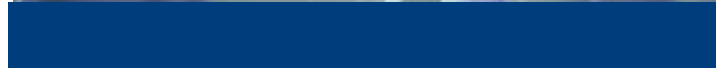
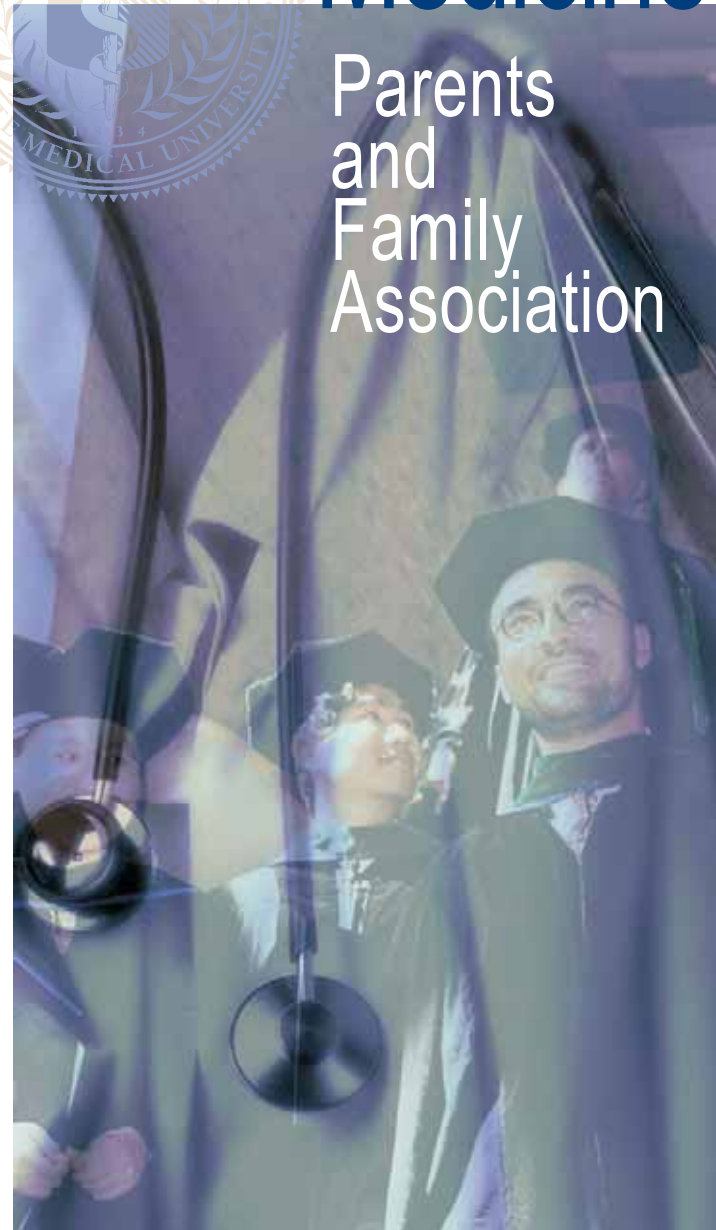


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What is the Parents and Family Association?

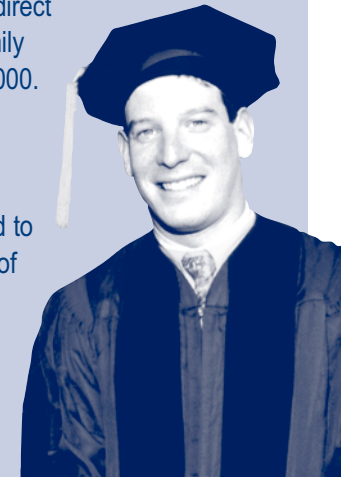
The mission of the Parents and Family Association is to foster a sense of community between family members of medical students and the College of Medicine at Upstate Medical University. Its goal is two-fold: to keep family members informed about what is happening in their students' lives and to afford families an opportunity to ensure continuation of the tradition of excellence in medical education for today's students and those who will follow. The Parents and Family Association was created as an adjunct of the Medical Alumni Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

How can I help carry on the tradition?

By joining the Parents and Family Association through a charitable gift, you are supporting the long-established legacy of the College of Medicine at Upstate Medical University. This prestigious medical school is world renowned for the high level of education and preparation it offers to its graduates. Doctors trained at Upstate practice in all 50 states as well as many other nations.

Will my gift make a difference?

Absolutely. More than half of all parents contribute each year. No matter how large or small, gifts have a direct effect on student life. The Parents and Family Association receives gifts from \$25 to \$10,000. Every gift is important: the strength of the Association lies in these combined gifts. Contributions are tax deductible, and help provide students with the support they need to succeed in medical school. Ninety percent of our students take out loans to meet educational costs. You may be surprised to learn that only 17 percent of the operating budget of Upstate Medical University comes from the State of New York.



Class photo taken at the white coat ceremony.



Where does the money go?

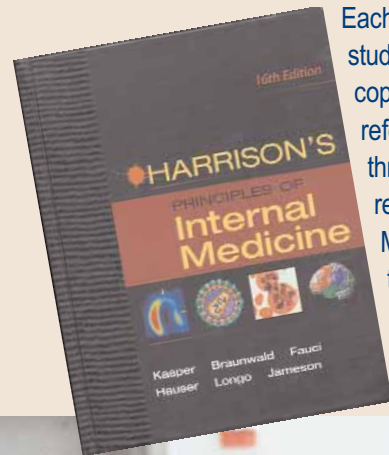
Your contributions are applied directly to the needs of students in a very practical sense. Projects impact students in each year of medical school and were developed from student surveys.

1st year **The White Coat Ceremony and Family Reception**

Each first-year medical student receives a lab coat at a family ceremony during orientation. The "coating" signifies the responsibilities associated with the profession of healing. This festive reception is also funded through donations to the Parents and Family Association.

2nd year **Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine**

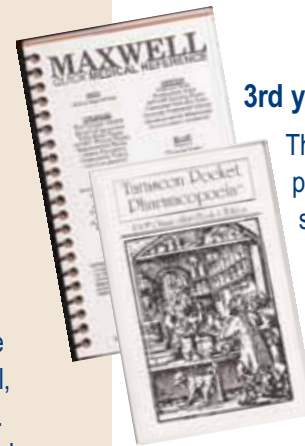
Each second-year medical student receives a personal copy of this expensive reference that is invaluable throughout medical school, residency and in practice. Many students are not able to afford this text and it is greatly appreciated.



3rd year **Reference Guides**

The third year begins the clinical phases of medical education. Each student will receive a copy of *Maxwell's Quick Medical Reference* and the *Tarascon Pocket Pharmacopoeia*.

These pocket reference guides are indispensable throughout one's medical career.



4th year **Match Day Celebration**

A memorable Match Day celebration is sponsored. This final class social event creates lasting memories and friends.

How do I make a gift?

Parents generally make their cash gifts through check or credit card payment (Visa, MasterCard or American Express), payable to: Medical Alumni Association
155 Elizabeth Blackwell Street
Suite 306
Syracuse, NY 13210

How do matching gifts work?

If your company has a matching-gift program, the value of your gift could be doubled or even tripled. Forms are available from your company's human resources department. If you are not sure if a particular company matches gifts, call us at 315-464-4361. We will be happy to find out for you.

Are there other ways to give to the College of Medicine?

Parents may also make gifts of appreciated securities. Planned gifts through wills, charitable trusts, and gifts of life insurance are also welcome. Endowed gifts can fund scholarships, professorships and programs.

Communication

All parents receive *Outlook*, a magazine focused on education, biomedical research and healthcare at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Parents also receive four issues a year of the *Alumni Journal*, a magazine that has a special section devoted to student activities and offers a broad view of the College of Medicine and its alumni.



How can I get involved in the Parents and Family Association Board?

If you would like to be a member of the Parents and Family Association Board, simply call the Medical Alumni Office to learn more. We have student and family representatives from each class.

Why should I give?

Your gift helps us provide your student with required books and reference materials that are essential throughout medical school. Because of the discounts we receive on bulk purchases, your tax deductible donations are more valuable than the dollar amount you contribute.

Who can I call for more information?

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