

[The Bullitt History of Medicine Club](#) is pleased to announce an historical essay competition open to all UNC-CH students in the health sciences:

THE MCLENDON-THOMAS AWARD IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Purpose

To encourage interest and recognize scholarship in the history of medicine, **The McLendon-Thomas Award in the History of Medicine**, with a prize of **\$500**, will be given annually for the best unpublished essay on an historical topic in the health sciences.

Eligibility

Any current medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing, public health, or allied health sciences student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill may submit an essay. Prior winners are not eligible.

Format

The essay may address any aspect of the history of the health sciences and should be 3000-5000 words in length.

Judging

Faculty advisors of the Bullitt History of Medicine of Club will assemble a team of faculty members from various departments to judge the scholarship and quality of the submissions. The winner will be encouraged to present the essay at a program of the Bullitt Club.

Submissions

Entries must be submitted on or before **April 1, 2010**. Entries should be sent electronically via email attachment to [Dr. Elizabeth Dreesen](#).

Questions concerning the award can also be directed to Dr. Dreesen:

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DR. COLIN G. THOMAS, JR. joined the faculty of the UNC School of Medicine in 1952, and is currently Byah Thomason-Sanford Doxey Professor of Surgery. From 1966-1984 he served as Chair of the Department of Surgery, and from 1984-1989 as Chief of the Division of General Surgery. Dr. Thomas was one of the early faculty members of the Bullitt History of Medicine Club, and is the co-author, along with Mary Jane Kagarise, of the 1997 history, [Legends and Legacies: A Look Inside: Four Decades of Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1952-1993](#).