

The Nicholas J. Pisacano, MD, Memorial Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Nicholas J. Pisacano, MD, Memorial Foundation, Inc (NJPMF) is pleased to announce its selections for the 1997 Pisacano Scholarships. Each recipient is noted as an outstanding medical student who has made a commitment to enter family practice medicine.

The scholarships, valued up to \$50,000 each, are awarded to students attending US medical schools who demonstrate a strong commitment to the specialty of family practice. In addition, each applicant must show demonstrable leadership skills, superior academic achievement, strong communication skills, identifiable character and integrity, and a noteworthy level of community service.

The Pisacano Scholars program is intended to assist in the development of the future leaders in family practice. The scholars are reimbursed for a portion of their medical school debt incurred by the conclusion of their residency. A portion of the funds are distributed to the student during medical school, and the remaining funds are distributed during the required 3-year residency.

The Nicholas J. Pisacano, MD, Memorial Foundation, Inc, was created in 1990 by the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) in tribute to the founder and first Executive Director of the ABFP, Nicholas J. Pisacano, MD (1924-1990). Dr. Pisacano is acknowledged around the world as one of the leaders in the effort to recognize family practice as a major specialty. His perseverance was finally rewarded in 1969, when the ABFP was designated as the sole agency responsible for the certification and recertification of family physicians.

The Nicholas J. Pisacano, MD, Memorial Foundation is pleased to present the 1997 Pisacano Scholars:



Timothy Leaman, a native of Philadelphia, is a 4th-year medical student at Temple University School of Medicine. Tim graduated summa cum laude, ranking 15th in his class, from Eastern Mennonite University with a degree in biology. During his undergraduate years, Tim

was a member and president of the Pre-Professional Health Sciences Society. He also worked during the summers as a psychiatric treatment aide at a local hospital. As an undergraduate student Tim spent a semester in Honduras with a Youth Evangelism Service Team serving as a volunteer in construction and youth ministry. During the year following his graduation, Tim served as the leader of a volunteer team in Oaxaca, Mexico, that worked with a health clinic, local churches, and a school that taught English as a second language. As a medical student, Tim was one of only five juniors named to the Alpha Omega Alpha chapter at Temple, and he is also a member of the Family Medicine Interest Group. In addition, he has been active in his church serving as a council member and as a worship team leader responsible for planning and leading Sunday morning worship music. Tim is the co-founder and co-leader of Stephen's House, a formerly abandoned house in a socioeconomically depressed neighborhood in North Philadelphia that he and five others rehabilitated and in which they now live. Their goal is to be a positive presence and a reconciling bridge between races and classes. Tim desires to practice family medicine in an impoverished area that desperately needs compassionate health care. He hopes to facilitate a creative holistic health care center that staffs not only physicians and nurses, but also nutritionists, counselors, social workers, and spiritual mentors.

James Little, who was born in Denver and raised in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, is a 4th-year medical student at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Jim completed his undergraduate studies at Syracuse University, where he received a degree in television and film. He won the Fuji Student Film Award in his senior year. Jim worked as an emergency medical technician with the Eastern Paramedics in Syracuse during his entire undergraduate education. After graduation Jim worked for 4 years as a news assignment editor at a television station in Denver.



During that time he received an Emmy Award nomination from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for the spot news category. He also won an Associated Press Television Journalism Award for best spot news. While working as a news editor, Jim continued his education at Metro State College in Denver, preparing for medical school. Jim is currently president of the Medical Student Council at the University of Colorado. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Foundation for the Advancement of Family Medicine, an organization that educates community leaders on the importance of family medicine. Jim has been involved in an ongoing family medicine research project for the past 2 years that has received extensive recognition, including a Robert Wood Johnson Fellowship awarded to the principal investigator. He is also a member of the Primary Care Task Force and Curriculum Committee, which oversees the Primary Care Curriculum at the Colorado School of Medicine. Jim has developed a number of exercises that have been directly incorporated into the curriculum. As a family physician, Jim plans to provide comprehensive health care to his patients from birth to death, delivering the highest quality care and upholding the rigorous ethical standards of his profession.



Steven Lore, a native of Utah, is a 3rd-year medical student at the University of Utah. He received an associate's degree from Weber State University, a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a minor in Japanese from Brigham Young University (BYU), and a master's degree

in physical chemistry from the University of Utah. While attending Weber State, Steve was a member of the Ogden Institute International Folk Dance Team. Before beginning his studies at BYU, Steve spent 2 years serving as a full-time missionary in Kyushu, Japan. While attending BYU, Steve continued his interest in folk dancing as a member of the BYU International Folk Dance Team. He also worked as an assistant in the chemistry department researching neutron detection of solid-state chemical reactions. In addition, Steve was a personal aide to his friend and roommate,

who is quadriplegic. While in graduate school, Steve spent 2 years in the Department of Chemistry as a teaching fellow and research fellow. Between graduate school and medical school, he worked as a laboratory supervisor of the explosives research division at DYNO NOBEL, Inc. Steve has been awarded numerous scholarships throughout his undergraduate and graduate years, including research merit scholarships at each school he attended, such as the Western Student Medical Research Committee "Excellence in Research" award for 1997. Steve also is a member of a number of organizations, from family medicine event planning committee and the university student government to the Medical Informatics club and computer technical support team. Steve hopes to establish a practice in rural northwestern Utah and perhaps later return to academia to teach medicine.

Anna Mies, a native of Illinois, is a 4th-year medical student at Southern Illinois University (SIU). Anna completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois in Champaign, where she received a degree in nutrition. As an undergraduate student, Anna won several awards, including the Jonathan Baldwin Turner Research Scholarship, awarded for the most outstanding senior research. While at the University of Illinois, Anna was active in many organizations, including the McKinley Health Center Advisory Board for which she was chairman of the Insurance Task Force and Alcohol Awareness week for the school. Anna also organized several volunteer events for the Panhellenic Council and the Student Government Association. In addition, she participated in intramural team sport competitions and played at the national level with the football team. As a medical student, Anna has become very involved in the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) and the Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) at SIU. She is the president of the student chapter of the IAFP and is the student delegate for the IAFP congressional meetings and committees. Anna is the chair of the first state event organized for medical students who are interested in family medicine. Coinciding



with the AAFP Annual Meeting and the IAFP/AAFP 50th anniversary celebration, the forum will allow medical students to explore family medicine through workshops and lectures and to network with family practice residency programs. Anna has organized a number of events for the FMIG at SIU, including phlebotomy and suturing clinics for 1st- and 2nd-year medical students. She also enjoys talking to elementary school students about health awareness. Anna hopes to play an integral role and have a positive influence as a family physician in a small town, serving as a friend and physician to the families of the community.



Marti Young is a 4th-year medical student at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM). Marti, who was born in Palo Alto, California, completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Hawaii, where she graduated with highest honors with a degree in liberal studies. She won several awards as an undergraduate, including a research fellowship from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. In addition, she was named to the USA Today All-American Academic Team. During her se-

nior year, Marti won the Arthur Lyman Dean Prize, awarded by UHM for the best undergraduate research. She was also president of the Golden Key National Honor Society for 2 years and vice-president of Medical Education, Pre-Med Association. As a medical student, Marti has continued her involvement in a number of organizations and received several more awards. During her 1st year, she was named one of only three Golden Key Graduate Scholars and received an E. E. Black Memorial Scholarship, which was renewed the following 2 years. Marti is also the student representative for the Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians Executive Board, a member of the editorial board for the American Academy of Family Physicians' (AAFP) Exchange letter, and the National Coordinator of the Family Medicine Interest Groups for the AAFP. In her 3rd year of medical school, Marti was one of ten students to participate in a 6-month longitudinal clinical rotation. The students who select this program are highly motivated, independent learners committed to developing longitudinal relationships with patients, such as those valued by family practice. This experience only reinforced Marti's belief in a holistic, rather than fragmented, approach to medicine. She hopes to continue to build her compassion, empathy, sensitivity, and communication skills to assist patients in their quest for a fulfilling life.

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