CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!!!!!!

It has been 10 years since the Thomas Brown McClelland Reconnect Project began. Time just seems to fly by!! Initially letters were sent to alumni individually as the data base was updated. The first newsletter sent to all was published and mailed in November 2012. In these short 10 years, we have received over $100,000+ in donations from you back to the Trust!!!!

The Trust’s founder, Thomas Brown McClelland, was explicit in his wish that funds awarded to medical school students be considered a gift, rather than a loan that needed to be repaid, to further their education. No repayment was required, however he hoped that recipients would give back in some way after their medical education was completed – either to the Trust itself or in service to their community.

Boy! Have you ever done that - a total of $111,283 has been contributed to the Trust to benefit those following in your footsteps since our first outreach efforts. It is so wonderful to hear from you either with a contribution or updates on what is going on in your world. The TBM family is now almost 750 members strong and the Rotary Club of Miami is soooooo grateful for each one of you. Keep up the good work! Let’s reach our next milestone - $150,000 by the end of 2021!

Another way to leave a lasting remembrance...

The Thomas Brown McClelland Trust is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) exempt organization. Think about speaking to your financial advisor or estate attorney about sustaining your impact on future generations. It’s easy!!

- Name Thomas Brown McClelland Trust in your Will with a simple codicil
- Designate Thomas Brown McClelland Trust as a full, partial or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance or retirement account (e.g. IRA, 401(k), 403(b).)
- Designate a gift of appreciated assets like stocks, bonds, or real estate
- Create a charitable remainder trust to benefit you or your loved ones and ultimately the Thomas Brown McClelland Trust

We all value the importance of the Trust. Please consider planning your legacy gift today.

What’s Going on in Our TBM Alumni World????

Maziyar Azad ’19 - finds that both academically and professionally the pandemic has caused a great deal of uncertainty for everyone. Right from the beginning of his final year of medical school this uncertainty was prominent. Rotations were canceled and exams were pushed back. Fortunately, he has been able to rotate in July in the specialty he is pursuing, neurology. Maziyar has recently submitted his application to residency programs and is now waiting to hear back.

Eileen Bernal ’09 - has completed five years of General Surgery residency at UT Southwestern in Dallas, Texas where she served as the Administrative Chief Resident in her final year. She has moved back to Miami and now works as a Surgical Intensivist at two of the County’s harder hit hospitals during the COVID pandemic - Florida Medical Center and North Shore Medical Center. She is happy to be back in South Florida and grateful to be able to serve the community during such uncertain times.
In a few words – let us know what you've been doing:

Mailing address: ________________________________________________________

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Steven Fein ’93 – is medical director of Heme Onc Call. After dedicating himself to hospital-based hematology/oncology for 15 years, he created “Heme Onc Call” to provide access to care in hospitals that have little or no heme/onc support and to make hematocare care easier and better for outpatients who prefer to receive specialty care from the comfort and convenience of their home. →

Kimberly Fitzgerald ’08 - is working in Addiction Medicine at Kaiser Permanente in San Diego, CA. She is a proud mom to two daughters, ages one and three.

Julio Mejias Garcia ’19 - has been discovering and dealing with how much he misses human interactions, something he did not appreciate as much pre-Covid. Professionally, he believes wearing masks when seeing patients takes away a very crucial part of the provider-patient relationship, that being the smile. Currently, he is on a research leave from medical school working on a publication for the Anesthesia department at Boston University.

Brian Porter ’00 - currently is the Vice President, Clinical Development Head for the Immunology, Hepatology, and Dermatology Franchise at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. In addition, he continues to do clinical work, currently as a House Officer in the New Jersey Veteran’s Affairs Health System, and is also a Co-Editor of the leading primary care textbook for advanced practice nursing, published through FA Davis. (Editor’s note: Brian has a lot of initials after his name on his business card, he must really enjoy continuing education: MD, PhD, MPH, MBA)

John Roy ’85 - completed his medical education at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. In 1999, he moved to Clearwater, Florida, and has been a cardiovascular anesthesiologist for the last 21 years.

Remembering Those We Have Lost...
Over the last 10 years, we have learned of the passing of some our TBM family. They are missing:

Melvin M. Denis · James Dygert · Fidel R. Ferradas · Bobby Glickman · Robert Gray · James J. Jacque · Syed M. Pervaiz · Howard E. Richmond · Victoria Roberts · Harvey B. Robles

Please use the enclosed envelope and consider making a tax deductible contribution today:

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

Name: ______________________________ Email: ______________________________ Amount Enclosed: $ ____________

In a few words – let us know what you’ve been doing: ________________________________________________________

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If you have any suggestions, ideas, or thoughts on the newsletter, please contact TBM Alumni Coordinator and Newsletter Editor, Marcia Brod at: miamiorotarytbalum@yahoo.com. We would love to hear from you.