ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES CELEBRATES OUR STUDENTS AND DONORS
Dear Distinguished Guests,

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to thank you for attending the Department of Allied Health Sciences eighth 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, quality of life, and access to care for everyone.

The financial support of our donors continues to help us meet the increasing needs of our students who are not fully state supported and to address our key program values with vigor, integrity, and an outstanding level of quality on the part of our students, faculty, and staff. We greatly appreciate the ongoing generosity of our donors in advancing the overall mission of the Department of Allied Health Sciences at the UNC School of Medicine.

Respectfully,

Stephen R. Hooper, PhD
Professor, Associate Dean and Chair

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UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

The Allied Health Sciences 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.

Lauren Marie Charles  
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences  
Hometown: Brentwood, Tennessee  
Personal Statement: As an individual with a bilateral mild to moderate hearing loss, I realize that there is more to audiology than just a hearing test. I am fascinated by the science and advancements of technology even within my lifetime. Providing access to sound is a key part of connecting to the world around you and audiologists can provide this to their patients through amplification, counseling, and other services. The advancements in universal newborn hearing screenings paired with technology have improved outcomes for individuals with hearing loss and will continue to. This is what drew me to the field and drives my future career in audiology. I am excited about my future as a pediatric audiologist and look forward to serving patients and their families. Receiving this scholarship is an honor and has certainly eased the financial burden of paying for a doctoral program. I am extremely grateful for the people who made it possible. Thank you!

Kelsie Ann Edwards  
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology  
Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyoming  
Personal Statement: I believe everyone has the right to work, receive an education, and enjoy their community. While working with individuals with intellectual disabilities during my undergraduate program, I realized there was so much more I could do to help these individuals live fulfilling lives. Rehabilitation counseling is a field that helps individuals with disabilities realize their potential and gives them the tools to reach their goals. The Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program is teaching me valuable counseling skills and fueling my passion to help others. With the knowledge and experiences I acquire from the program, I hope to work with young adults with developmental disabilities as they transition from high school to either post-secondary education or meaningful employment and make that transition much easier. I am very grateful for receiving the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship as it will help me pursue my passion of helping others by allowing me to focus my time on studying and gaining experience through volunteering.

Abbie Shea Marrale  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Personal Statement: Through my ongoing education in the UNC DPT program, I am continuously surprised and delighted by the endless possibilities of Physical Therapy and how it can help promote general health and prevent injury, as well as aid those with preexisting impairments. Above all, I am deeply appreciative to be part of this community that encourages health and wellbeing for all. As the recipient of the G. Wayne and Tanya B. Long Scholarship and the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship, I wish to express my deep gratitude to both the Long family and the Volunteer Association for their generous gifts. I hope that through education, commitment, and experience, I will be able to forward these gifts to my patients, colleagues, and the larger community.

Amanda Elizabeth McClung  
Division of Radiologic Science  
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I have always enjoyed helping people and Radiologic Science has allowed me to find a career that will let me do what I love. After graduation, I hope to find a job working in MRI in my hometown of Charlotte, NC. My goal is to raise awareness about the lack of affordable diagnostic imaging available to uninsured and homeless patients, and how the use of MRI could aid in the early diagnosis of many diseases leading to less costly treatments and a greater potential for recovery. I would like to work with a local non-profit organization in Charlotte that provides medical care to uninsured and homeless patients in hopes that I can find a way to integrate MRI into their program. I am so grateful to receive the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship, which will allow me to not only focus on my program, but also on my future career goals so I can do my best to improve the lives of those in need.
UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

**Rachel Laura McDowell**
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*

**Hometown:** Taylorsville, California  

**Personal Statement:** My desire to pursue a career as a clinical laboratory scientist is a result of my experiences as a patient, my introduction to immunology at Cal Poly, and growing up in a rural community in northern California. I began my career pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine and was fascinated by immunology and the body’s ability to fight off disease. During my third year of undergraduate coursework, I was forced to take a quarter off to have heart surgery, and this exposure to human medicine helped to change my desire to pursue a human-health related field. Growing up in rural northeastern California, I witnessed the shortage of medical professionals and would like to serve as a clinical laboratory scientist in a rural area. This past year, I have enjoyed microbiology and immunology and am interested in pursuing these disciplines of laboratory medicine. I feel honored and blessed to be the recipient of this and am thankful for the generous gift.

**Jamie Lynn Stiller**
*Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy*

**Hometown:** West Terre Haute, Indiana  

**Personal Statement:** After several years of working in the public health field with behavioral health research, I realized that I needed something more in my career. My desire to help others in a more direct, individualized way led me to Occupational Therapy. The holistic approach, collaborative nature, and compassion intrinsic to OT resonate with who I am at my core. Through UNC’s Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program, I will gain invaluable knowledge and experience that will facilitate a productive and fruitful career helping others. As an occupational therapist, I will strive to lead a passionate and purposeful life as a therapist adding value to the lives of the clients I serve through their therapy goals and valued occupations. I am honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Fellowship and very grateful for the donors who contributed to helping fund my educational goals here at Carolina.

**Lucy Michelle Entwistle**
*Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy*

**Hometown:** Lexington, North Carolina  

**Personal Statement:** Like many others, my senior aspiration in the yearbook was “to make a difference.” Nothing stands out about these words; however, my career choice in Occupational Therapy has given me a unique angle and ability to do just that. I am passionate about the field of OT and excited for the ability to learn and grow in the profession. As a second-year student, I have had opportunities to perform fieldwork in a variety of settings. I have had numerous experiences where I have been out of my comfort zone, such as inner-city Philadelphia where I ministered to a woman with paranoid schizophrenia and an inpatient rehabilitation setting where I helped teach someone how to dress after a recent spinal cord injury. My personal experiences around the world and my various fieldwork placements have given me confidence to know I have the skills needed for this profession, and I hope to use those to the best of my ability to serve others. I am very thankful for the honor of receiving this award, and I will do my best to become the best occupational therapist I can be.

**Nicole Rose Feehan**
*Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology*

**Hometown:** Bangor, Pennsylvania  

**Personal Statement:** In my four short years as an undergraduate, I witnessed a continuous cycle of hurting and healing, both as a campus community, and as individuals trying to navigate early adulthood. I had the privilege of working as a rape crisis counselor aiding victims/survivors through their recoveries and watching them struggle to redevelop their confidence and sense of safety. Through this work I was able to take notice of the campus alcohol problem, widely reviewed by campus administrators and like-minded psychologists. I was lucky enough to be one of those psychologists, completing a senior thesis on alcohol culture and the safety of students. This led to numerous conversations with administration about policy change, which has now led to a new policy in hopes of ensuring the happiness and safety of all members of the campus community. Upon completion of my master’s degree, I intend to re-involve myself in those conversations. Through the generosity of the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association and the Educational Planning Symposium I will be returning to these conversations with even more to offer, in the hopes of making substantial contributions for all members of an at-risk community.
**The June C. Allcott Fellowship**

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 community service.

**Margaret A. Fitch**  
*Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
**Hometown:** Tryon, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** “For you I study, for you I work, for you I live, for you I am ready even to give my life.”—St. John Bosco. This quote is posted on my bedroom door, and everyday it motivates me to look for opportunities to serve people and to continue pursuing my academic formation as a speech-language pathologist (SLP). After graduation from college in 2012, I volunteered as a teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) in Montero, Bolivia. A central aspect of my mission in Bolivia was to make connections with and be present to others in a way that truly values their human dignity. Upon entering the SLP program at UNC, I became involved in research with Spanish-speaking families of children with autism, and I began to help coordinate fundraising for a yearly service trip to Guatemala. This trip was an excellent opportunity to provide direct service to communities with minimal resources and to learn additional skills for working with culturally and linguistically diverse populations. This year I am also excited to become more involved with Beyond Clinic Walls, and I am enjoying my role as a catechist at the Newman Catholic Student Center. I greatly appreciate the generosity of the Allcott family, which will allow me to focus more on my education and service.

**Sarah Svetkey van der Horst**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** In May 2013, I started Amigas en Salud, an exercise and health awareness program that works to advance the health and independence of Latinas in the Triangle. The organization is based on assessments of the community’s wants and needs and consists of three main components: Zumba, free childcare, and promotion of health literacy through bi-monthly tutorials. We are able to offer these resources through the network we have built with organizations like SHAC, Compass Center, Planned Parenthood, the Seymour Center, and Farmer Foodshare. Over the past months, I have worked to put together an incredible team of leaders that have helped me expand our reach. For example, in October, we launched a Durham branch with the help of Duke students and faculty, Duke Integrated Pediatric Mental Health, and La Inmaculada. On November 15, Amigas en Salud in Chapel Hill will sponsor a health fair for Latinas and their families, bringing together a vast array of community resources. Upon receiving this fellowship, I was able to purchase pedometers for each of the participants in order to encourage and challenge them to take control of their health outside of our Saturday sessions. I am truly honored and humbled to accept this award on behalf of the entire Amigas en Salud team.

**Katherine Lemoine**  
*Division of Clinical Laboratory Science*  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** When I first heard about the Clinical Laboratory Science program, I immediately knew it was a good fit. I love how labs are incorporated to complement the didactic part of the program, I appreciate the intimacy of having a small class, and I love the idea of being taught by experienced instructors to prepare me for a specific career with an excellent outlook. I have always wanted a career in health care, and now I will be able to realize my dream of helping people while using my laboratory knowledge and technical skills to do so. As a future clinical laboratory scientist, I hope to contribute to my society by working locally, here in North Carolina, and to specialize in my field so that as a highly skilled scientist I can contribute to personalized medicine. I am very grateful to be presented with the Thorpe/Mitchell Diversity Leadership Development Award, which will not only aid me in fulfilling my aspirations, but also honors me in representing diversity in Allied Health Sciences.

**Thorpe / Mitchell Diversity Leadership Development Award**

The Thorpe / Mitchell Diversity Leadership Development Award honors Dr. Robert L. Thorpe and Dr. 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 (DAHS) from 1986 to 2001. Dr. Mitchell currently serves as the DAHS Associate Chair for Student Services and has been AHEC Operations Director for the department since 2001. She has also been a faculty member in the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences since 1996. Drs. Thorpe and Mitchell, the co-founding donors of this award, are passionate about mentoring and encouraging others to excel and achieve their highest goals.
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 three scholarships for Allied Health students for the 2014-15 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

Chi Adabel Lee
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina
(Chi’s personal statement is on page 23)

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

Megan Kathleen Brown
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Gastonia, North Carolina
(Megan’s personal statement is on page 22)

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

Sarah Underwood
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Carrboro, North Carolina
(Sarah’s personal statement is on page 14)

Allene W. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Science Annual Scholarship
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Stephanie Leigh Gillette
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Kinston, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Clinical Laboratory Science allows me to combine my desire for working in a patient care setting with my interest in the field of laboratory medicine. I previously had the privilege of working in UNC’s Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, where I was able to be actively involved in research that aimed to better understand the interaction of certain genes and their effect on the malignancy of brain tumors. This experience fueled my passion to pursue a career in patient care in a more hands-on environment. Upon graduation from the CLS program, I hope to begin working in a hospital lab to become more familiar and experienced with the various areas of the clinical lab. My goal is to eventually further my education and develop my knowledge and skills in the area that is most interesting to me. I am very grateful to have received the Allene W. Alphin CLS Scholarship. Because of this award, I am both excited and inspired to do my best in this final year of my college education.

Jesse C. Alphin Clinical Laboratory Science Annual Scholarship
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Sarah Elizabeth Menz
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Elon, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I applied to the Clinical Laboratory Science program because of my interest in science and health care. During my first two years at Carolina, I enjoyed my classes about biology and public health, but I discovered my growing interest in clinical health. The CLS program allows me to learn more about diseases and how laboratory professionals can contribute to a patient’s diagnosis. I learned so much in the first year of the CLS program, and it’s rewarding to be able to use that information while working in a microbiology lab in the UNC School of Public Health and during rotations at the hospital labs. I’m looking forward to gaining new experiences in rotations this year and applying them to the CLS profession in the future. I’m thankful for this scholarship and all of the people who support students pursuing a career in CLS. I’m excited for the opportunities ahead of me in the laboratory profession.

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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.

Sarah Underwood  
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science  
Hometown: Carrboro, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I am so grateful and honored to have been selected for the Lanning-Taylor Clinical Laboratory Science Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship. My time spent so far in clinical rotations this year at the McLendon Labs at UNC Hospitals has reinforced my ambition of becoming a medical technologist. When I graduate, I hope to be an efficient, knowledgeable laboratory professional and contribute greatly to the field of Clinical Laboratory Science. I am excited to work in a health care setting, whereby detecting diseases I can have a direct positive impact on patients’ lives. I will work hard this year to acquire as many technical skills and as much lab expertise as possible. In my career, I hope to become a highly skilled laboratory scientist, collaborate effectively with others, and eventually move into a position of leadership in a clinical lab. With the help of the CLS faculty, staff at the McLendon Labs, and this scholarship, I intend to make the most of my time in clinical rotations and become an excellent laboratory professional.

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Rachel Laura McDowell  
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science  
Hometown: Taylorsville, California  
(Rachel’s personal statement is on page 8)

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.

Stephanie Breanne Lane  
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science  
Hometown: Forest City, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I have always enjoyed learning how the immune system works to fight against foreign antigens and also sometimes against itself, as in autoimmune disorders like Type I Diabetes. During my first year at UNC, a genetics class and a first-year seminar that focused on childhood language disorders further sparked my interest in this field. Learning that the CLS profession deals with performing and analyzing diagnostic tests in a variety of fields, I could not help but think that the CLS program was the appropriate path for me. After graduating from the CLS program, I hope to continue my education in the medical field and possibly specialize in a pediatric field. My overall goal is to use my knowledge and skills of science to help others, and in doing so, put a smile on someone’s face every day. Thank you, Raleigh Pathology and Lab Associates. I am blessed to have been selected to receive your scholarship. Getting the news that I was awarded this scholarship helped solidify my career aspirations and provided me with the assurance that CLS students are supported and encouraged by many.

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.

Heyman Israel Peraza Magana  
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science  
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I have always wanted to pursue a career in health care, and when I first found out about the Clinical Laboratory Science program and profession, I knew I had found the perfect match for my interests. There are endless career paths for clinical laboratory scientists. From the hospital laboratories to industry, I can rest assured that my work will have a great impact on patient care. Upon graduation, I plan to work either as a generalist in a core laboratory or in transfusion services. Subsequently, I plan to obtain a master’s degree in transfusion medicine or public health to become a more competent professional. I feel honored to receive the WakeMed Health and Hospitals Clinical Laboratory Science Scholarship. Aside from bringing me closer to achieving my goals, receiving this scholarship means that WakeMed Health and Hospitals believes that I can succeed and I am deeply grateful for that.
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.

Caroline Elizabeth Henderson
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Lubbock, Texas
Personal Statement: It was not until my sophomore year of college that I heard about Clinical Laboratory Science, but after one info session, I knew this was the profession for me. I excitedly answered “Yes” to questions like “Do you enjoy science?”, “Do you like hands-on work?”, and “Do you desire to help people?” My passions for science and for people as well as my skill sets found their culmination in this program, and having completed my first year I am more convinced of this. I look forward to putting into practice all that I have learned in my first year. In particular, I have learned of the significance of quality assurance in reporting results. I always assumed that results were reliable, but I now have a greater appreciation for the insistence to attain the most accurate and precise results possible. As a medical technologist in training, I want my motives to be driven by the desire to produce reliable results so that patient care can be most effective. It is such an honor to be chosen as a recipient of the Louise M. Ward Scholarship, and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to further discover how I can make an impact in health care through Clinical Laboratory Science.

Samuel Jonathan Mason
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Personal Statement: The lure of a career that indulges my passion for solving puzzles in an arena where my hard work can help bring about positive patient outcomes is what drew me to the study of Clinical Laboratory Science. Once I’ve earned my degree, I hope to work with my peers to not only continue delivering quality service, but to be active in the evolution of the profession as it strives to provide a wider scope of patient care at a higher standard, and to be vocal in communicating the importance of work done within the laboratory to the general public. For their altruism, my gratitude to my instructors and to the generous donors furnishing my scholarship is boundless. Their gracious support of my education is to me a powerful reaffirmation that my hard work and enthusiasm are meaningful and appreciated, and will serve as a tremendous motivator to me in the coming years as I make the transition from student to young professional.

Louise M. Ward Scholarships

Lauren Elizabeth Wallrichs
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Rutherford College, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I was initially drawn to studying Clinical Laboratory Science because I knew that I wanted to positively impact the lives of patients in the health care system. After completing my first year in the CLS program, I have fallen in love with the diverse nature of this field. With this degree, I will graduate with the knowledge and abilities essential for performing laboratory testing that can monitor drug treatments, match donors for blood transfusions, aid physicians in the diagnosis of genetic conditions, along with many other skills. Upon graduation, I plan to work in a hospital laboratory and explore the numerous career opportunities that are available as a clinical laboratory scientist. I am confident that I have chosen a field that is right for me, and I know I will be able to make a difference in the lives of many patients. As a recipient of the Louise M. Ward Scholarship, I cannot fully express my gratitude for this opportunity. I am extremely thankful to the CLS faculty for selecting me for this award and to the supporters of this scholarship for your generous contribution investing my education.

Sarah Marie Grove
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Fayetteville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Clinical Laboratory Science is a field that encompasses disciplines that I find most fascinating. It will help me understand the intricacy of medicine, yet allow me to further embrace my interests in chemistry and biology. I genuinely love helping others, and investigative laboratory work is where I feel most content. Molecular Diagnostic Science, in particular, is greatly appealing because it is a rapidly evolving field that complements and drives the effectiveness of medicine. I hope to be actively involved in the incorporation of new technologies to improve medical care. In the end, I aspire to work for hospitals or in the pharmaceutical industry. As a MDS student, I feel like I’m still able to make an impact while following my passions thanks in part to the MDS Corporate Partners Scholarship. I sincerely appreciate receiving this scholarship as it allows me to take more time for school rather than work and has really reinforced that I am making progress in the right direction for my future.

Molecular Diagnostic Science Corporate Partner Program Scholarships

We are pleased to offer three Molecular Diagnostic Science (MDS) Corporate Partner Program Scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year thanks to the generosity of our founding Platinum and Gold partners in the MDS Corporate Partners Program: Abbott Molecular, Hologic / Gen-Probe, Laboratory Corporation of America, Roche Diagnostics Corporation, and ZeptoMetrix Corporation.
Marlys Mitchell Scholarship
As the founder of the program in Occupational Therapy at UNC, Dr. Marlys Mitchell exemplified thoughtful and innovative professionalism. Funded through a generous estate gift from her husband, the Marlys Mitchell Scholarship commemorates her contributions to the field. Dr. Marlys Mitchell was a leader in Occupational Therapy at both state and national levels. She received the Suzanne Scullin Award for Professional Contributions to Occupational Therapy in North Carolina in 1979 and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Award of Merit – the highest award bestowed upon professional members – in 1979. She was a leader in establishing national training programs to develop Occupational Therapy in the schools (TOTEMS) and work transitions programs (PIVOT). She served on the AOTA Executive Board as Chair of the Commission on Education and chaired the AOTA Program Advisory Committee, serving as a resource to other educational programs.

Christine Bagnall
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
Hometown: Cary, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I decided to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy while working overseas as a Special Education Teacher-Trainer. This experience highlighted many of the gaps in services provided to children with disabilities. My goal as an occupational therapist is to help close these gaps by providing accessible, client-centered interventions to children and their families. I plan to practice OT internationally as well as domestically, working with underserved populations at the community level. I believe that participation in meaningful occupations is crucial to health and wellness and I will strive to provide future clients with the means and tools to engage in these chosen occupations. I value OT as a diverse and creative field that works collaboratively with clients and integrates their physical, mental, and emotional needs. I am both honored and grateful to have received the Mitchell Scholarship. Marlys Mitchell was an invaluable asset to the profession and I am inspired to emulate the passion and the innovation that she exemplified throughout her career.

Carolyn Louise Mains
Division of Clinical Laboratory Science
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Personal Statement: From my experience working as a cytogenetic technologist in the clinical laboratory at UNC Health Care, I have been fortunate enough to be part of the evolution of higher-resolution technologies, from chromosome analysis to both fluorescence in situ hybridization and chromosomal microarray technology. These technologies have allowed me to provide clinically relevant data to clinicians, fulfilling an important role in the larger health care community. I look forward to building on this experience, using the skills attained from the Molecular Diagnostic Science master’s program to continue working at the forefront of genetic testing. Molecular diagnostics is a field that is rapidly changing and expanding, and further development of my skills and knowledge through this master’s program will allow me to stay current and relevant. Through the pursuit of this degree, multiple career options in the field of molecular genetic diagnostics will be open to me. The scholarship, as well as the skills and knowledge acquired in this program, will allow me to serve as a leader and a resource. I appreciate the honor of being awarded the MDS Corporate Partner Scholarship and look forward to a role where I can educate and mentor others in our field of study.
Allied Health Sciences Scholarships and Awards Brunch

Carolinas Healthcare System/Carolinas Rehabilitation Occupational Therapy Annual Scholarship

The Carolinas Healthcare System/Carolinas Rehabilitation 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. Funding for the scholarship has been provided by Carolinas Healthcare System/Carolinas Rehabilitation in recognition of the excellent clinicians now working who graduated from the UNC program.

Myranda Conway  
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy  
Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I have been drawn to the Occupational Therapy profession since high school after shadowing a family friend at her OT practice. I developed my passion through various jobs with persons with disabilities until my enrollment in Chapel Hill’s MSOT program. I have grown as a student and future practitioner through high-quality coursework, extracurricular activities like Beyond Clinic Walls, and volunteer work in OT clinics. I look forward to continuing to grow in confidence and competence in my chosen profession. I am honored to receive this scholarship and grateful for the opportunity to complete my fieldwork at Carolinas Rehabilitation. This environment will be an exceptional fieldwork site to prepare me for my future career.

Increasing Diversity in Occupational Therapy Scholarship

Pursuing a passion to increase diversity in the Occupational Therapy profession, Stacy Wilson ('10) created an annual scholarship in 2012 that seeks to spread awareness of the OT profession to under-represented groups. The goal of the scholarship is to increase the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the OT program and profession. This scholarship is now funded through contributions from Mr. Wilson and other alumni.

Lauren Elizabeth Jones  
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy  
Hometown: Madison Heights, Virginia  
Personal Statement: For the past several years, I have worked with and learned from many people with a wide range of health conditions and disabilities. After sharing the feelings of joy and accomplishment these people had as they achieved personal and therapy goals, I knew I wanted to spend my life overcoming challenges and helping people look past their perceived limitations to reach their full potential, and I realized I could achieve these goals as an occupational therapist. With my holistic training in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science, I will be a skilled practitioner, advocate, and educator who works with clients to help them do what is meaningful in their lives. Thanks to Mr. Wilson’s generous support, I am able to combine my passion for OT with my love of education and community outreach. With this scholarship, I plan to continue expanding my own knowledge of OT and related fields by attending local and national conferences as well as educating others about the profession via community outreach events. In the future, I look forward to both deepening my own understanding of OT and to helping others learn about what a truly unique, rewarding and dynamic profession it is.

UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Community Service Fellowship

Jamie Lynn Stiller  
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy  
Hometown: West Terre Haute, Indiana  
(Jamie’s personal statement is on page 8)

Lauren Michelle Entwistle  
Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy  
Hometown: Lexington, North Carolina  
(Lucy’s personal statement is on page 9)
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.

Chi Adabel Lee
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina
Personal Statement: As far back as I can remember I have always accompanied my family members to the doctor to help them translate in Hmong. Witnessing the interaction between medicine and family inspired me to become part of a field that impacts peoples’ lives. Because of this, I was the first in my family of six kids to go to college. After graduation, I started working for a light industrial company, which helped me hone my interests, but I still craved that hands-on experience. After being accepted into the UNC Radiologic Science program and working in the lab, I have grown to love the idiosyncrasies of my work. The smile that I can put on a patient’s face, or the laugh I can get out of them even when they are hurting has shown me that radiology is not just about taking images, but being the patient’s advocate. After graduating, I hope to work as a technologist and further my knowledge of the radiologic field. Being awarded the Buddy Clark Scholarship is such an honor; this scholarship encourages me to strive for better and reminds me of my perpetual role as an interpreter, guide, and helper.

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.

Issack E. Boru
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia/Woodbridge, Virginia
Personal Statement: The UNC Division of Radiologic Science provided me with all the tools I needed to become the excellent health care provider I have aspired to be. The division also gave me the opportunity to travel abroad to Malawi and fulfill my dream of being involved in establishing international health care and educational relationships. Post-graduation, I was able to acquire my certification for both Radiography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging, and to obtain a full-time job as a MRI Technologist. My father suffered the effects of a head contusion for over 10 years and I want to treat all my patients the way I would like for him to have been treated. I was also determined to be part of an international health care relationship with developing countries like Ethiopia, where my father could have been saved if there were better and faster medical imaging. Receiving the Robbins Memorial Award upon graduation was affirmation that my effort had been noticed, and I am beyond thankful and proud. This award is a motivation to continue to provide the best health care possible and expand health care globally.

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.

Megan Kathleen Brown
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Gastonia, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Growing up I wanted to be many things, from a chef to an architect, but never a health professional. My world changed, however, when my grandfather lost his battle with cancer at the end of my senior year of high school. Watching him persevere through multiple bouts of chemotherapy and hospitalizations, I realized that health care might actually be the field for me. During my first year at UNC, I stumbled across the Division of Radiologic Science and immediately connected with its small and practical atmosphere. The division has given me a home during my undergraduate career at UNC and allowed me to grow both professionally and personally. I could not be more thankful for the opportunities provided to me by the Division of Radiologic Science and hope to give back to the radiology community as much as they have given me upon graduation. Receiving the Jerry Lambiente Radiologic Science Loyalty Fund Annual Scholarship will allow me to enjoy my senior year at UNC without the additional financial stress, especially as I prepare to travel to Switzerland as a Global Student Ambassador during Spring Break 2015.
The Phyllis Ann Canup Pepper Radiologic Science Memorial Fund Scholarships

This fund was established as a tribute to Phyllis Ann Canup Pepper’s lifetime and career in radiologic technology. She was born in Cabarrus County, a daughter of Blanche Bebber Canup and John Lewis Canup. Following graduation from A. L. Brown High School, she became one of the earliest radiologic technologists to graduate from UNC, completing her training in 1955. She joined the Department of Radiology at the University of North Carolina Hospitals after graduation and later served as chief technologist until 1962. She then went to Charlotte to become the Chief Technologist at Presbyterian Hospital. She remained at Presbyterian Hospital until her marriage in 1969. This fund was established by her husband, Francis D. Pepper, Jr., 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.

Matthew J. Creech
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Personal Statement: After being accepted into UNC from high school, I began to think about what major I wanted to choose. I initially intended on being a pre-med student, and I wanted to do something more diverse than the standard biology or chemistry majors who would be applying to medical school alongside me. Going through the list of potential majors, one caught my attention and I have been committed ever since. The practical skills that the Radiologic Science program offers are more valuable to me than anything that could be taught out of a textbook. Within a month of starting the program, we were placed in a clinical setting, already putting our skills to use in a professional environment. I have enjoyed being a part of the program and fully intend to remain in the field upon graduation. Medical school is still a consideration, but would only happen after working for a few years in the radiographic imaging field. This scholarship will allow me to focus on school without worrying about my basic expenses.

Brittney Kara Nicole Del Pizzo
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Fayetteville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Since I was little, I knew I wanted to work in health care. After many hours of “pretend” doctor I knew patient care and interaction was where I wanted to be. Once accepted into UNC, after telling myself there was no possible way I would be accepted, I started to gain a little more self-confidence. This is when I applied to the Radiologic Science program. To my surprise, I was again accepted and I couldn’t be more thankful. I have the opportunity to learn through clinical interactions that have only made me certain I chose the right career path. The hard work and the countless hours studying are all worth it when I get to care for my patients. If it was not for the Pepper Scholarship, I would have to worry about how to pay for another semester of school. I would like to say thank you to the Radiologic Science program for choosing me as a recipient, as well as Dr. Pepper for establishing the scholarship. Your kindness and thoughtfulness for thinking of students like me will never go unappreciated.

Lauren Elizabeth Fuller
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Brevard, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I discovered my passion for health care while in high school, when I worked in an optometrist’s office during the summers. There, I was introduced to and greatly enjoyed patient interaction, care, and retinal imaging. After being accepted to UNC and searching for a major, I found that the Division of Radiologic Science seemed to perfectly combine my interests. I was further drawn to the program upon learning about the global health opportunities. I am fortunate to be a student in this program. Not only am I taught by exceptional and caring faculty, but I also get to have a wide variety of clinical experience in radiology. My career goal is to work as a radiologic technologist in magnetic resonance imaging, and I may eventually pursue a master’s degree as a Radiologist Assistant or in Global Health. I am humbled and grateful to receive the Pepper Scholarship. It allows me to help my parents who have worked hard their entire lives to support my sister and me, and alleviates the pressure for me to work over the holidays. Furthermore, the scholarship encourages me to remain focused on my education and becoming the best possible radiologic technologist.

Austin Ray Smith
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Statesville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Throughout high school I knew I wanted a career in health care but did not have a definite direction. Nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry all appeared as viable options. It wasn’t until the summer between my UNC freshman and sophomore years that I had the opportunity to volunteer in the radiology department at my local hospital. I truly had a change in heart through the friendly interactions and career discussions with the technologists, and I realized that medical imaging was the right choice. I continued volunteering at UNC Hospitals and applied to the Radiologic Science program. My goal after completing the program and potentially obtaining a graduate degree is to say that I have not only become an expert in the field, but also built many professional and personal relationships that will last a lifetime. Being awarded the Pepper Scholarship relieves a huge financial burden because of the current economic state and increasing expense of college. The financial support is much needed and greatly appreciated and will ultimately aid in supporting my academic performance.
Drs. Jerome Puryear and Latonya Brown-Puryear Endowed Scholarship in Radiologic Science

Latonya Brown-Puryear (BS ’93, MD ’99) and her husband Jerome Puryear have established this scholarship to support deserving students enrolled in the UNC Division of Radiologic Science programs. The scholarship, which will be awarded annually with preference given to minority candidates, is intended to serve as an expression of gratitude to all those who have supported the Puryears in their academic pursuits and enabled them to make their dreams come true. Dr. Brown-Puryear is a native of Whiteville, North Carolina, and graduated from Whiteville High School in 1989. As a UNC undergraduate, she earned her BS in Radiologic Science and was the recipient of the 1993 Faculty Award for Excellence in the division. Dr. Brown-Puryear worked in the Radiology Department at UNC Hospitals from 1993-1995 before entering medical school at UNC. She completed her MD in 1999 and accepted a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. While there, she met her husband who was a Radiology resident. After finishing their residencies, they relocated to Miami, Fl., where she completed a fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and he completed fellowships in Neuroradiology and Vascular and Interventional Radiology. Longing to be closer to family, they relocated with their children to Ohio where they both joined private practices. Prior to establishing the Drs. Jerome Puryear and Latonya Brown-Puryear Endowed Scholarship at UNC, the Puryears endowed minority medical school scholarships in honor and memory of their loved ones.

Meghan Chase Ponder
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Asheville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: All my life, I have had a love for helping people along with a desire to be part of a worthwhile profession. The field of radiology offers me the chance to accomplish both. The opportunities that the UNC Radiologic Science Medical Imaging program has offered me have been limitless and with the help of my professors, my classmates, my mentors, and my imaging colleagues, I have reached far beyond what I ever believed was possible. To my nice surprise, I have grown from a nervous medical student into a health care professional with a great passion for this field. In the future, I plan to use this degree and the skills I have acquired during my time at UNC to land my dream job working with pediatric MRI patients. The Drs. Jerome Puryear and Latonya Brown-Puryear Endowed Scholarship provides a welcomed financial gift for my family as we wrap up my final semesters at UNC. It gives me great pride to accept such an award based on the hard work I’ve dedicated to this program. I am grateful to the donors for providing this reward, and I truly appreciate their generosity as well as the recognition it brings for my endeavors.

Kistner Yvonne Javorski
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My time in the Radiologic Science program has been very fulfilling thus far. When the opportunity for this program came along, I did not hesitate to apply and was thrilled to learn I had been accepted. Since this was a complete career change for me, I was nervous in the beginning but the instructors have been awesome and have made the transition far less stressful than I anticipated. While most professions in the health care industry involve helping others, few provide the opportunity to also interact with high tech imaging equipment to diagnose trauma and disease otherwise invisible to the naked eye. I find this opportunity both fascinating and challenging, and I appreciate each unique situation encountered on a day-to-day basis. I look forward to working with patients and hopefully can make sure the care they receive is as physically and mentally stress-free as possible. I strive to make imaging seem as quick and easy as the technologist I have shadowed and worked with does. I am grateful and honored to have received the Joseph Taylor Radiology Student Award.

UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

Amanda Elizabeth McClung
Division of Radiologic Science
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
(Amanda’s personal statement is on page 7)
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 Regional Vice President for Behavioral Health 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 is also a Captain in the United States Army National Guard serving as a psychologist. 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 BA in Psychology with a minor in African American Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds a MS in Rehabilitation Psychology and Counseling from UNC Chapel Hill. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University.

Alyse Janelle Bone
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Manassas, Virginia
Personal Statement: After completing my degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology, I plan to continue my education and receive my PhD in Counseling Psychology. A degree in rehabilitation counseling provides the necessary tools for me to be a phenomenal counselor and an excellent PhD applicant. I aspire to work in a private practice with other counseling professionals and see clients from adolescence to adulthood. I would like to focus on the population of individuals with depression, anxiety, and/or trauma related incidences. In addition, understanding therapeutic methods that relate more to minority populations is an interest of mine, and I hope to incorporate relevant evidence-based practices in my practice. In the future, I hope to write books catering to professionals and become a motivational speaker. Receiving this scholarship will not only allow me to achieve my goals, but it will also decrease my financial burden. Thank you Dr. Fleming!

Nicole Rose Feehan
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Bangor, Pennsylvania
Personal Statement: In my four short years as an undergraduate, I witnessed a continuous cycle of hurting and healing, both as a campus community, and as individuals trying to navigate early adulthood. I had the privilege of working as a rape crisis counselor aiding victims/survivors through their recoveries and watching them struggle to redevelop their confidence and sense of safety. Through this work I was able to take notice of the campus alcohol problem, widely reviewed by campus administrators and like-minded psychologists. I was lucky enough to be one of those psychologists, completing a senior thesis on alcohol culture and the safety of students. This led to numerous conversations with administration about policy change, which has now led to a new policy in hopes of ensuring the happiness and safety of all members of the campus community. Upon completion of my master’s degree, I intend to re-involve myself in those conversations. Through the generosity of the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association and the Educational Planning Symposium I will be returning to these conversations with even more to offer, in the hopes of making substantial contributions for all members of an at-risk community.

Rachel Sue Jodrey
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Graham, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I chose to study rehabilitation counseling because I’ve long been interested in working with the disabled community, an interest that was fostered by my own experience with disability. As someone who has Asperger’s Syndrome, I know firsthand the challenges that accompany having a developmental disability, but I’ve also experienced the powerful difference that can be made academically and professionally by having a counselor providing me with support. I love UNC’s rehabilitation counseling program in part because of its developmental disabilities concentration, which will enable me to have a focus on Autism Spectrum Disorders while still expanding my understanding of other developmental disabilities. My ultimate career aspirations include partnering with young adults on the Autism Spectrum to help them reach their individual goals in education and vocation. I am so honored and thankful to have received the Educational Planning Symposium Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Scholarship; it will go a long way towards helping me pursue my passion and achieve my goals.

Educational Planning Symposium Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology Annual Scholarships

A generous gift from the Educational Planning Symposium funded three scholarships for students attending the UNC Chapel Hill Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program for the 2013-14 academic year, and two scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year.
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.

Eden Patience Garner
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I entered the Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology program at UNC because I have always been passionate about helping others on a personal level. I have found that it is rare to have the opportunity to share your experiences, your story, with another person who genuinely cares for and respects you without judgment. As I have observed in a variety of academic, professional, and volunteer settings, this type of social support is even more critical for individuals and families struggling with mental health issues. For that reason, becoming a professional counselor in North Carolina is my dream job. Upon graduation, I plan on becoming a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and apply for licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor as well as a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist. I hope to work for a non-profit agency in North Carolina, as I am dedicated to the mission of providing affordable, holistic mental health care to marginalized populations.

UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships

Kelsie Ann Edwards
Division of Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology
Hometown: Cheyenne, Wyoming
(Kelsie’s personal statement is on page 6)
**Adult Communications Disorders Annual Scholarship**

The Adult Communications Disorders Annual Scholarship was established through the generosity of Amy Chaney Heffern ('86) and John Heffern ('83) for a student interested in any aspect of adult communication disorders. Amy received her BA in 1984 and MS in speech and hearing sciences in 1986, and John received a BA in economics in 1983 and an MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School in 1988. Amy has a private practice serving adult clients in the Princeton, NJ, area, primarily contracting with University Medical Center at Princeton. She is also in the process of founding the Central New Jersey Laryngectomee Support Group in conjunction with the local American Cancer Society to provide support, education, and community outreach to individuals with laryngectomies and their families. John is a managing partner and senior portfolio manager at Chartwell Investment Partners in Philadelphia.

**Robert Benjamin Cavanaugh**  
*Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
**Hometown:** Cape Elizabeth, Maine  
**Personal Statement:** I am honored and grateful to have been selected to receive the Adult Communication Disorders Annual Scholarship and Robin W. Peters Award. I have many former and current professors, supervisors, and peers to thank for my ongoing success at UNC. I was drawn to Speech Pathology by my interest in neurological disorders and rehabilitation after injury. Learning how to help others with communication and swallowing impairments has been a great opportunity. I am passionate about the role of cognition in neurologic communication disorders, especially as it applies to identifying impairments and improving therapy efficacy. I am further interested in creating more sensitive assessments and effective treatment techniques that are both evidence-based and clinically practical. During my career, I hope to help those with neurologic communication disorders improve their communication and overall quality of life. I want to increase access to rehabilitation services and reduce the burden of communication disorders. Again, many thanks to all those who support these awards.

**The June C. Allcott Fellowship**

**Margaret A. Fitch**  
*Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
**Hometown:** Tryon, North Carolina  
(Margaret's personal statement is on page 10)

**Millicent Blair Arnett Memorial Speech-Language Pathology Annual Scholarship**

The Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences created the Millicent Blair Arnett Memorial Speech-Language Pathology Annual Scholarship Fund at the Medical Foundation of NC in the summer of 2013 to accept contributions in memory of Millicent. Contributions will be used to fund a scholarship that will be awarded annually to a deserving UNC MS-SLP student. Millicent Lavon Blair Arnett was born October 12, 1972 in Charlotte, North Carolina. She earned her BS in Elementary Education from UNC Chapel Hill in 1994 and her MS-SLP from UNC in 2002. A warm and caring person, Millicent dedicated her life to serving children. She was also an ambassador for her profession, encouraging many others to pursue careers as pediatric speech-language pathologists. Millicent died May 22, 2013, leaving two beloved sons and an extensive legacy of inspiration, outreach, and care.

**Victoria Leigh Bunting**  
*Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
**Hometown:** Milton, Delaware  
**Personal Statement:** I am honored and incredibly thankful to have been chosen for this memorial scholarship. I hope to use the irreplaceable clinical experiences and classroom education that this scholarship is helping to provide to change the lives of the children and families that I will encounter as a pediatric speech pathologist. I am particularly drawn to a future career working with pediatric developmental disabilities, including pediatric hearing loss and complex medical conditions. I am confident that I have a unique sense of patience and the ability to empower that is necessary to bring positive changes to children and families that are experiencing communication and developmental difficulties that are out of their control. With the emotional and financial support of this scholarship and family, I hope to be a positive and encouraging influence in this branch of speech therapy, bringing comfort and change to children and families at times when they need it most. I truly cannot wait to see the progress each of my future clients make and I know I will approach each day in this field as a new opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life.

**UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowships**

**Lauren Marie Charles**  
*Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
**Hometown:** Brentwood, Tennessee  
(Lauren's personal statement is on page 6)
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 in 2011. The audiology scholarship helps to 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.

Shauna Jean Dool
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah
Personal Statement: I was drawn to the field of audiology through my experiences in the military. I was exposed to the loud environments that soldiers find themselves in every day; I experienced what an IED sounds like when it goes off a few feet away; and I saw how easy it was to adapt to the loud pops of gunfire on the shooting range, with many people choosing not to wear ear protection. The reality is that our ability to perceive sound can save our lives. Whether in combat or just biking down the street, being able to hear changes in the environment can mean the difference between getting home safely and not getting home at all. The intricate and delicate systems that allow us to hear are often taken for granted. It has become my passion to pursue this field in order to put my knowledge to use in my military career and in future work with veterans. It is an honor to receive this scholarship. I am very grateful to the alumni who made it possible.

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. Dr. Peters was a professor at the University of Southern Mississippi where he served as Departmental Chair of Speech and Hearing Sciences and as Research Administrator. He 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. In 1981 and 1982 he was a Visiting Research Scholar in the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University of Cambridge in England.

Robert Benjamin Cavanaugh
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Cape Elizabeth, Maine
(Robert’s personal statement is on page 32)

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 Graves Madden ('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.

Valeriya Yavich
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Hometown: Denver, Colorado
Personal Statement: After I graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder, I moved to Israel for a year-long volunteer program teaching English in an under-served elementary school where the children came from diverse backgrounds. In many ways, teaching English in this school was similar to being a speech-language pathologist. Although challenging, I found this year to be the most rewarding, during which I encountered children with a variety of special needs, both physical and mental, a wide array of behavioral and learning challenges, as well as their families that sometimes did not know how to contribute to the success of their child both in and out of the school environment. I watched my brother, who has Down syndrome, receive speech therapy throughout his life. I have seen the benefits of a therapist that truly cares and aspire to become a compassionate, educated, and well-rounded therapist. My experiences abroad as well as those from my own family, have brought me to pursue a career in Speech-Language Pathology. I plan to work with children with special needs, especially those that come from multi-culturally diverse backgrounds. This scholarship is bringing me closer to that dream by supporting me financially and I truly appreciate it.
**Dr. Sylvia Campbell Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship**

This scholarship was established through the generosity of Gary Campbell in honor of his wife, Dr. Sylvia Campbell, PhD/CCC-SLP, as a surprise for her birthday. Dr. Sylvia Campbell earned a MS in speech and hearing sciences and a MS in audiology from UNC 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. In 2006, she joined the faculty of Kuwait University as an assistant professor in the newly established Department of Communication Sciences and Disoders at the College for Women in Kuwait. Currently, Dr. Campbell is an Assistant Professor at the George Washington University Department of Speech and Hearing Science.

**Susan Mason**  
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences  
**Hometown:** Marlboro, New York  
**Personal Statement:** I was drawn to the field of speech-language pathology because it draws from many other disciplines and creates a profound impact on the lives of many. Communication is a basic human right and as a speech-language pathologist I can help people overcome barriers to their own communication. Yet our practice is even broader than that, touching upon many areas: articulation, fluency, voice, swallowing, augmentative and alternative communication, expressive and receptive language, cognitive aspects of language, social aspects of language, and hearing. Not only do I get to help the clients themselves, but often times I can also counsel and involve the families whose loved ones are affected by speech, language, hearing, or swallowing disorders. In the future, I hope to maintain working with a varied caseload and to help as many people as I can to overcome difficulties they have and achieve more independence in communicating and performing daily activities. I am truly blessed and honored to have received a scholarship to allow me to continue my studies and do what I love to do. Thank you to everyone who made this possible; I am very grateful!

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**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.

**Joel Dan Fairchild**  
Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences  
**Hometown:** Lebanon, Ohio  
**Personal Statement:** “You have to drive how many hours to get to therapy?” I asked Lupita’s mother. Again the answer came, “Three.” I had been living in Mexico for many years by that point so the lack of resources and the extraordinary lengths that people go to in order to get basic services did not come as a surprise. The surprise came, however, when this encounter motivated me to change careers and become a speech-language pathologist. I am particularly interested in working as a bilingual speech pathologist with children from different cultural backgrounds as well as with children who have craniofacial anomalies in non-profit settings. I am also interested in telepractice and will seek out opportunities to maximize technology to improve the speech and language services provided in the United States and abroad, and extend their availability to people who otherwise would be left with few options. Lupita set me on a path back to school and to a career as a speech-language pathologist. The Diversity in Speech Language Pathology Scholarship will help me solidify that goal. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have made this scholarship possible.
**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.”

**Frances Darlene Albanese**  
*Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences*  
**Hometown:** Marysville, Ohio  
**Personal Statement:** I am so thankful to have received the Rebecca Rule Womble Speech and Hearing Sciences Annual Scholarship. I entered into the field of Speech-Language Pathology after working for many years with individuals with disabilities and seeing the joy that comes from helping others reach their full communicative potential. After majoring in biology and psychology at the University of Dayton and beginning the master’s program here at UNC, I found that medical SLP allows me to combine my passion for helping others with my love of science and medicine. It is my hope to practice as a medical speech-language pathologist one day so that I can help others improve their quality of life through swallowing management and speech and language therapy. I am grateful for the opportunity I am given through this scholarship to help fund my graduate education and bring me one step closer to achieving my goal of deducing my life to working with individuals with speech and language disorders.

**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 Bean, 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 health 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.

**Robert Edward Sykes III**  
*Division of Physical Therapy*  
**Hometown:** Hobgood, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** It is no bold statement to say that most physical therapists arrive in their profession because they have a passion for helping others. I see this passion in my classmates and my teachers, and I have seen it in the many physical therapists that I have shadowed and worked with over the past few years. This same passion is what fuels me each and every day. As a physical therapist, I will have the opportunity to work in a variety of settings and help a variety of patients. With such varied opportunities, it is difficult to predict what my future career will hold. In any case, regardless of where I am practicing, I aspire to be a professional that is trusted by colleagues and patients alike, someone that makes my patients’ priorities my own, and someone that never gives less than my all. I am truly grateful to the Anderson family for recognizing my efforts and investing in my education so that I may one day invest my energy into helping those in my community. I strive to be a physical therapist of Ms. Anderson’s caliber, and I sincerely hope that my career honors her memory.
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.

Marian Thomas Sudano
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Apex, North Carolina
Personal Statement: With advancing technology, we have been able to speed up most medical visits by light years. Patients are seen and have their symptoms superficially fixed, but the underlying source of the problem may not be addressed. Physical Therapy allows a clinician to spend valuable time with their patient—individual time to assess them holistically and determine the source of their health impairment. This aspect of the career is what drew me to PT. I will not only affect my patient’s dysfunction on a physical level, but I will also be able to assist them in regaining function and their quality of life. Through education, I will help my patients understand their body and prevent the habits that created the dysfunction originally. As I continue to gain more knowledge about what a physical therapist is able to do, I become more excited to enter the field. I am thankful for this scholarship for allowing me to become an influential therapist.

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.

Genevieve Gibson Monroe
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Galveston, Texas
Personal Statement: Growing up in a service-oriented family, I knew from a young age that I would choose a vocation that helped to enable others. Upon entering college, I began to think about where my education would lead me and how my love of the outdoors and sports would influence my career. During my undergraduate career, I played soccer, received physical therapy for various injuries, and learned about the human body. After taking biomechanics and anatomy, I knew my calling was Physical Therapy. PT is a constantly growing and evolving field with opportunities knocking at every door. The scholarships I have received, the Class of 1964 Scholarship and the Judy White Professional Development Award, will offset the cost of the exceptional education that I am receiving here at UNC and afford me the opportunity to learn more about this field, where it is going, and how I can make a difference in the lives of my patients. During my career, I hope to advance the profession, working in different settings such as aquatics. I hope that after years of working in the field, I can return to the classroom to educate new PT students, further advancing our scope of practice and influence the lives of all whom they encounter.

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 an endowed scholarship for Physical Therapy students in memory of their daughter Vanessa who died tragically in 1998 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 in 2009. Over 400 UNC Chapel Hill Physical Therapy alumni and friends made generous gifts to reach the $100,000 UNC PT Class Challenge Campaign goal in 2013, matching the $100,000 gift from Paul and Louise Hall to build the scholarship endowment to over $200,000.

Caitlin Gallagher
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Gardnerville, Nevada
Personal Statement: Since I was young, I have known that I wanted to go into the health care field so that I could help people. I know now that being a physical therapist is the perfect way for me to do so. A career in Physical Therapy is allowing me to combine my appreciation of the human body and mind with my desire to develop meaningful relationships with patients. The past two years of coursework and clinical rotations has only made me more confident that PT is indeed the right profession for me. As time passes, I find that I am drawn to working with older adults and I have come to recognize that aging is not synonymous with decline. It is extremely rewarding to help an older adult achieve or return to their maximum potential so that they can fully appreciate the experiences that occur later in life. As a physical therapist, I hope to encourage active aging among older adults and assist them in maintaining healthy lifestyles. I feel very lucky to be a part of the UNC DPT program, and I am very grateful for the Hall Scholarship that is allowing me to pursue my passion.

Chelsea Jo Parker
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Greensboro, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I stumbled upon my future profession “on accident.” As a freshman undergrad I was positive medical school was the right path for me. A need for volunteer and shadowing hours landed me on the Inpatient Rehab floor. Before I knew it, volunteering with and shadowing the physical therapists was my favorite part of the week! By the end of my junior year I was working as a physical therapist aide, volunteering at Haynes Inman in the PT department, and volunteering in the pediatric PT department at UNC Hospitals. I am now looking forward to working in a school setting with special needs pediatric patients post graduation. The scholarships I have received mean more to me than a reduction in student loans. As a first generation college graduate who is now taking on graduate school, I had no idea how expensive my education was going to be. The Hall and Sande Scholarships mean I can spend more time studying for my future career and less time worrying about bills and my ever-increasing debt. I’m beyond excited about my future career and could not possibly thank the donors of my scholarships enough for helping me reach my goals and make a difference in the medical community.
Max Asher Gitterman Pediatric Physical Therapy Student Scholar Award

The Max Asher Gitterman Pediatric Physical Therapy Student Scholar Award was established by Amy and Daniel Gitterman in honor of their resilient son Max Asher. The Gitterman Pediatric Physical Therapy Award will be presented annually to a student who has expressed an interest and commitment to pediatrics in the UNC PT program.

Krissy Ann Ayers  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Summerfield, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I am incredibly honored to have received the Max Asher Gitterman Pediatric Physical Therapy Student Scholar Award. I have had the great pleasure of working with Max, and I loved being able to blend his therapy with play and fun, making it enjoyable for him! The goal of pediatric physical therapy is to help children and their families deal with challenging circumstances and achieve greater happiness. In addition to good spirits, the pediatric physical therapist provides a friendly atmosphere and treatments with a playful twist. These are just some of the reasons why Pediatric Physical Therapy interests me! I am grateful for the Gitterman’s contribution to the UNC PT program, and I am thankful to be the recipient of this award. This award will allow me to grow my interest in pediatrics, and it will foster my continued commitment to treating individuals, young or old, to maintain and restore their maximum movement and function.

The Karen St. John Scholarship in Physical Therapy

A perpetual, annual gift from the St. John Charitable Education Trust, established by the late Karen K. St. John (UNC PT Class of 1979) and her late husband, is providing generous support for student scholarships, as well the Division of Physical Therapy’s facility, equipment, and faculty research needs.

Nicole Faye Davis  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Jacksonville, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I am extremely fortunate to be receiving my Doctorate in Physical Therapy at Carolina where I am surrounded by the field’s most respected and driven professionals, professors, and classmates alike. Completing my first year in the program has reinforced my excitement to become a physical therapist. Though I am uncertain of my niche in the field, I welcome the diversity and creative opportunities that the profession offers. Most importantly, I appreciate the opportunities to help facilitate positive change in our patients’ lives. I am truly honored and thankful to be awarded the Karen St. John Scholarship. This generous support will enable me to continue to pursue my educational and professional goals.

The Karen St. John Scholarship in Physical Therapy

Mark Lee Boles  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Winston Salem, North Carolina  
Personal Statement: I chose Physical Therapy as a profession not to be the greatest or to be the richest; I chose it simply because I want to love what I do. I may not change the world, but I know as a physical therapist, I can make a difference by providing a person with treatment that may forever enhance their quality of life. There are numerous medical professions that play an important role in helping people regain their health, but I believe PT leaves the greatest impact by teaching patients how to gain back their health, and more importantly, maintain it. Upon graduating from the DPT program, I would like to pursue a career in an orthopedic setting in a rural community. As a physical therapist, I will be able to provide exceptional health care to small communities that may be lacking these services. I am humbled and honored to have received the Karen St. John Scholarship. This scholarship will help in minimizing the financial burden of attending conferences, allowing me the opportunity to further my knowledge, techniques, and treatments. I greatly appreciate this award and thank you for your generosity.

Patrick Anthony McNamara  
Division of Physical Therapy  
Hometown: Columbus, Ohio  
Personal Statement: In high school and college I began teaching swim lessons and really enjoyed the teaching experience. I was able to be creative, sarcastic, and develop relationships that have lasted to this day. My time in a Physical Therapy clinic has provided similar feelings. I really appreciate the ability to teach people to exercise properly and confer my passion for exercise to the general public. I hope to use my PT degree in both an orthopedic clinical setting as well as a non-profit strength and conditioning program for inner-city youth. I have participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program for two years now, and have realized the dire need for positive male role models in urban areas. I plan to use sports and weight-lifting as foundational points for life development programs. I am honored to be a St. John Scholarship recipient, as it takes a significant financial burden off of my shoulders. Time I would have been dedicating to working off loans, I can now spend volunteering at local high schools and fitness centers to start my philanthropy.
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 PT 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 PT 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.

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 being a clinician; it also includes being an emotional confidant, a motivator, and a friend. It is this personal patient connection that first drew me to the profession. After my first two years at UNC, I have grown to especially love neurological rehabilitation in both the acute and inpatient setting. Along with the personal patient connection, it is the ever changing technology and evolving research that both challenges and inspires me. I am very grateful to be a scholarship recipient, and so appreciative of this incredible investment in my future as a physical therapist. It is my goal to pass on this generosity through community service, and passing on the skills and knowledge that I continue to acquire through my schooling.

Abbie Shea Marrale
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Homer, Alaska
(Abbie’s personal statement is on page 8)
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, which were first awarded for the 2009-10 academic year. Selection is based on financial need and outstanding scholastic achievement, with preference given to students interested in a career in home health care. The Longs each graduated from UNC in 1978. Wayne earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and Tanya majored in sociology.

Abbie Shea Marrale
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Homer, Alaska
Personal Statement: Through my ongoing education in the UNC DPT program, I am continuously surprised and delighted by the endless possibilities of Physical Therapy and how it can help promote general health and prevent injury, as well as aid those with preexisting impairments. Above all, I am deeply appreciative to be part of this community that encourages health and wellbeing for all. As the recipient of the G. Wayne and Tanya B. Long Scholarship and the UNC Hospitals Volunteer Association’s Allied Health Sciences Fellowship, I wish to express my deep gratitude to both the Long family and the Volunteer Association for their generous gifts. I hope that through education, commitment, and experience, I will be able to forward these gifts to my patients, colleagues, and the larger community.

Brittany Stapleton-Livingston
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Aiken, South Carolina
Personal Statement: Physical Therapy is the right career for me because of how diverse the field is, and because PT presents the opportunity to practice preventative care. I have learned through clinical experience that there is never a dull day in PT and that excites me. My career plan is to graduate from UNC’s DPT program after completing my last clinical rotation and then to pass the boards in July 2015 for licensure. I plan on attaining a position in the Charlotte, NC, area in a facility where there is a great mix of highly-experienced and less-experienced therapists for mentorship. My goal is to become a passionate and well-rounded inpatient or pediatric physical therapist. This scholarship means to me that the financial burden of school is lessened. I have an additional source of money to cover the expenses of school so that I may focus on attaining my education.

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 PT careers. We are also thankful to other alumni and friends who have contributed to this fund. The Diversity Scholarship in PT was first awarded to a deserving student for the 2008-09 academic year.

Jayson Aaron Hull
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Columbia, Maryland
Personal Statement: My desire to help individuals participate in activities they enjoy without pain is what drew me to the field of Physical Therapy. PT is a rewarding field where you can really make a difference in a person’s life, whether it’s teaching them how to walk again, aiding them in returning to daily activities without pain, or helping an athlete return to the soccer field. Being able to spend a significant amount of time with patients allows each patient and clinician to develop a relationship and work as a team in reaching the patient’s goals. As my career progresses, I aspire to become an outpatient therapist specializing in orthopedics and sports injuries in all age groups. I plan on doing this by staying up to date on the current evidence through self-study and continuing education in order to provide my patients the best care available. Receiving this scholarship means I will be able to continue to pursue my dreams and focus on developing my skills as a clinician with less financial burden after graduation. Thank you for your support.

Gary E. Johnson
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I became interested in the field of Physical Therapy after sustaining a knee injury in high school. I admired how knowledgeable my physical therapist was and became intrigued by a profession that encompassed physical activity with restoring function and quality of life. I continue to be amazed at the impact a physical therapist can have on an individual’s life! My goal is to use my experience and background in sports medicine rehabilitation to become an orthopedic physical therapist. I also aspire to work within the under-served communities of North Carolina to improve the overall health and wellness of disadvantaged citizens. I am thankful and honored to receive this scholarship. Diversity is an important part of PT for both patients and practitioners. North Carolina’s diverse population needs skilled providers from varied backgrounds, providers who will administer medical services and advocate for their patient’s overall well-being. I hope as a clinician, I can accomplish just that.
UNC Physical Therapy MS STEP UP Scholarships

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater 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), was founded by former UNC PT faculty member and Carolina alumna Angela Rosenberg, PT, DPH. MS STEP UP seeks to not only 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.

Corinne Joell Bohling
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Belleville, Kansas
Personal Statement: Participating in the MS STEP UP program is a great honor, and I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Greater Carolinas Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for this opportunity. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with amazing people who live with MS, and I am grateful for this chance for additional study and focused experiences that will prepare me to better serve those who live with the disease. Through the knowledge and skills I gain from MS STEP UP, I hope to find ways to improve access to MS-specific services for patients who live in remote areas and to promote approaches to therapy that not only address physical health, but also support mental and emotional health in patients with this chronic disease. Thank you again to the program supporters; I am deeply inspired by these patients and hope to serve them throughout my PT career, by helping to advance PT approaches to treating patients with MS and by improving my patients’ quality of life, as a direct result of this extraordinary opportunity.

Heather Eustis
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am honored to have been awarded the UNC MS STEP UP Scholarship so that I may pursue an academic track with a focus on Multiple Sclerosis. I am also deeply thankful to the UNC Division of Physical Therapy and the MS Society Greater Carolinas Chapter for allowing this opportunity to be made possible. I have always been interested in neurology and over the past two years, I have developed a passion for working with individuals with MS. My first year as a MS Scholar has been both exciting and inspirational with many wonderful opportunities such as the 2014 CMSC conference in Dallas, Texas, and a two-month, MS-focused clinical rotation at the UNC Center for Rehabilitative Care. I am excited to see my passion for working with individuals with MS take shape through the MS STEP UP educational track. I hope to not only work in the clinic with this population, but I would also like to explore options in research. In this way, I hope to contribute to our growing knowledge of rehabilitative care for the MS population. I am honored to be a MS Scholar and look forward to contributing to this unique and wonderful scholarship opportunity.

Alexis Ann Williams
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am excited and honored to be part of the UNC MS STEP UP Scholarship program. I want to bring back hope to the lives of people with Multiple Sclerosis and help them find ways to rediscover the activities they love. I strive to be a part of the health care team that serves the people who have MS, not just MS the disease. Physical Therapy plays a powerful role in the management of symptoms and fighting to maintain the independence patients strive for. There is so much unknown left to discover and so much left for me to learn, and I am thankful for this opportunity to grow in the field of PT. From research to advocacy to community education, I want to join the team to help finish this uncompleted work. I know that my preparation through this program will allow me to excel in making a lifetime of positive impact. I realize it is more than earning the title of Doctor of Physical Therapy, it is learning how to impact and change individuals and communities, and this scholarship has allowed me to be one step closer to my dream.

Joseph William Miller
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Mount Airy, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Words cannot express the depth of my appreciation for being involved with MS STEP UP. Over the last year, I have been mentored by multiple esteemed clinicians and researchers who have helped me develop my goals and refine my clinical reasoning. Another MS Scholar and I presented competency and activity accomplishments for the first four cohorts of MS Scholars at the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Conference, and our abstract got published! Most importantly, I have been able to get involved in the care of individuals with MS. When people ask me why I got involved with MS, I tell them about some of the stories I have encountered. One man struggled to walk, which prevented him from watching his son play baseball. Another young woman had back spasms that woke her and her husband up at night. I became involved and stay involved with individuals with MS in an attempt to give them back some control and functionality in the midst of chaos. It is both humbling and rewarding to work with this population, and I owe the Greater Carolinas Chapter of the National MS Society and UNC a debt of gratitude for their commitment to training specialized therapists for individuals with MS.
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 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.

Monica Leigh Anderson
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Hickory, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am thrilled and honored to be part of UNC’s Physical Therapy program! Even though I have only just begun my experiences here, I can already tell that incredibly gifted and talented professors, mentors, and peers surround me. So far every experience I have had with PT (in the classroom and out) has only solidified my passion for field. I find that learning a patient’s background, detecting and isolating a muscle weakness, and then implementing customized exercises to improve their lifestyle is the most rewarding type of problem to solve. At the moment, I am unsure which area of Physical Therapy I will pursue, but I am certain that UNC’s clinical and educational experiences will fully prepare me for whichever path I choose. Whichever path that may be, I hope to build a healing relationship with my patients by both providing proper medical treatment and providing emotional reassurance throughout the therapy process. I am so grateful and appreciative to have received the Sande Scholarship!

Krissy Ann Ayers
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Summerfield, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am honored to be a graduate student in UNC’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program, and I am looking forward to the next two years of education and clinical rotations! As a group fitness instructor, I have always been passionate about motivating others to live healthier and happier lives, and I look forward to having the knowledge to not only encourage, but also treat individuals to restore their optimal mobility and quality of life. I am in the process of deciding on a specific path of Physical Therapy, but regardless of my focus, I know that with my knowledge and dedication to the profession of PT, I will make a positive difference in the lives of my patients. I am extremely grateful to have been the recipient of the Sande Scholarship, as this scholarship allows me to focus less on the financial burden of higher education and more on becoming an excellent physical therapist. Thank you so much for your generosity!

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Corinne Joell Bohling
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Belleville, Kansas
(Personine’s personal statement is on page 48)

Annemarie Nicole Erich
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Connellys Springs, North Carolina
Personal Statement: In the summer of 2011, I volunteered at a PT/OT camp for children just because my friends were volunteering there and it sounded like fun. After one week, my pursuit of this extraordinary career became intentional. Being a part of the DPT Class of 2016 has already proven to be a source of great joy in my life. Learning skills for a career that encompasses my love for people, healthy lifestyle, and science is truly a blessing. I feel so honored to have received this gift. Your investment in my future has conveyed a confidence in my abilities and I am grateful for such encouragement. Like L’Vir Sande, I too love this university and take pleasure in being able to study Physical Therapy in such an amazing place. My first clinical experience was in Salisbury, NC, the home of the Sande family, and I had a great experience there and felt welcomed by the community. Now in my second year, I continue to learn, grow as a person, and stretch myself beyond my previous expectations. This scholarship has helped me to focus on these things by removing much of the financial burden that tends to preoccupy many graduate students today. I hope to one day become the type of physical therapist that so inspired Mr. L’Vir Sande’s generosity.

Jeremy Craig Evans
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Antioch, California
Personal Statement: As a second-year Physical Therapy student, I am thoroughly enjoying my path to becoming a skilled clinician and entering the workforce to make a difference in many lives. I am constantly amazed by how much there is to learn in this exciting profession, and I look forward to continuing my education at UNC for another year and a half. I also enjoy opportunities to spend time in different settings and work on the skills I learn in the classroom. As I have gained exposure to different patient populations, I have learned that there are many people who I would love to serve. It will be rewarding to use these skills as a professional in North Carolina following graduation. Since I am working hard at balancing school and family life, it has been a great blessing to be a recipient of this generous scholarship.
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Cara Lillian Hehn
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Chelmsford, Massachusetts
(Cara’s personal statement is on page 45)

Honorée Dakar McGraw-Beauchamp
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I majored in psychology as an undergraduate student with intentions of making a career out of helping others. After graduating, I found myself working in the field of mental health as a counselor in a long-term treatment facility for incarcerated and mentally ill teenagers. Although my experience as a counselor taught me a tremendous amount about behavioral psychology, I desired to work in a field that took a more holistic approach to patient care. After much research into health care related fields, talks with various health care professionals, and reflection into my own past experiences with injury and illness, it was clear to me that Physical Therapy was the field where I could have the greatest positive impact on patients. I feel immensely honored to be a recipient of the very generous Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship. This scholarship has significantly decreased my financial anxiety and has allowed me focus more on becoming a compassionate and competent physical therapist.

Michael Robert Murray
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Charlotte, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My passion for helping others started at my first doctor’s visit and continues to today. I am passionate about the human body, its intricacies, and ensuring that everyone can enjoy their body’s ability to its fullest. The UNC DPT program has provided me with amazing learning opportunities both in and outside of the classroom. It has motivated me to become active with the APTA and NCPTA, having now attended multiple conferences and taken leadership roles in each organization. I was elected the NCPTA Student Interest Group’s Vice-Chair, and I am the only UNC student running for a position for the national student board. UNC DPT has made me a strong advocate for patient’s rights and in the future, I plan to conduct research to educate the next generation on the best ways to achieve positive health outcomes for our patients. None of these opportunities would be possible without the support from the Sande Scholarship. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the Sande family and their relatives, and I intend to continue using my time at UNC to learn everything I can in order to repay the NC community that has shaped me into the man I am today.

Laura Ellese Nickles
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Personal Statement: All of the steps I have taken in my professional life, including work at the CDC, obesity prevention research with UNC Department of HPDP, yoga teaching, personal training, and direct patient care as a medical assistant, have propelled me toward a career in Physical Therapy. Through my experiences, I have come to appreciate the challenges of working with patients who are from diverse social backgrounds. As a physical therapist, I will enjoy a broad range of opportunities to positively impact the lives of others. It is my specific priority and goal that through PT, I will utilize my Spanish skills and exercise my ability to connect with a diverse population. I am committed to working with underserved sectors of society. As a PT student at UNC, I have enjoyed engaging in community outreach, philanthropic, and volunteer opportunities working with low-income populations and Spanish-speaking families. I am confident in my ability to contribute to the profession of PT and enthusiastic as I pursue my goal.

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 for how I would turn 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 full strength and functional use of 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 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. As I work towards completing the final year of the PT graduate program, I am more passionate than ever about the career path that I have chosen. I feel extremely blessed to be a recipient of this award and the opportunities that it provides.

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### Terra Dare Osmon
**Division of Physical Therapy**
**Hometown:** Nags Head, North Carolina
**Personal Statement:** During my clinical rotation for nursing at WakeMed Rehab Hospital, I observed inpatient Physical Therapy for the first time. I learned about the profession and how it holds exciting and diverse opportunities with each setting, injury, and patient. I saw how it helps people physically and emotionally cope with depression and other feelings associated with injury and pain. It was from this experience I recognized my calling to a career in PT. I appreciate the need for rehabilitating the body naturally and proactively. I look forward to beginning my career as a physical therapist and having the opportunity to guide and empower patients as they make strides toward better health, function, and recovery. I want to help restore patients’ enthusiasm for life by helping them improve, walk, gain independence, and get back to the activities that bring joy and truly make life worth living. I want to thank the family and donors of the Sande Scholarship for their generous contribution. I find great comfort in knowing my financial burden is reduced while I obtain my Doctorate of Physical Therapy at UNC. I am truly grateful for your support.

### Laura Gray Rapp
**Division of Physical Therapy**
**Hometown:** Lynchburg, Virginia
**Personal Statement:** Many people describe their undergrad-uate experience as a time of uncertainty and change. One may switch majors, change career plans, and drop/add classes innumerable times. But that was never the case for me: I knew I wanted to be a physical therapist in 10th grade. As an athlete, I knew what it was to experience the heartbreak of injury, but I also saw the apparent miracle of rehabilitation with Physical Therapy. Through observation and shadowing in an assortment of PT clinics, I saw the diversity of specializations and the variety of ways PT can be utilized. I saw the relationship of trust that develops between therapist and patient as the patient improves and reaches his/her own goals. And in seeing these aspects of PT, I was even further drawn to it. As a third-year PT student, I have no doubt in my mind that PT is the perfect career for me. This scholarship means the opportunity to fulfill my ideal of “what I want to be when I grow up” and to provide for others the same assistance and hope that I received in times of injury. And for that I am extremely grateful.

### Chelsea Jo Parker
**Division of Physical Therapy**
**Hometown:** Greensboro, North Carolina
(Chelsea’s personal statement is on page 41)

### Megan Colleen Schilter
**Division of Physical Therapy**
**Hometown:** Cedarburg, Wisconsin
**Personal Statement:** I have always had an interest in health care, but it was not until I encountered the profession of Physical Therapy that I knew what field of medicine would be my calling. Physical therapists have the opportunity to help patients regain their independence, equip them with the tools necessary for recovery, and influence their overall quality of life. I have always had the desire to help others and positively impact the lives of those around me, and I believe PT is such a great profession to pursue my passion for helping people while also working in a clinical, evidence-based setting. I am thrilled to be a student of this profession as well as a student at UNC, and I am sincerely grateful to the Rebecca Irene Sande Scholarship for providing me with the means to make that possible.

### Michelle Jené Treffer
**Division of Physical Therapy**
**Hometown:** Maui, Hawaii
**Personal Statement:** I feel tremendously honored to have had the opportunity to study Physical Therapy here at UNC. When I received an invitation to join the UNC PT family, I did not know how I could possibly attend. I lived in Maui, I had a 3-year old son (Jett), and I had an entire household to relocate. However, I would not let this honor pass me by. I made the decision to transition from my previous career into PT because I wanted to make a difference in people’s lives more than I was at the time. I knew that my chosen road promised both extreme challenges as well as rewards, which is what I wanted, although I was nervous. Fortunately, I have had much support in my pursuit--by faculty, classmates, friends, and family--and I intend to carry that spirit forward throughout my career. Upon graduation, I hope to work within an inpatient rehabilitation facility where I can positively impact the lives of those who have befallen injury or functional disability. The Sande Scholarship helped make my educational aspirations possible, and I could not be more thankful for the opportunity, support, confidence, and trust bestowed upon me.
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.

Christopher L. Hope
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I want to provide the best quality care to those in my community who have a rehabilitation need. I have a passion to be a source of positive change in the people around me, and Physical Therapy provides an excellent venue for such a meaningful impact. I believe individuals should have access to quality affordable health care in their communities, and I want to provide that as a physical therapist. As a future clinician, I hope to be an outstanding physical therapist who is recognized for being a leader in the field and an active participant in advancing the profession. Additionally, I hope to become an invaluable asset to my community by providing effective, evidence-based therapy and earning the respect of patients, peers, and other health care providers. As a student, I am planting the seeds of my own professional growth and development by taking advantage of opportunities to be involved in improving the health of my community and in the advancement of the PT profession. Receiving the Judy A. White Professional Development Award confirms that these ideals are worthy and meaningful and will serve as a catalyst for me to continue seeking ways to promote our wonderful profession.

Holli Marie McClendon
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Waxhaw, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am privileged to be part of the UNC DPT program and on this journey of becoming a physical therapist. Discovering what it means to be a physical therapist is an ongoing learning experience, whether I’m in the classroom or in the clinic. It isn’t just knowing the origins and insertions of muscles, or knowing the timeline of wound healing. Clinical reasoning and evidence-based practice is part of it too, yes, but that still isn’t all. Physical therapists must master the art of motivating and encouraging, the art of persistence even in the most challenging of cases, and the art of communication no matter who is on the other end. Physical therapists are fueled by compassion and a desire for knowledge and relationships. Physical therapists strive for professionalism, including advocating for the profession and lifelong learning. There is more to learn, and this is why I am thankful to receive the Judy A. White Professional Development Award. I look forward to using this gift in advocating for the profession and in bettering myself as a future physical therapist and professional.

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Genevieve Gibson Monroe
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Galveston, Texas
Personal Statement: Growing up in a service-oriented family, I knew from a young age that I would choose a vocation that helped to enable others. Upon entering college, I began to think about where my education would lead me and how my love of the outdoors and sports would influence my career. During my undergraduate career, I played soccer; received physical therapy for various injuries, and learned about the human body. After taking biomechanics and anatomy, I knew my calling was Physical Therapy. PT is a constantly growing and evolving field with opportunities knocking at every door. The scholarships I have received, the Class of 1964 Scholarship and the Judy White Professional Development Award, will offset the cost of the exceptional education that I am receiving here at UNC and afford me the opportunity to learn more about this field, where it is going, and how I can make a difference in the lives of my patients. During my career, I hope to advance the profession, working in different settings such as aquatics. I hope that after years of working in the field, I can return to the classroom to educate new PT students, further advancing our scope of practice and influence the lives of all whom they encounter.

Elizabeth Katherine Nixon
Division of Physical Therapy
Hometown: Durham, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I chose Physical Therapy as a profession because I want to not only help individuals heal physically, but also empower them to take ownership of their own health and wellness. I hope to educate patients so that the information they gain will help them become informed advocates for themselves and their families. It’s important that they not only receive the information to treat their current symptoms, but also the tools necessary to prevent readmissions. In order to best teach my patients, I see my doctoral degree as the first step in the education process that will continue for the rest of my life. I plan to do this by taking advantage of every learning opportunity inside and outside the classroom, starting while I’m still in school. I want to thank all the donors who contribute to the Judy A. White Professional Development Award. This will allow me to participate in professional development opportunities to develop my skills as a future clinician.
**Mabel M. Parker Physical Therapy Annual Scholarship**

The Mabel M. Parker Physical Therapy Annual Scholarship was first established through the generosity of Gladys (’64) 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.

**Lorna Marjorie Troost**  
**Division of Physical Therapy**  
**Hometown:** Raleigh, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** I was originally introduced to Physical Therapy as a patient. As a child, I began taking dance classes. In class, our teacher would open up one of her many anatomy books and talk about a part of the body, making us think not only about the movement but also about its mechanics. Throughout class, she would reference these terms and slowly I began to think about them not just in class, but throughout my day. My dance teachers instilled in me the idea that in order to be a healthy and skilled dancer, one must know about the body. I came to see the study of the body and dance as related disciplines. As a dancer, I became injured with frequency, and I came to see the problem-solving methods of Physical Therapy as a natural extension of my interest in dance. For my career, I am interested in helping to fill in the gaps in care that women experience relating to pregnancy by helping to provide evidence-based PT to women with pregnancy-related musculoskeletal concerns. This scholarship allows me to continue to focus on my education and become the most compassionate, evidence-based, and effective physical therapist I can be.

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**NEURODIAGNOSTICS AND SLEEP SCIENCE**

**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, provided funding for the inaugural merit-based scholarship to assist and reward a deserving student studying in the UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science program.

**Sarah Sireca Yisrael**  
**Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program**  
**Hometown:** Farmville, North Carolina  
**Personal Statement:** Throughout this program I hope to achieve in my profession leadership, permanence, and development. I would like to be an inspiration to people I encounter whether it be a patient or a co-worker throughout my daily life. I would like to excel to a position where I can help others thrive and accomplish their goals clinically and scholastically. During my professional and educational journey, I would like to heighten my knowledge through involvement and preparation to assist with my future goals. One of my long-term aims is to be part of a research organization to further provide options to people who are undergoing reoccurring problems affecting their architecture of sleep. Receiving this scholarship validated my perceptions that hard work and persistence is not unnoticed. This wonderful opportunity that I have been blessed with will allow me to continue my studies this semester without the unwanted stress of financial burdens. I am considerably honored to receive this scholarship and give a special thank you to Dr. Bradley Vaughn and his wife Mrs. Karen Vaughn for rewarding me with this generous gift. I am excited and enthused to be pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science and I look forward to a successful journey at UNC.
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 2014-15 academic year.

Richard Hayes Johnson
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Timberlake, North Carolina
Personal Statement: My journey in the field of health care began in 1987 when I became a respiratory therapist at Durham Regional Hospital. In 2001, I changed my career focus to sleep medicine. During my 24 years of working in health care, I had very minimal interest in neurological disorders. It wasn’t until 2011 when I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis that I found an interest in neuroscience. I wanted to know more about the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of the disorder that had so drastically changed my life. In 2013, I enrolled in the Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science program at UNC. This program has provided a wealth of knowledge in diagnosing and treating neurological disorders. It has also increased my desire for knowledge. I am planning to pursue a graduate degree in Health Services Administration. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Smith Family Foundation for their generous gift. I intend to “pay it forward” by working toward improving the accessibility of neurodiagnostic services within the community.

Beth Ann Payne
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Kinston, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I started my health care career in 2007 as a Registered Respiratory Therapist and transitioned into sleep medicine in 2009. After several years of working clinically, I discovered my passion for education. In 2012, I accepted the Polysomnography Program Chair position at Lenoir Community College, and I am truly blessed to love my job. Promoting the advancement of polysomnography through education has become a personal career aspiration. Currently, there is a vast need for quality accredited polysomnography programs across the United States. Providing competent and confident individuals to the polysomnography work force will increase patient care, sleep education to the public, and qualified individuals to participate in research. Furthering my education in the Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science bachelor’s degree program has greatly expanded my knowledge base, which will allow me to better prepare and educate the next generation of polysomnographers. I am truly honored and grateful to receive this scholarship, and I would like to thank the Smith Family Foundation for their generous gift.

Jeffrey Scott Taylor
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Statesville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Over 20 years ago I enrolled in a respiratory therapy program and several times I attempted to go back and finish my bachelor’s degree. Between soccer games and PTO meetings I always ended up withdrawing and putting the degree on the back burner. My wife and I have always taught our children that a bachelor’s degree was not an option but a requirement. So how could I hold my children to a standard that I should have completed many years ago? When I started researching opportunities again, my first thought was the respiratory therapy degree, but back in 2006 I wanted to learn more about sleep, so I worked part-time for six months in a sleep lab to fulfill the requirements to sit for the RPSGT. I truly wasn’t ready for the test that I took that July day, but I did pass! I wanted to learn more about sleep and how I could be a better RPSGT and this was the perfect choice. I decided last year not to apply for a scholarship because I wasn’t sure I would survive. Not only have I been able to keep up, but also maintain a very good GPA. The collaboration between UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Chapel Hill has been amazing and I know I made the right decision. Thank you to the Smith Family Foundation for supporting higher education and helping students reach their dreams!

Nihon Kohden Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship

A founding gold partner in the 2012 UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Corporate Partners Program, Nihon Kohden, as a 2015 gold partner, has generously provided a merit-based scholarship for the 2014-15 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.

Ashley Phillips Hastings
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Lincolnton, North Carolina
Personal Statement: Neurodiagnostics is a very interesting and challenging field. I chose this aspect of health care to help grow my knowledge of neurology. I have a personal connection to the neurodiagnostic field that includes a dear family member. I am optimistic that by achieving a bachelor’s degree in Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science there will be multiple opportunities for my career to advance. I have narrowed my future down to two possibilities that include neurodiagnostic education, or continuing school to achieve a degree to become a physician assistant. Receiving the Nihon Kohden Scholarship is a great honor. This scholarship means an easier year for me and my family. The financial burden that is felt by me and my husband both attending school is greatly lightened by this generous gift. It was a very difficult decision to commit to returning to school for an advanced degree. I was torn between if I could do it and continue to work full time. Achievements and assistance like the Nihon Kohden Scholarship make me believe that I made the right decision. I know after receiving this scholarship that I am right where I was meant to be.
Tempur Sealy International Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarships

A founding platinum partner in the 2012 UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Corporate Partners Program, Tempur Sealy has generously provided funding for four merit-based scholarships for the 2014-15 academic year. Tempur Sealy is focused on developing, manufacturing, and marketing advanced sleep surfaces that help improve the quality of life for people around the world.

Nicole Critcher Barnes
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Plymouth, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am so honored to be one of the recipients of the Tempur Sealy Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship. I graduated from Pitt Community College in May 2013 with an AAS in Polysomnography and Healthcare Management Technology. This program is perfect for my lifestyle since it is offered through distance education and the professors are simply amazing. Sleep medicine is such a passion of mine. Promoting the advancement of sleep medicine is my ultimate goal. After graduation I plan to start pursuing a master’s in public health through distance education. Having a master’s in public health along with my bachelor’s in sleep medicine will give me a stronger background in health and will help me to exceed my dreams in life. Teaching and promoting “healthy” sleep habits would be a dream of mine. I would like to sincerely thank Tempur Sealy for this generous scholarship. It will help me tremendously in the cost of my education.

Bereket Habte
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Centennial, Colorado
Personal Statement: Once again I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Tempur Sealy International Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Annual Scholarship. Thank you for your continued generosity. Currently, I am an equipment engineer for the Department of Neurophysiology, Sleep, and IOM at the Children’s Hospital in Colorado and studying Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science at UNC. I was born and raised in Ethiopia, which is a low-income country with a population of more than 80 million. The country is currently suffering from a poor health infrastructure compacted by a rise in non-communicable diseases. My goal is to explore the innovative use of technology for the neurophysiology and sleep field, do research on providing remote medical services (telemedicine), and transfer knowledge to the under-resourced country of Ethiopia. This scholarship will enable me to continue my education without feeling additional financial pressure and to fulfill my dream. Thank you again for your generous contribution toward my education. I will work hard to honor your scholarship commitment.

Jonathan Lee Upchurch
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Greenville, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I have been working in the field of sleep medicine since May of 2012. I graduated from Pitt Community College in 2012 with an AAS in Polysomnography and became an RPSGT that same month. The day after I became registered I started my first job and I have loved the field ever since. Unlike many people, I am lucky enough to go to a job where I feel like I can help others and truly make a difference in their lives. It is very rewarding for a patient to come back for a follow up appointment and tell me how much better they are sleeping and how good they feel. I am currently working for Duke Medicine as a Polysomnographic Tech 2. I have learned a lot and worked hard over the past year of the NDSS program and really enjoyed the clinical portions. Upon graduation I hope to possibly manage a sleep/neurodiagnostic department or possibly teach up-and-coming sleep techs. This past Spring I worked part-time as an instructor at Lenoir Community College teaching the BRPT prep class. I really enjoyed it and took pride in helping students pass their board exams. I would like to thank Tempur-Sealy for their generous donation. This scholarship will help a lot in the cost of my education and I feel honored to receive it.

Tammy Williams
Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Science Program
Hometown: Pinehurst, North Carolina
Personal Statement: I am excited, nervous, and energized by the opportunity to be one of the first classes of the UNC Neurodiagnostics and Sleep Sciences program. I have spent my entire adult life in the medical field, first as a respiratory therapist, then as a clinical educator, and then in management and administration. I have circled back to my passion: teaching. I am learning so much about myself, my chosen field, and my colleagues in this program. This is the most challenging course work I have ever attempted but the feeling of accomplishment is very exciting. I would like to thank God for listening to my prayers for guidance and wisdom, my children for their encouragement and technical support, and the Tempur Sealy donors for their generous support of this innovative educational opportunity. Thank you.