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McClelland Awards Made for 2018

Scholarship awards have been distributed to 71 students wishing to make a mark on the world by becoming physicians. This year \$182,000 was available for distribution. Here's a small snapshot of the 2018-19 recipients.

- Over 50% are women – quite a turnaround since the Trust's inception when only men applied;
- Although the majority of recipients are already TBM alumni, there were 29 first-time awardees;
- Since applicants are required to have graduated from a Miami-Dade County High School, it is not surprising that the majority of recipients this year are attending medical schools in Florida. Over 50 of those awarded scholarships are attending Florida medical schools: Florida International University, University of Miami, University of Florida, University of Central Florida, Florida State University and Florida Atlantic University;
- This is the first time an award has been made to a student at the University of Vermont.

We congratulate all who received scholarships and look forward to hearing about their future successes.

Rotary Club Members Share their TBM thoughts

Since the Trust's creation, Rotary Club of Miami members have participated annually in the award process by interviewing applicants. Our alumni family is now over 700 strong and we are all proud of the Trust and its significance in the lives of so many. Here are some thoughts from Club members on the Trust, the interviews and the aspiring medical students they meet:

Dave Anderson: TBM is a signature program for the Rotary Club of Miami which carries on the legacy of our founder, Dr. James Jackson. The Trust supports the training and development of outstanding young doctors to provide the best medical care possible to our local community as well as many others, both nationally and internationally. →



← **Norman Kassoff:** I don't believe Thomas Brown McClelland ever imagined, in his wildest dreams, how the program would grow and expand to include so many medical schools and, most importantly, reach out and expand to include so many students (both male and female and all races and creeds).

Today's Rotary Club of Miami has so much to be proud of, but this program, of which we are the care takers, has to be the Flag Ship of our many projects. Each time I have sat as an interviewer, I have had my faith restored to see the very high caliber of medical students of today. They are bright and eager to get out there as they try to diminish the pain and suffering that exists in our present world. I know Thomas Brown McClelland is looking down on all this with a proud smile, which all members of the Rotary Club of Miami share in.

Scott Richey: I look forward to the interview process each year and I feel so grateful that we have a large group of extremely bright students in our city. I leave the interviews feeling so positive about the TBM Trust and the impact our Rotary Club can have on these students helping them to a brighter future.

Angel Rodriguez: I am honored to be selected, for the last two years, to interview such an outstanding group of future physicians

Norby Rudel: TBM has been a great learning experience for me. Meeting, interviewing and awarding scholarships to young "doctors-to-be" is eye opening and rewarding. Love it!

Robin Shelley: This is one of those magic times when the more you give the more you get back. Rotarians as interviewers give 3 or 4 hours on a Saturday morning and come away with a sense of pride and accomplishment that you have been able to make life easier and better for these cream-of-the-crop young aspiring doctors of the future. It is truly a win-win for both the interviewers and interviewees. Rotary is full of such opportunities. →



← **Linda Singer:** Every time I interview scholarship applicants, I feel honored and elevated by them. Their intellect, passion, and dedication are awe-inspiring. I am glad to be part of the interview process in order to help the medical students reach their goals. They embody service above self.

Noreen Timoney: Participating in this process not only helps students, but also provides a wonderful, rewarding, and inspirational experience for our Rotarians to meet and interview them. Helping to make a difference in their lives and in the future of medical service they will provide in the world is truly special. Honored to be a part of it!!! →





Updates on our Alumni Family

Gary Blick ('83) is the Founder of Health Care Advocates International™ and BEAT AIDS Project Zimbabwe. He remains on the cutting edge of HIV/AIDS care, having provided medical treatment to over 3,500 individuals living with HIV/AIDS and to members of the LGBTQ community in CT and the New England and Tri-State areas. Dr. Blick lectures locally, nationally, and internationally to physicians, scientists, clinical researchers, healthcare workers, and the public regarding HIV/AIDS care and treatment. He also is an adviser, consultant, and speaker for some the world's most prestigious pharmaceutical companies in the HIV/AIDS field. →



Samuel R. Browd ('96) is the director of Seattle Children's Hydrocephalus Program and the medical director of Seattle Children's Sports Concussion Program. Dr. Browd's work in concussion has focused on materials science and engineering solutions. His innovations and collaborative efforts with UW Mechanical Engineering have led to a new force reducing football helmet named Project Canton. Dr. Browd currently serves as an unaffiliated neurologic consultant to the NFL and an independent neurologic consultant to the Seattle Seahawks. →



Richard Caesar ('84) is currently practicing adult and pediatric urology in Bangor, Maine.



← **Michael Farbowitz ('92)** practices comprehensive ophthalmology in Short Hills, NJ. He takes care of patients of all ages and all eye conditions, has a particular interest in refractive cataract surgery with new technology intraocular lenses, restoring patients' vision while enabling them to see well without glasses. He additionally is committed to treating cataracts in the developing world. Since 2012, he has traveled to Ghana, Ecuador, and Honduras to perform cataract surgery for those who otherwise would not have access to this kind of surgery.

Zarina S. Sayeed ('03) is a physician at ENT and Allergy Associates in Parsippany, New Jersey. She is Board Certified in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck surgery. Her areas of expertise are adult and pediatric ENT, sinus disorders, obstructive sleep apnea, head and neck disease, and disorders of the thyroid/parathyroid. →



Nicholas Smith ('13) is completing his Urology/Urologic Surgery residency at the University of California-Los Angeles. He hopes to return to South Florida upon completion and wants to connect with any Alum in the area regarding a possible career opportunity. Reach out via email to: miamirotarytbalum@yahoo.com. We'll be glad to connect the two of you.

Alumni Donation Match Extended to January 31, 2019

We are thrilled to announce that the Rotary Club of Miami Foundation has extended its commitment to match any donations (up to a total of \$15,000) by Thomas Brown McClelland Alumni until January 31, 2019! Make the most of your valuable contribution... what a GREAT opportunity to make every dollar count twice!

Please use the enclosed envelope if you wish to make a donation at this time.
Make your tax deductible contribution to:



"T.B. McClelland Scholarship Fund"
P.O. Box 43-1466
Miami, FL 33243



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