

# From the HEART

*Giving to your alumni association has no greater impact than on the lives of the individual students who benefit. With the annual indebtedness of today's Upstate Medical University graduates averaging \$120,000, those gifts mean more than ever. The 2004-05 Scholarship presentations were made at Reunion 2005. A few recipients share what those gifts mean.*



Otito Anaka '08, recipient of the Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD, Class of 1876 Scholarship with Medical Alumni Association President Gregory Threatte, MD '73, and Gregory Eastwood, MD.

## Dear Medical Alumni Association,

It is with great honor and gratitude that I write this letter of thanks for the generous scholarship. I thank the Medical Alumni Association for its unwavering commitment to helping students with the financial burden associated with medical education. The new stethoscope and copy of Netter's *Atlas of Human Anatomy* that I received as a first-year medical student have proven to be essential and cherished tools that I expect to use throughout my medical career.

On behalf of all of my peers, I wish to thank all the alumni whose generosity makes such gifts, including the Alumni Foundation scholarships, possible.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Chung '08  
Alumni Merit Scholarship recipient



**Class of 2006 Merit Scholarship** winners Adam Schoenfeld, William Astor, and Jennifer Bashant with Medical Alumni Association President Gregory Threatte, MD '73, Upstate President Gregory Eastwood, MD, and Dean Steven Scheinman, MD. Not pictured: Daniel Hayes.

**Class of 2007 Merit Scholarship** winners Rubie Maybury, Paige Dorn, and Melissa Coll with Medical Alumni Association President Gregory Threatte, MD '73, Upstate President Gregory Eastwood, MD, and Dean Steven Scheinman, MD. Not pictured: Thomas Portuese.



**Dear Alumni and Friends,**

I am writing to show my appreciation for the Dr. Sarah Loguen Fraser Scholarship that was awarded me this year. Words cannot express nor quantify the abundance of joy that filled my heart when I received the congratulation letter.

This award is a great resource in this time of difficulty and in my constant battle to finance my medical education and will be a constant reminder of the many endeavors and achievements that generations before me have made, especially that of Dr. Sarah Loguen. With constant perseverance and diligence, I will strive to uphold the integrity of this award academically and professionally.

Yours Sincerely,

Otito Anaka '08  
Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD,  
Class of 1876 Scholarship recipient



**Class of 2008 Merit Scholarship** recipients Catherine Chung, Rachel Garner, David Shi, and Christopher Palmer, with Alumni Association President Gregory Threatte, MD '73, Upstate President Gregory Eastwood, MD, and Dean Steven Scheinman, MD.

**Dear Upstate Alumni,**

I felt both shocked and humbled upon finding I had been chosen a recipient of one of the Alumni Association's Student Citizen Awards. Although I have only been a member of the Upstate community for two years, I feel a strong allegiance to the members of its community. Medical School can be an exhilarating experience; it can also be extremely difficult. Even before I began my schooling here I felt like I was welcomed openly by the staff and by my predecessors here at Upstate. The help I have received from those who came before me has instilled in me a strong desire to help those who will come after me. . .

Sincerely,

Roan J. Glocker '07  
Citizen Award recipient

**Dear Medical Alumni Association,**

I want to thank you very much for giving me an Alumni Scholarship. It will be a wonderful help in allowing me to reach my goals. Once I become a physician, I hope to work with underserved populations and to provide medical care to those who otherwise could not afford or access it.

By decreasing the amount of money I owe after finishing school, this scholarship will provide me with much more flexibility to do this kind of work. I appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

Sarah Greenberg '09  
Alumni Scholar



**Alumni Scholars** Oliver Masaba '09, Eugene Essandoh '08, Sarah Greenberg '09, Jennifer A. Nead '06, Lola Balogun '08, and Chijoke Eseonu '09, with Alumni Association President Gregory Threatte, MD '73, Dean Steven Scheinman, MD, and Upstate President Gregory Eastwood, MD. Not pictured: Kristen Arcara, Robert Brown, Dalton Foster, Daniel Hayes, and Julie Innocent.

## A GUIDE TO THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year at reunion, the Medical Alumni Association bestows scholarships to deserving students. There are several different types:

**ALUMNI NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Medical Alumni Foundation provides numerous scholarships, many of which are endowed and named by their donors. Criteria vary and may be based on merit, financial need, or other criteria specified by the donor.

**ALUMNI MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS:** These scholarships are awarded to the top four students in each class.

**CITIZEN AWARD:** New this year, these awards are given to second and third-year students who have distinguished themselves as leaders and volunteers in the life of the campus community.

**ALUMNI SCHOLARS:** The Medical Alumni Foundation supports full or partial-tuition payments for outstanding medical students identified by the Admissions Committee.

### Dear Medical Alumni Association,

Thank you for your generosity. I was thrilled when I received your unexpected recognition and student aid.

My first year at Upstate was beyond my expectations. The quality of instruction and the integration of subject matter with the practice of medicine were exceptional! My success to a great extent was due to the openness and nurturing environment.

I am the grandchild of an Upstate alumnus. When I shared your letter with my grandfather, Bernard Lustick, MD '48, he was overcome with emotion.

Thank you again for your kindness and support. I will continue to work hard to become the best doctor I can be.

Sincerely,

Rachel Garner '08  
Alumni Merit Scholarship recipient