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Alum's Gift to University a Gracious Gesture to UNC Anesthesiology

In April 2015, UNC alumnus Dr. Frank Moretz — undergraduate ('71), medical school ('75) and Anesthesiology residency ('78) — established a \$3 million planned gift to the University, to be distributed evenly between UNC's Departments of Anesthesiology, Psychology and School of Medicine satellite Asheville campus. Dr. Moretz's generosity demonstrates his enduring ties to UNC.

Post-medical school, Dr. Moretz planned to serve as a US Air Force (USAF) Flight Surgeon. Prior to starting his internship, he approached then-Department Chair Dr. Ken Sugioka requesting permission to spend time in supplemental training in anesthesiology. Under Dr. Sugioka's guidance, Dr. Moretz discovered his love

for the profession, and he transitioned to UNC's three-year Anesthesiology residency program. The would-be Flight Surgeon instead began his 40-year career as a USAF anesthesiologist.

The Frank H. Moretz Anesthesiology Resident Education and Travel Fund earmarks \$1 million to promote learning, leadership, professional development and advocacy experiences for our future physician anesthesiologists. “There are so many opportunities for these young doctors these days,” Moretz said. “The demands on a clinical department can be staggering. This gift will create learning opportunities that otherwise might go unrealized.”



Residency alumnus ('78) and benefactor Dr. Frank Moretz caught up with Department Chair Dr. David Zvara when he visited the Department in July 2016.

“This gift will change our program. We can look for experiences to enhance the professional development of our residents and place them in a position to contribute for the rest of their professional lives. Dr. Moretz has given us an example with his career and now he has given us a means to have others follow in his footsteps.”

— Dr. David Zvara, Chair of Anesthesiology

Dr. Moretz retired from clinical care in the past year. A long-time resident of Asheville, NC, he now heavily invests himself in the interests of the region and community. As a 2016 NC House of Representatives District 115 candidate, Moretz hopes to further serve his region's constituency at the state level.

“I feel that my life has been one of service — I served my country in the military and my patients for 40 years, and now I want to serve the citizens of Buncombe County and North Carolina as an elected representative. The best way I can serve future generations of learners is through my endowment to the University,” Moretz said.

“Anesthesiologists are frequently overlooked as the most-suited provider to coordinate continuity of care on a surgical patient's treatment team,” Moretz said. “Fortunately, the field of anesthesiology has developed the perioperative surgical home as a patient-centric, team-based approach to care that relies upon multiple providers. The anesthesiologist should be the one to ensure delivery of quality care through all perioperative stages.”