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Critical care for medical students

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The Southwestern Medical Foundation announced this year's scholarship recipients at a luncheon last month.

The event at the T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building at UT Southwestern gave philanthropists a chance to meet the medical students who get the scholarships. This year, the foundation gave \$223,500 in scholarships to 177 medical students.

"We thank the donors for their vision in providing scholarships that will establish the next generation of leaders in academic medicine and health care," foundation president

Kathleen M. Gibson said. Southwestern Medical Foundation manages \$12 million in scholarship endowment funds.

"Many students at UT Southwestern depend on the foundation's support for an exemplary medical education," said **Wes Norred**, UT Southwestern vice president for student and alumni affairs. "These critical funds provide the means to attract the best and brightest students."

Luncheon guests also included board members and medical school administrators, physicians and professors.

"Our donors have made a tremendous impact over the last 75 years by helping thousands of bright young students complete their medical education," said **Robert B. Rowling**, chairman of the board of the Southwestern Medical Foundation. "Over 50 percent of all practicing physicians in North Texas receive some or all of their training at UT Southwestern. By helping students, you're helping the entire community by investing in the development of the clinical care that is the future for all of us."

During the luncheon, several students spoke about what the scholarships mean to them.

"As I was thinking about what to say today to let you know how much I appreciate your support, it occurred to me that this isn't just about me," said **Sachin Shah**, class president for second-year medical school students. "Your generosity is giving back to our community in the form of better medical care. I am

honored to be the vehicle for that."

Another student, **David Willcutts**, said: "As you may be aware, the second year of medical school with its increased workload is difficult to manage sometimes, and the emotional impact of your assistance and the sense that there is a community behind me here at school means a great deal to me."

First-year student **Cami Hebert** added: "I have learned more than I ever thought I could fit in my head, and the mentors who surround me — upperclassmen, faculty and physicians — continually inspire me and encourage me to be my best."

To support medical scholarships at UT Southwestern, call 214-351-6143.

The Southwestern Medical Foundation manages more than \$800 million in 1,000 funds. To learn more, visit swmedical.org.



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