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### ***Florida International University Scholarship Recipients are Pinned!!!***

Florida International University's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine came about from a community need for access to medical education and a regional need to address a shortage of physicians. It opened in 2009 and provides a local, public option for students wishing to become physicians. McClelland Scholarships were awarded to students attending HWCOCM as soon as the first classes began. This year, the first annual TBM pinning ceremony was held January 30, 2015, in the Graham Center's 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Panther Suite.



TBM Co-chairs Phil Seipp and Norman Kassoff, along with Rotary Club of Miami President Diane Landsberg, congratulated the 2014 recipients of scholarship funds from the Thomas Brown McClelland Trust. FIU administrators, staff, family, Rotary Club of Miami members and guests gathered to honor Veronica Alvarez, Natalia Echeverri Botero, Angelica Delgado and Nicholas Mendez as they received their TBM lapel pins. Alexander Daoud and David Weithorn were unable to attend, but are also FIU recipients.

### ***2015 Awards***

Congratulations to those receiving scholarship funds for the 2015-16 school year. There were 60 applicants this year and 53 received funding. Awards were made in increments of \$2,000, \$3,000 and \$5,000 depending upon final scoring of the in-person interview and financial need determination. Students are attending schools across the nation and all are dedicated to becoming the best physicians they can be.

### ***TRUST CONTINUES TO GROW***

Through the continued stewardship of the Rotary Club of Miami, in partnership with Wells Fargo, the Thomas Brown McClelland Trust continues to grow. The current value of the Trust is over \$4.5 million. Additionally, donations from TBM Alumni have really made a difference. Over \$41,000 has been contributed back to the Trust since 2012 when the Reconnect Program began. Every dollar contributed is appreciated and helps to increase the amount available for future scholarships. The Rotary Club of Miami is honored to continue its administration of the Trust. The generosity of the Alumni, along with the work they do helping others and the community, is truly inspiring.

## Here's the latest alumni news....

**Aristides Abril ('96)** is a South Florida radiologist with Gables Executive Radiology Services. He has also started a teleradiology company.

**Erica Alexander ('15)** is going to start her surgery preliminary year, followed by a radiology residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Carlos Alvarez ('87)**, after graduating from the University of Florida, has completed a general surgery residency at UCLA. Dr. Alvarez now practices at Doylestown Hospital in suburban Philadelphia.

**Veronica Alvarez ('15)** is graduating from the University of Florida and heading to Emory University for an OB/GYN residency. Afterwards, she hopes to help a medically underserved community through a 3-year commitment with the National Health Services Corps Students to Service program.

**Lauren Benafield ('92)** is a pediatrician in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**Miriam Bloom ('90)** graduated Cornell Medical School and trained at Cambridge Hospital/Harvard Medical School in adult, child and adolescent psychiatry. She sees children and adults for psychotherapy and psycho-pharmacologic treatment at her office in Rockville, Maryland.

**Pietro Bortoletto ('11)** will be starting his residency in OB/GYN at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital.

**Gabrielle Cervoni ('14)** has graduated from the University of Florida School of Medicine and is packing up for a move to Boston. There she will begin a surgical residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a Harvard program. She's looking forward to developing and growing as a surgeon over the next seven years.

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**Marni Joy (Grant) Chanoff ('01)** is a psychiatrist and Associate Medical Director, at Prakash Ellenhorn, a psychosocial and psychiatric care facility. She supervises residents in the MGH/McLean Program focusing on strategies to build alliances with patients suffering from severe mental illness. She is on the teaching faculty at Harvard Medical School and has a private practice in psychopharmacology and psychotherapy.

**Alexander Eguesquiza ('17)** has spent most of his time in clinical rotations, research and working as a trainer for underclassmen in history and physical exam skills. He continues to work at the various health fairs with the DOCS program at Miller. Other than that, it's been deciding which specialty to go into that has taken up most of his free time (oh and studying for Step 2).

**Shelly-Ann (Davidson) Fluker ('98)** is a clinician educator in the Division of General Medicine and Geriatrics at Emory University after attending Harvard Medical School and completing a primary care internal medicine residency and chief residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital.



**Carlos Gabriel ('98)** is the Medical Director of the Better Bladder Center at Bond Clinic in Winter Haven, Florida. He is also on faculty at Winter Haven Hospital and Regency Medical Center. Dr. Gabriel's chief medical interests include uro-gynecology, focusing primarily on conservative solutions, but capable of performing pelvic floor surgery, as well as minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery.

**Alex Gonzalez ('97)** graduated from the UM Miller School of Medicine with a dual MD/MPH degree in 2002. He completed his internal residency training in 2005, and has been working as a primary care physician and medical director of Fenway Health, a community health center serving over 20,000 patients in Boston.

**Jeff González ('98)** is a gastroenterologist and partner at Digestive Medicine Associates. He obtained his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed his Clinical Fellowship in Gastroenterology at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr. González's clinical interests include colon cancer screening in the South Florida community and pharmaceutical research studies.



**Anthony Kanelidis ('17)** is a second year medical student at the UM Miller School of Medicine and was a trip director for a group of over 80 medical students, physicians, and health care workers on an annual Nicaraguan Medical Mission.

**Eric H. Lieberman ('86)** is a Regional Medical Director of Cardiology at Tenet Florida. He is also an Associate Professor of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University.

**Rachel Morrison ('17)** is in her second year at the UM Miller School of Medicine and will be heading to Palm Beach for clinical rotations.

**Mishka Peart ('15)** has graduated from UM Miller School of Medicine and will be moving on to the next step in her career as a PGY1 in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies near Orlando.

**Carla Perez ('12)** is a second year pediatric resident at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami.

**Sarah Selam ('15)** is now a graduate of the UM Miller School of Medicine. She is going to begin her residency at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami.

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