

Nicholas J. Pisacano, M.D., Memorial Foundation, Inc.

On 2 June 1994 the Board of Directors of the Nicholas J. Pisacano, M.D., Memorial Foundation met in Lexington, KY, to review the applications for the 1994 Pisacano Scholars program. The Pisacano Scholars program provides funding for outstanding 3rd- or 4th-year medical students for a 4- or 5-year period. Students must make a commitment to the specialty of family practice. The program is designed to reimburse a portion of the medical school debt incurred by the student by the conclusion of the student's residency. A portion of the funds is distributed to the student during medical school, and the remaining funds are distributed over the required 3-year residency. Students are evaluated each year to assure eligibility for continuation. The program is intended to assist in the development of future leaders in family practice.

The Pisacano Scholars program is extremely competitive. Only students who demonstrate a strong commitment to the specialty of family practice are considered. In addition each applicant must show demonstrable leadership skills, superior academic achievement, strong communication skills, reputable traits of character and integrity, and a noteworthy level of community service. Although students must demonstrate financial need, it is not a determining factor in the selection process.

The Nicholas J. Pisacano, M.D., Memorial Foundation is pleased to present the 1994 Pisacano Scholars:

• **Dineen Greer** is a 4th-year student at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF). Dineen was born in Los Angeles and attended Stanford University, where she majored in human biology. At Stanford, Dineen was involved with several organizations benefiting children. She volunteered at the Stanford University Children's Hospital and the Peninsula Children's Center. She also worked as a research assistant at Stanford University Children's Hospital Autism Clinic. In addition, Dineen spent a summer volunteering in a small African village, Gbamandu, where she assisted with the establishment of a health clinic. For the past year, Dineen has been working with the Family Practice Continuity Clinic, South East Health Center (SEHC). The SEHC is a community health clinic in an economically de-

pressed community in San Bruno. At UCSF, Dineen is involved in the Student National Medical Association. She served as co-president of the UCSF chapter and co-chairperson of the National Convention in Oakland, before being elected to her current position as national chairperson of the Community Affairs Committee as well as treasurer of Region I. In order to expand her knowledge of community and public health issues, Dineen interrupted her medical school training to attend UC-Berkeley, where she received her master's degree in public health. Dineen plans to continue her involvement in the field of public health, in addition to pursuing one-on-one, physician-patient relationships.

• **Jerome Hotchkiss** is a 4th-year student at the Medical College of Virginia. Jerome was born in Portland, Oregon, and attended Willamette University in Salem, where he graduated with honors in chemistry. At Willamette, Jerome received scholarships and leadership awards from several organizations, including Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society and the Mortar Board Honor Society. At the Medical College of Virginia, he was awarded an American Cancer Society Tapan Hazra Memorial Summer Research Fellowship and received the Medical Society of Virginia Award in 1993. He is also an active member of the Student Family Practice Association, the American Medical Association, and the Rural Interest Group. Jerome still finds time to volunteer as a tutor and provide health services for the underserved. He also volunteered as a high-school teacher in the US Peace Corps-Kenya from 1985 to 1987. With Jerome's assistance, the school raised funds and organized its first library and science laboratory. At the school, he served as a librarian and later as head of the science department, a student club advisor, and a volleyball coach. In addition, Jerome has held several part-time jobs throughout his 4 years of undergraduate study, as well as during medical school. He spent part of his summer last year in Guatemala as a rural health volunteer. Jerome hopes to practice in a rural area and to continue his career in community health services.

• **Kurt Lindberg** is a 3rd-year student at the University of Michigan Medical School. Kurt was born in Michigan and attended the University of Michigan where he graduated summa cum laude with a B.S.E. degree in aerospace engineering. He also re-

ceived the University of Michigan Engineering Council Award and was a member of the Dean's List each semester. At the University of Michigan Medical School, Kurt participated in a Podium Presentation with the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Meeting and presently serves as volunteer coordinator of the Hope Medical Center. He also works with the Task Force on Aging, the Christian Medical and Dental Society, and the Huron Hills Social Action Committee, where he assists with organizing a rotating homeless shelter and Habitat for Humanity projects. Kurt has also worked several jobs throughout medical school. Most recently, he was employed in the John A. Hartford Foundation Medical Student Training Program. Although Kurt's undergraduate background is in engineering, because of his academic experiences and many community projects, he appreciates the continuity of care that exists between family physicians and their patients and is committed to serving an underrepresented area. His previous experiences in impoverished areas of Appalachia and on a Navajo reservation were important influences in his decision to work in rural family practice medicine.

• **Thomas McGorey** is a 4th-year student at Loyola University of Chicago-Stritch School of Medicine. Born in Illinois, Tom attended Illinois State University and graduated with honors with degrees in both chemistry and education. While at Illinois State University, Tom was inducted into the Red Tassel Charter of Mortar Board, a senior national honor society. He worked as an undergraduate teaching assistant in the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Chemistry. Tom also volunteered for the Illinois Special Olympics and worked for several years with Special People Encounter Christ, a religious education program for mentally and physically disabled children and adults. Upon graduation, he taught chemistry-physical science at Washington Community High School and was the assistant coach of girls varsity track and field; later he became the head coach of the cross-country varsity teams. At Loyola, Tom is involved in a number of activities, including the American Academy of Family Physicians. He has served on AAFP committees and participated in conferences as a student representative. Last year, he served as president of the student chapter of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, an organization with which he has been involved since his first year at Loyola. Additionally, Tom was president of the Loyola Family Practice Club, where he created and

published a monthly newsletter, *The Family Matters*. Tom is identified as the voice for family medicine at Loyola and has been instrumental in helping to establish their new Family Medicine Program.

• **Trish Palmer** is a 4th-year student at Rush Medical College. She was born in Cincinnati and graduated from Michigan State University's Honors College with a degree in biochemistry. At Michigan State, Trish won the Kopper's Foundation Engineering Scholarship and the Oakland County Alumni Scholarship to Michigan State University. Trish worked as a research assistant in the Department of Biochemistry at Michigan State and in the Department of Endocrinology at Lafayette Clinic before becoming a pharmaceutical representative for Upjohn. At Rush Medical College, Trish serves as president of the student chapter of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians and is a member of the Urban County Health Committee for the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. She is also a member of the Orientation Committee, Rush Medical College Alternative Curriculum, and chairperson of the steering committee for St. Basil's Free Clinic. The clinic serves a medically neglected Chicago neighborhood. As chairperson of the committee and director of the clinic's pharmacy, Trish implemented a lead-screening project and re-organized the laboratory and pharmacy. In addition to her volunteer work, Trish continues to excel academically. Not only has she won several awards, including the Summer Externship Scholarship: Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, but she has also had her work presented and published. Trish continues her volunteer work and serves as a research assistant with the Department of Family Medicine at Rush Medical College.

• **Gaynell Schieber** is a 3rd-year student at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Gaynell, who was born in Oklahoma, graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in psychology. In her first year at Oklahoma State, Gaynell won numerous awards. As a freshman, she was recognized as one of the Outstanding College Students of America and as one of the Mortarboard Top Ten Freshmen. Other undergraduate awards included Oklahoma State University Top Ten Graduating Seniors Award and a 4-year university scholarship (academic). At University of Oklahoma's Health Sciences Center, Gaynell continues to excel academically and is involved in many extracurricular activities. A partial list includes election as class

president in her medical school and being a member of the Dean's Advisory List, the Medical Education Committee, and the College of Medicine Student Council. Gaynell still finds time to volunteer with the University of Oklahoma Children's Hospital and St. Mary's Elementary School. She was the Women's Social Fraternity Community Service Projects leader in 1988 and 1991, where she helped with such small projects as canned food drives, nursing home visits, and Halloween parties for the underprivileged. Gaynell looks forward to a rural family practice that will include obstetrics.

• **James Schieberl** is a 4th-year student at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. James was born in Santa Rosa and graduated with distinction in his major, biology, from the University of California Santa Barbara. While attending Santa Barbara, he made the Dean's List a number of times and received the President's Undergraduate Fellowship and an American Cancer Federation Scholarship. James is also an Eagle Scout; his involvement in the scouting program provided him with discipline and leadership skills. In addition, he volunteered at St. Francis Hospital, the Womens' Center, and the Multicultural Center. At the University of California San Diego, James continues to achieve academic excellence. His involvement with the community has also continued. He is treasurer of the California Student Association of Family Practice, a member of the Family Medicine Interest Group, a leader of the local Doctor's Ought to Care (DOC) chapter, and class representative for the Kaiser Teaching Award. James also designed, implemented, and presented a successful petition for instituting a required 3rd-year primary care clerkship. The University recently decided to introduce this required primary care clerkship into its program. James hopes to participate in a program that provides medical aid to developing nations.

• **Eric Seaver** is a 4th-year student at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Eric was born in Cincinnati and was valedictorian at Ohio's Kenyon College. He graduated summa cum laude, as a chemistry major, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. At Kenyon College, Eric won the Chemical Abstracts Award for outstanding chemistry major. He was also a Kenyon Honors Scholar during his 4 years of undergraduate study. In addition to playing intercollegiate soccer for Kenyon, he was an assistant to Kenyon Admissions, vice-president of the American Chemical Society, and appointee to the

President's Commission on Student Life. He also participated in summer research projects at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Washington School of Medicine. At the University of Washington, Eric has continued to receive honors grades in numerous courses. He also won the Arthur Campbell Fellowship and participated in a poster presentation at the Western Medical Student Research Conference in California. In addition, Eric worked with the Indian Health Service as a medical student extern in Idaho and Arizona and also volunteered at Pioneer Square Adolescent Night Clinic, a free clinic for homeless youths. Eric hopes to stay in the western United States and work with the Indian Health Service, pursuing his interest in cross-cultural medicine and underserved populations.

• **Sarita Sharma** is a 4th-year student at the Ohio State University (OSU) College of Medicine. Sarita was born in Illinois and graduated from The Ohio State University summa cum laude with a degree in economics. As an undergraduate, she was a Hospice volunteer, the fundraising committee chairperson for Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Med Honorary, chairperson of Volunteer Services for the Society of Minority Pre-Med Students, and worked as a student researcher in the OSU Department of Economics. Sarita's awards include an Award for Excellence in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the President's Award for Academic Distinction. As a medical student, Sarita is currently vice-president and officer of the Family Practice Interest Group and organizer of the Student Participation/Volunteer for the Physicians' Free Clinic at Franklinton. Her membership in several professional societies includes the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, Landacre Research Society, American Psychiatric Association, and the American Medical Student Association. Her medical recognition includes the Stanley Foundation Research Award, serving as an Ohio State University College of Medicine delegate to the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians, and having her work published. Sarita hopes to work in an underserved area where she can be of service to her community.

• **Barbara Troupin** is a 4th-year student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Barbara is a native of Georgia and graduated from the University of California San Diego (UCSD) with a degree in biochemistry-cell biology. As an undergraduate, Barbara served as chairperson for the Sub-

committee on Course Development, AIDS Education and Prevention Task Force, and the co-chairperson for the Student Health Advisory Committee. She also worked as a laboratory assistant at UCSD Medical Center and as a phlebotomist at the San Diego VA Hospital and Sharp Hospital. At Penn, Barbara is enrolled in a combined MD-MBA program. As a graduate student at the Wharton School of Business, where she will receive her MBA in Health Care Management, she worked as the Wharton Volunteer Coordinator and was a member of the Christmas in April House Selection Committee. As a medical student, Barbara received the Pennsylvania Family

Health Award and was featured in the Merck Foundation's Annual Report as a Washington Health Policy Fellow. She also won the AAFP Family Medicine Interest Group Leadership Award. In 1992, Barbara was appointed to the AAFP's Commission on Health Care Services and was reappointed the following year. Barbara is active in the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), where she is currently vice-president of the PENN chapter, and has participated in an AMSA Washington Health Policy Fellowship. Barbara hopes to become the medical director of a community health center after finishing her family medicine residency.