Gee Returns as Ohio State President

E. Gordon Gee, PhD, who served as president of The Ohio State University from 1990-1997, has returned to the University’s presidency. Gee had been chancellor of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., since 2000 and led Brown University from 1997-2000.

During his seven years at Ohio State, the University initiated some of its largest building projects, including construction of the Schottenstein Center and Fisher College of Business and renovation of Ohio Stadium. Gee also pushed to increase state funding for colleges, trimmed Ohio State’s enrollment to 48,000 and put in place initiatives to attract and retain students of the highest academic caliber.

Patient Care Ranked Among Nation’s Best

Ohio State University Medical Center hospitals have been recognized AGAIN as the best of the best. For the 15th consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report ranked Ohio State patient care services among “America’s Best Hospitals.” The seven Ohio State specialties recognized in the magazine-defined categories are: cancer; ear, nose and throat; gynecology; kidney disease; orthopedics; rehabilitation; and respiratory disorders. Cancer made the biggest rankings gain, now ranked among the top 15 cancer programs in the country and as the top program in Ohio. Rehabilitation Services was once again honored as a nationally recognized leader in the field, ranked among the nation’s Top 10.

Below, showing their Buckeye Pride at the 2007 Alumni Reunion Weekend are (from left): Jackie and Patrick Ward, MD ’97; Jill and Kevin O’Reilley, MD ’96; and Ray Kiser, MD ’97, and Cara Kiser. A Buckeye football victory over Akron brightened the day and chased away a brief summer drizzle. Look inside this Alumni Update issue for more on September’s super Alumni Reunion Weekend.
From the Director

I am excited to accept the alumni director position after the strong leadership provided by Mark Notestine, Dr. Ernest Johnson and others before me. I’ve enjoyed meeting many of you in my first five years at the College. Every day, I see a news clipping, read an e-mail or talk to an alum about another one of our 13,000 alumni making a difference in people’s lives. From family practice physicians serving in underserved rural areas to physicians conducting groundbreaking cancer research and creating innovative preventive health programs, our alumni are making a difference locally, regionally, nationally and internationally!

I look forward to hearing more about your professional and personal accomplishments in the future. Whether I meet you during the alumni events planned by our office, read an update you submit for our newsletter, or talk to you when you call with a suggestion for a new student program, I will be working to strengthen the connection you have with the College and with each other.

I had a wonderful time talking with many of you who attended our recent Reunion Weekend. I am continually humbled by the level of enthusiasm and dedication you bring to the College and your interest in today’s students. You have all helped to establish the rich foundation for our medical students as they prepare to become tomorrow’s physicians. I hope you’ll continue in that spirit of “family” in the years to come!

Be on the lookout for notices about upcoming Dean’s Dinners, events in your area, and new student/alumni activities. In the meantime, I invite you to stop by or contact me at (614) 292-5671 or Martha.Hicks@osumc.edu.

Thanks and GO BUCKS!!!

Solove Auction Raises $14.3M for Ohio State’s Cancer Program

Richard J. Solove’s passion for his cherished collection of Rolls-Royce automobiles was almost as strong as his determination to see a cure for cancer.

As an avid collector of cars bearing the Rolls-Royce nameplate, Solove was ringside on Aug. 19 at the renowned Pebble Beach Auction to watch his beloved cars pass gently to the hands of new owners for the first time in decades. The collection, which included the oldest Silver Ghost in the world, had been hailed as one of the finest collections in existence. The sale of Solove’s 15 Rolls-Royces, which was reported on NBC’s Today Show, generated $14.3 million for the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute and The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Solove is a longtime contributor to the University’s cancer program and an ardent supporter of cancer research. Read more about Ohio State’s cancer program at jamesline.com.
MySpace. Facebook. WebMD. YouTube. iTunes... The wave of the future. A future centered on technology, accessibility, networking, sharing, helping, immediacy and community. This future is the foundation of what Generation Y, or Gen Y, is all about. What they believe in. What is important to them. And, ultimately, how they live their lives.

As a nation, the United States workforce is about to face a major change. For the past 20 to 30 years, baby boomers have filled the workforce and have been the primary force regarding medical care.

Consider this item from a U.S. Department of Labor report: “In 2006, there were approximately 740,000 physician jobs in the U.S. 38 percent of these physicians are 50 years of age or older. It is estimated that over the next ten years, more than 250,000 physicians will be needed to replace those lost to retirement, shrinking enrollment in medical schools, and departure from the profession due to skyrocketing medical malpractice costs.”

In response to these numbers, faculty and staff at our College of Medicine are asking, “If Gen Y is the generation to fill the gap the baby boomers leave, how do we attract Gen Ys into medicine?” and “What mechanisms and what messages need to be utilized to make a career in medicine appealing to them?”

Under the guidance of Associate Dean Linda Stone, MD ’79, Ohio State’s College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, and Medical Center are working with the American Academy of Family Physicians and Deb Miller (MS, 1984) of 2 Under Entertainment to create a medical education portal – www.medshow.com - which is scheduled to be operational in the fall of 2008. It will offer to middle school, high school, college and medical students educational resources, networking and social opportunities, events and even entertainment. The MedShow portal’s goal is to become a community for not only students considering a career in medicine, but also for practicing physicians.

To learn more about the MedShow portal, go to www.2underentertainment.com and click on properties >MedShow.

Fred Sanfilippo, MD, PhD, who during the past seven years guided OSU Medical Center into the top tier of academic medicine, has accepted a leadership position at Emory University. As executive vice president for Health Affairs at Emory University, CEO of the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center and chairman of the board for Emory Healthcare, Sanfilippo will have responsibility for more than 18,000 faculty and staff, and a budget in excess of $2.1 billion.

As senior vice president and executive dean for Health Sciences and CEO of Ohio State’s Medical Center, Sanfilippo led a robust planning process that culminated in the development of a vision and branding strategy focused on personalized health care.

Chip Souba, MD, ScD, dean of Ohio State’s College of Medicine, has been named interim senior vice president and executive dean for Health Sciences and CEO of the Medical Center.
The Power to Change Lives Campaign Update

The Power to Change Lives Campaign for the Ohio State University Medical Center continues to generate excitement, which has resulted in a tremendous demonstration of philanthropy by the central Ohio community and beyond. During fiscal year 2006-2007, more than $47 million in gifts, pledges and other commitments were received for a wide array of areas within the Medical Center.

The list of endowed funds includes:

- **Henry A. Wise II, M.D., Endowed Professorship Fund in Urology**, $50,000, used to support a professorship position in the Department of Urology; provided by gifts from the University Urology Education and Research Foundation, Inc. and friends of the Department of Urology, with support from the College of Medicine given in honor of Henry A. Wise II, MD

- **Richard C. Richley M.D. Medical Research Fund**, $25,000, used to support researchers at the Medical Center, mainly in the Manuel Tzagournis Medical Research Facility or in a facility within the Medical Center’s Research Corridor, provided by gifts made in honor of Dr. Manuel Tzagournis from Richard C. Richley

- **Anthony and Fern Valentine Neurofibromatosis Fund**, $25,000, used to support research and treatment of neurofibromatosis; provided by gifts in honor of Fern Valentine and in memory of her late husband, Anthony Valentine, with gifts from Fern Valentine

- **Donald G. Jones MD and Patsy P. Jones Designated Professorship in OB/GYN**, $40,000 (per 4 years), used to support a distinguished professor within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; provided by gifts from Donald G. Jones, MD and Patsy P. Jones

- **Bernard M. and Helen Schneider Scholarship Fund**, $80,000, used to provide scholarships for students in the College of Medicine based on demonstrated leadership skills; provided by estate gifts from Dr. Bernard and Mrs. Helen Schneider

- **Alfred E. Stockum College of Medicine Scholarship Fund**, $50,000, used to provide a scholarship in the College of Medicine for a first-year medical student based on academic merit or financial need; provided by gifts from Alfred Stockum and Mary Ann Stockum

- **Respiratory Therapy Scholarship Fund**, $26,024, used to support scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the Division of Respiratory Therapy of the School of Allied Medical Professions who are intent of pursuing a respiratory therapy career; provided by gifts from Robert Charles Hawk and many friends and supporters of the Division of Respiratory Therapy

- **Cleo and Ella Toombs Medical Scholarship Fund**, $25,333.34, used to support medical education by providing merit-based scholarships to historically underrepresented groups in the medical profession; provided by gifts from Dr. Ella Louise Toombs

- **Jeffrey Postdoctoral Fellowship Fund in Academic Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**, $1,000,334.75, used to provide support for board certified or board eligible child and adolescent psychiatrists to pursue activities relevant to advancing the quality of mental health services delivered to children and adolescents with mental disorders; provided by gifts from Robert H. and Anne K. Jeffrey

- **Dr. William L. Evans and Dr. Lloyd R. Evans Endowed Fund for Disease and Disability Research at OSU Medical Center**, $390,000, used to support medical research on diseases and disabilities at the OSU Medical Center; provided by gifts form the estate of Beatrice L. Gibby
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54th Annual Medical Alumni Reunion Scores High With Alums

September 7-9 proved to be a great weekend to be a BUCKEYE!! - not only for the OSU football team (they beat Akron 20-2) - but for all medical alumni who returned to campus for the 54th annual Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Friday events started with Campus and Medical Center tours, a CME focusing on personalized medicine, and the all-class dinner and alumni achievement award recognition at the Hyatt on Capitol Square for more than 200 alumni and guests.

Class of 1957 Has Strong Showing

Chaired this year by MD classmates Jim Patterson (Seattle, Wash.), Bob Hess (Port Clinton and Florida), and John Bock (Columbus), the class of ‘57 was out in full-force at this year’s reunion.

“It was the strongest 50-year class representation in the six years that I have been planning the reunion weekends,” commented Martha Hicks, director of Alumni Affairs. More than 50 classmates and their guests attended a complimentary recognition lunch hosted by the dean of the College of Medicine,

Saturday it was all BUCKEYE fun with a “steak and eggs” tailgate for 300+ and an OSU football victory. Many of the returning classes continued to “party on” after the game at private dinners for their respective classes.

Thanks to the class chairs for their support and hard work through the planning process, and of course a special thanks to all returning alumni and their spouses/families who helped them along the way.

Alumni Achievement Awardees Recognized

The College of Medicine Committee on Faculty and Alumni Programs, Honors and Awards seeks nominations from faculty, staff and alumni annually for the Faculty Teaching and Alumni Achievement Awards. The recipients of the Alumni Achievement Award are typically recognized at the Friday night All-Class dinner and this year was no exception. The three 2007 recipients were recognized for their tremendous career accomplishments that made an impact on the health field locally, state-wide and nationally. Awardees included Dr. Dave Ashbaugh ‘57, retired cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon (Seattle, Wash.); Dr. Doris Carson ‘50, retired OB/GYN (Jacksonville, Fla.); and Dr. Lester Mohler ‘64, retired plastic surgeon (Sunbury, Ohio).
The 2008 OSU College of Medicine Alumni Directory, promises to be the most complete and up-to-date reference of more than 13,000 alumni worldwide.

Working in partnership with Harris Connect, Inc., the leading alumni directory publisher, you will receive a questionnaire in November and can verify your profile for inclusion in the directory. The directory will be sorted into four easy-to-use sections and, to make networking easy with other alumni, we will be including residence and professional information as well as e-mail addresses.

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What’s New With You?

Please take a moment to send Alumni Update information about yourself, classmates and colleagues. Share news of your promotions, honors and awards with 13,000 alumni around the world! Fax and e-mail contacts are listed below.

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- e-mail medalum@osumc.edu
- fax (614) 688-3834
- mail to Ohio State University Medical Alumni Society, 209 Meiling Hall, 370 W. Ninth Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43210.
’58 Robert Amicon, MD, a Family Medicine physician at Mt. Carmel Health Systems, recently received OSUCOM’s Lifetime Achievement Award. The awards are given annually to physicians who have dedicated their professional lives and services to educating medical students.

’58 Theodor Herwig, MD, a Family Medicine physician in Westerville, recently received OSUCOM’s Ambulatory Care Clerkship Preceptor of the Year Award, which recognizes outstanding performance in the teaching of third-year medical students in a community setting.

’58 Merlin W. Kampfer, MD, recently retired from practice in Phoenix, Ariz., and moved to Santa Fe, N.M., where he will be working in a free clinic that serves immigrants and Native Americans.

’63 Fredric Simowitz, MD, (intern), retired from a private Neurology practice in 2002 and is now Medical Director for St. Joseph Hospital West in St. Louis, Mo.

’64 John Niederhuber, MD, is a 2007 recipient of Ohio State’s Professional Achievement Award. Established in 1992, the award honors alumni who have superb records of distinguished career accomplishments and who have made outstanding contributions to their professions.

Last year, Niederhuber accepted an appointment from President George W. Bush to be the 13th director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Niederhuber has dedicated his four-decade career to the treatment and study of cancer - as a professor, cancer center director, National Cancer Advisory Board chair, external advisor to the NCI, grant reviewer, and laboratory investigator supported by NCI and the National Institutes of Health.

’65 H. Robert Silverstein, MD, FACC, has published a new book, Maximum Healing — Improve Your Immune System and Optimize Your Natural Ability to Heal. For more information, visit www.thepmc.org.

’69 Arthur Leslie Stein, MD, has been named as one of the nation’s top family practice physicians by Town and Country magazine.

’77 Roger Friedman, MD, a pediatrician at Children’s Hospital, recently received OSUCOM’s Lifetime Achievement Award. The awards are given annually to physicians who have dedicated their professional lives and services to educating medical students.

’77 George Pettit, MD, a clinical professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been designated Master Faculty by Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The Master Faculty recognition is the highest honor the college awards to clinical faculty members and recognizes physicians for their accessibility and genuine interest in the education of medical students, interns and residents. He also serves on Ohio State University’s Medical Alumni Society Board of Governors.

’89 Geoffrey Eubank, MD, a neurologist at Riverside Methodist Hospital, recently received OSUCOM’s Distinguished Educator Award for his extraordinary commitment to teaching and the promotion of outstanding patient care.

Giving to OSUCOM is easier than ever before!

If you would like to make a gift to the College of Medicine Annual Fund or the OSU Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship Endowment, simply complete the enclosed envelope and send it in today. For more details about giving opportunities, call Carla Crewey, Medical Center Annual Giving director, at (614) 283-7646.

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Obituaries

‘47 William H. Cope, MD, 88, an expert in preventive medicine and overseas medical clinics, died in March. Cope served with the State Department, the U.S. Public Health Service and the former Department of Health, Education and Welfare before becoming regional director of a state health office in Virginia. 

‘47 Bert L. Peppercorn, MD, recently passed away at the age of 83. He practiced Dermatology for many years in Florida, after serving two years with the U.S. Public Health Service. 

‘50 Saul Meyers, MD, passed away at the age of 89. After many years of caring for patients in Utica, N.Y., he studied Anesthesiology and later led the anesthesiology departments at St. Luke’s Hospital in Syracuse and at St. Anthony’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. 

‘65 Michael J. Eymontt, MD, (res), recently died at the age of 75. He taught and practiced Nuclear Medicine for 11 years at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and then accepted the position of Director of Nuclear Medicine at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Pennsylvania until his retirement in 1996. 

Faculty: Lloyd A. Horrocks, PhD, age 75, died unexpectedly at OSU Medical Center in August. He served as a project engineer (1/Lt, USAF) from 1955-1958 and worked as a research associate at the Cleveland Psychiatric Institute from 1960-1968 before joining Ohio State’s Department of Physiological Chemistry (now Molecular Cellular Biochemistry) as an assistant professor in 1968. He was promoted to full professor in 1973, and retired in 1992 as Professor Emeritus. He authored more than 350 research publications, edited seven books, wrote two monographs, and served on numerous editorial advisory boards and grant review panels.

Campaign 2008: Healthcare Reform

As the 2008 national, state and local political races unfold, healthcare reform has percolated to the top of the domestic campaign agenda. American’s health status trails many less developed countries that spend less of their nation’s resources on their citizens’ health. Our healthcare costs have also become a significant drain on our ability to compete in a global marketplace. In large part, our system stems from the historical accident of World War II wage controls that allowed employer-based health insurance to be added as a fringe benefit to retain scarce workers in a tight labor marketplace.

Fast forward to the 21st century, where nearly every labor contract and salary negotiation hinges on the seemingly uncontrollable cost of health insurance premiums. Some 47 million Americans, most of them working men and women or their children, do not have a reliable source of healthcare coverage. In the common parlance, these “uninsured” have no access to available or affordable healthcare insurance. The simple answer then, is to get them insurance. But is that the right answer?

What we call “health” insurance, state laws define as sickness and accident insurance. And, our system has followed the money; insurance gets us sick care, not health care. We know that 90 percent of the factors that impact health are behavior and lifestyle, genetics, and the environment. Yet, we spend the vast majority of our dedicated health dollars on medical services. While there is no question that access to care in the medical marketplace is dependent on the ability to pay, or have a third party pay for care, continuing down this path is unaffordable and unsustainable.

So what do politicians mean when they talk about reform? Extending our broken “sick care” insurance system to the uninsured is only a short-term fix. How do they propose to create and pay for a true healthcare system that will address the related social and economic issues that now consume more than 16 percent of our gross domestic product? That is the political discussion that is needed if we are to set a course to maintain and improve the health of our citizens, states and nation.

For more information about this or other advocacy issues contact Jerry Friedman, Advisor for Health Policy and Director of Government Relations, at jerry.friedman@osumc.edu.
FACULTY

Lynn Named Professor of the Year

The Class of 2007 selected D. Joanne Lynn, MD, associate professor in the Department of Neurology, for the 2007 Professor of the Year Award.

Lynn is renowned for her succinct and relevant Neurology reviews prior to examinations and her animated demonstrations of neurological findings. She is the recipient of several teaching awards from medical students, including the Integrated Program Teacher of the Year Award and the Distinguished Teaching Award. Further, Lynn has been recognized by colleagues and house staff for her outstanding efforts as an educator, earning the Distinguished Educator Award, American Academy of Neurology Teacher Recognition Certificate in 2002, OSU Department of Neurology Excellence in Teaching Award, and OSU Department of Neurology Teaching Award in 2003. She has also been recognized nationally in Best Doctors and Midwest Best Doctors since 2001.

Faculty Teaching Awardees Recognized at 2007 Graduation

The College of Medicine Committee on Faculty and Alumni Programs, Honors and Awards recognized recipients of the 2007 Faculty Teaching Award at the 2007 Hooding Ceremony. Congratulations to Dan Clinchot, MD, Residency Program director, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and associate dean for Medical Education, and Walter Hull, MD, assistant clinical professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Welker Receives Robert Graham Physician Executive Award

In August, the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians announced Mary Jo Welker, MD, Department of Family Medicine and executive director of Ohio State’s Primary Care Network, as the recipient of the 2007 Robert Graham Physician Executive Award. This award was created to recognize an outstanding family physician whose executive skills in a healthcare organization have contributed to excellence in the provision of high quality health care, demonstrating family physicians’ impact on the overall health of the nation.

Jacob Named ‘Forty Under 40’ Winner

Abraham Jacob, MD, assistant professor, Otolaryngology, Neurotology, and Cranial Base Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, has been chosen by Business First as a “Forty Under 40” winner for 2007. Every year, Business First recognizes 40 people in the central Ohio community under age 40, who demonstrate professional drive and engagement in their communities.

Bartlett Selected for NIH Advisory Committee

Jeffrey Bartlett, PhD, associate professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology, Immunology, and Medical Genetics, has been selected to serve on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee (RAC).

Among other duties, the RAC oversees human gene-therapy research in the United States and provides recommendations to the NIH regarding safety standards for the manipulation of genetic material through the use of recombinant DNA techniques.

RESEARCH

Gene Therapy Trial in Parkinson’s Shows Promise

The world’s first-ever gene therapy clinical trial in patients with advanced Parkinson’s disease significantly reduced their symptoms, suggesting surgery to deliver a modified gene directly to the brain could be a safe new treatment option for a number of neurodegenerative diseases. The results suggest gene therapy shows promise as an alternative to medications, which tend to lose effectiveness over time in patients with Parkinson’s, and deep brain stimulation surgery, the current best option to reduce movement problems associated with the disease.

Scientists Discover First Inherited Gene For CLL

Researchers at Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center have discovered the first inherited gene mutation that increases a person’s risk for chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). The study shows that an inherited mutation in a tumor-suppressor gene known as death associated protein kinase 1 (DAPK1) greatly reduces the gene’s protective activity. The study further shows that a later, non-inherited chemical change called DNA methylation turns the gene off completely, leading to leukemia. The findings may help identify people at risk for CLL and offer insight into apoptosis, or natural cell death.

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Mercury Linked to Plaque Buildup

Heavy metals and other toxins have been linked to many human diseases, but determining exactly how they damage the body remains a mystery in many cases. However, new research at Ohio State that focuses on a relatively obscure, misunderstood protein suggests mercury’s link to heart disease can be traced to activation of this enzyme, which triggers a process leading to plaque buildup in blood vessel walls.

NCI Renews Cancer Immunity Grant at $10M

Researchers at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC-James) will receive $10 million over five years to further study and manipulate the human body’s innate ability to battle cancer. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has agreed to renew a program project grant it awarded in 2002 to a research team led by principal investigator Michael Caligiuri, MD, director of the OSUCCC. The original grant, which was for $9.5 million, involved four interactive projects.

Director Named for Center for Personalized Health Care

Henry Zheng, MBA, PhD, has been appointed as the director of Operations for the Center for Personalized Health Care (CPHC). The CPHC is the organizational hub for multiple initiatives that comprise personalized health care: research, education, prevention and treatments designed to meet a patient’s individual needs based on that individual’s unique biology, behavior and environment.

Ohio State Chosen for Revamped HIV Clinical Trials Network

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has awarded a seven-year, $1.7 million grant to Ohio State University Medical Center to continue testing new AIDS treatments, vaccines and prevention methods. The award came after the federal agency chose Ohio State’s HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Unit to be a member of its restructured HIV/AIDS research network.

From the Student President

After a summer of volunteering in international clinics, completing research projects or working in local clinics, medical students are back on campus. As the year begins, so do many clubs, organizations and special programs.

This year, a new program called the Ultrasound Academy is available to Ohio State’s medical students. Under the direction of David Bahner, MD, and with the support of the Emergency Medicine Department, this program centralizes ultrasound education for students, residents and faculty.

The goals of the Academy are two-fold. First is to supply ultrasound education models for other ultrasound classes including an honors Med 4 elective, a DOC 1 course and resident instruction. Second is for each student to develop a portfolio of digital images which demonstrates proficiency with ultrasound.

Students can then take these ultrasound images with them to their residency programs to show experience using ultrasound equipment and acquiring images. Ultrasound equipment is available to medical students at our clinical skills lab so they may gain early experience with the portable imaging equipment that is used daily in many fields of medicine.

Because only a few other medical schools offer any ultrasound instruction, this program truly makes Ohio State students stand out among their peers. Above all, students recognize this opportunity to learn ultrasound early in their careers is a privilege that we could not have without your support. So, on behalf of my fellow students, thank you for your support in providing the many opportunities available at Ohio State’s College of Medicine.
## College of Medicine Annual Fund

The College of Medicine Annual Fund was established in October 2005 to provide the much needed support for medical student scholarships, faculty recruitment and retention, and alumni programming.

With your generous support of the Annual Fund, we can continue to recruit the best and the brightest, help students reduce the average debt load, and enhance the College of Medicine experience for all who wear the Scarlet and Gray with pride.

Please become a partner in the OSU College of Medicine tradition of excellence with your important gift to the Annual Fund.

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Pettey was recognized for his efforts with Ohio State’s 2006 Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award and was a speaker at the 2005 American Medical Student Association’s annual meeting. In addition, Pettey received the Lifeline of Ohio Fellowship for his work to raise awareness about organ and tissue donations; helped establish a Math and Science Club for Columbus-area minority students interested in the sciences; has served as a volunteer missionary in Russia; established and taught English classes for Russian-speaking immigrant communities in Salt Lake City; and volunteered as a glaucoma and visual acuity screener for Prevent Blindness Utah.

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