of financial difficulty. It also has inspired me to continue working through my struggles and has given me new energy to continue caring for my family, studying further in my field, and helping my patients.

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