



MSM Honors Scholarship:

*A Call to Engage in the
Academic Lives of Our Students*

ABOUT MSM:

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), located in Atlanta, Georgia, was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981 Morehouse School of Medicine became an independently chartered institution and the first minority medical school established at a Historically Black College and University in the 20th century. MSM is among the nation's leading educators of primary care physicians. Our faculty and alumni are noted in their fields for excellence in teaching, research and public policy, and are known in the community for exceptional, culturally appropriate patient care.

THE MSM MISSION:

Morehouse School of Medicine is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities; increasing the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce, and addressing primary health care needs through programs in education, research, and service, with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations across Georgia and the nation.

Scholarship Support

The Power of Giving:

Morehouse School of Medicine is a private, historically black, relatively young institution with a distinctive and largely public mission. Given today's complex and challenging health professions education environment, scholarships are vitally important in ensuring there are health professionals dedicated to serving our communities.

Morehouse School of Medicine is noted for an environment that inspires students to soar to their highest dreams. Our students are highly qualified, yet many need assistance in meeting the financial costs of a medical education. Therefore, merit and need-based scholarships remain priorities at MSM.

We invite you to become a sponsor of our Honors Scholarship initiative, helping to ensure financial support for our future health care professionals.

In the 2008-2009 academic year, 94 percent of our students received financial assistance, and of those, 40 percent received scholarship support. Nonetheless, in 2008, the average four year-loan indebtedness for our students was more than \$140,000. By increasing funding for scholarships, the institution helps students reduce debt associated with their four years of medical school training.



“Morehouse School of Medicine is widely recognized as a vital, irreplaceable resource, supporting the national resolve to create a healthier America. Key to improving the nation's health-care system is increasing the number and diversity of primary care physicians to meet the medical needs of the country's growing population. As a leading educator of primary care physicians, MSM is helping to fulfill this critical, state-wide and national need. An MSM student is one dedicated to primary care medicine, grounded in the community and passionate about patient care and research. You will find our students, not always in the fanciest of places—but often in the neediest of places—advancing our mission of serving the underserved.”

~ John E. Maupin, Jr., D.D.S.
President

Our Value to the Community:



"Graduates of our MPH program affect health care on a broad level as instructors, researchers and program coordinators at

universities, state and national health agencies and non-governmental organizations. Scholarships will impact not only the life of a student here, but the health of communities worldwide."

~ **Patricia Rodney, Ph.D., M.P.H.**

Director, M.P.H. Program and Professor, Community Health and Preventive Medicine and Assistant Dean for Public Health Education

Morehouse School of Medicine has a legacy of serving the community.

- MSM is home to a number of nationally recognized research centers and institutes, among them Neuroscience Institute, Clinical Research Center, National Center for Primary Care, Prevention Research Center, Cardiovascular Research Institute, and the Center of Excellence on Health Disparities.
- The National Center for Primary Care serves as a national resource in promoting the value of primary care medicine and encouraging doctors to pursue primary care careers. It conducts practice-based research to improve health outcomes, creates protocols and tools for improving primary care effectiveness, and undertakes public policy analyses focused on making primary care services more accessible and effective.
- MSM has been recognized by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) for leadership in primary care training. Nearly 70 percent of MSM graduates have chosen the field of primary care since 1994, twice the national average.
- The majority of MSM's 1,000 and more alumni (holding M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H. and M.S.C.R. degrees) choose to honor the MSM mission by serving communities in rural areas and inner cities and performing research on diseases that disproportionately affect underserved populations.
- Alumni of MSM have distinguished themselves in leadership roles, locally, nationally, and internationally. Examples include: Regina Benjamin, M. D., '82, the 18th U. S. Surgeon General; Rhonda Medows, M.D., '86, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Health in Atlanta, Ga.; and Wayne Riley, M.D., '93, President of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.



Cost of a Medical Education

Students seeking to embark upon a medical career often start with a simple question: “Can I afford medical school?” At MSM, we strive to keep tuition relatively low. Nonetheless, for most students and their families, medical school is a significant financial investment, and the rising cost of a medical education is on the minds of our students and prospective students.

According to the American Association of Medical Colleges¹:

- More than 85 percent of American medical school graduates carry a debt from medical school, and 39 percent are still carrying debt from their pre-medical education.
- The average medical school debt of indebted students is nearly \$142,000. The average medical school debt of indebted students at Morehouse School of Medicine is almost \$145,000.

- Medical education debt was 4.5 times as high in 2003 as it was in 1984, growing well beyond the consumer price index.
- For the fifth consecutive year, medical school graduates will carry a greater educational debt load than their predecessors.

However, with scholarship support, many students—particularly students of color and those from working class backgrounds—are able to pursue their dreams of becoming primary care physicians and other health professionals, creating a healthier Georgia and nation for all.

“Providing scholarship opportunities will allow MSM to continue attracting qualified students who share our mission of serving communities where the need is greatest. In the end, everyone benefits—students, MSM and the communities we serve.”



~ Ngozi Anachebe, M.D. PharmD., FACOG
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology

¹Source: AAMC Graduate Questionnaire 2008

Medical School Education: Education Debt



“There is no question that school debt awaits the majority of medical students. However, with scholarship support, the amount an MSM medical student owes can be greatly reduced, making a practice in primary care medicine personally and professionally rewarding.”

~ **Martha Elks, MD, PhD**
Senior Associate Dean for
Education and Faculty Affairs

“African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans are considered underrepresented minorities as they make up approximately 25 percent of the U.S. population, but only about 12 percent of medical students. A recent AAMC national survey showed that the cost of attending medical school was the #1 reason why qualified minority students chose not to apply to medical school.”

~ **2008 American Medical Student Association Report**

The nation has a critical need for primary care physicians. However, as the average compensation for primary care physicians is typically lower than that of specialists, primary care physicians may experience more difficulty repaying their medical education loans. Your scholarship support to an MSM medical student will reduce the debt associated with a medical education and encourage students to pursue family medicine and their specialties (Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics and Obstetrics/Gynecology)—often the bedrock of medical care.

Indebted Graduates, Class of 2008*

	Public	Private	All
Mean	\$143,140 (↑10%)	\$173,304 (↑11%)	\$154,607 (↑11%)
Median	\$145,000 (↑10%)	\$180,000 (↑8%)	\$155,000 (↑11%)

Education Debt:

	Public	Private	All
\$100,000 or more	78%	81%	79%
\$150,000 or more	49%	67%	56%
\$200,000 or more	18%	41%	27%
Graduates with Education Debt	88%	86%	87%
Graduates with Premedical Education Debt:			38%
Median Premedical Education Debt:			\$20,000
Graduates with Credit Card Debt:			26%
Median Credit Card Debt:			\$5,500

*Source: AAMC 2008 Graduation Questionnaire (GQ). Education debt figures include premedical/college education debt.

Source: October 2008 ~ Association of American Medical Colleges

Our Scholarship Challenge

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” – *Anne Frank* ~ “I don’t think you ever stop giving. I really don’t. I think it’s an on-going process. And it’s not just about being able to write a check. It’s being able to touch somebody’s life.” – *Oprah Winfrey* ~ “Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others.” – *Plato* ~ “Promise a lot and give even more.” – *Anthony J. D’Angelo* ~ “You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.” – *Winston Churchill* ~ “I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.” – *Dr. Maya Angelou* ~ “The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give.” – *Walt Whitman* ~ “Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” – *John Wesley* ~ “As I started getting rich, I started thinking, ‘What the hell am I going to do with all this money?’... You have to learn to give.” – *Ted Turner*



Our New Honors Scholarship Initiative:

To assist students in financing their education, Morehouse School of Medicine has launched a new Honors Scholarship initiative that friends and alumni of MSM may support. The Honors Scholarship is awarded to a select number of first-year entering freshman students who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated leadership and community stewardship during their undergraduate course of study.

Endowed:

- Legacy gift to the Morehouse School of Medicine Honors Scholarship
- Named in honor of sponsor or sponsor's designee (*sponsor's discretion*)
- Donor commits to endow a 2-to-5 year scholarship based on the degree program
- Awarded annually to a student in one of our 6 degree programs and is renewable contingent upon student's academic performance
- Based on merit/and or financial need (*sponsor's discretion*).

Endowed

Full tuition, fees, room/board, books, supplies and transportation stipend

Degree Program	Endowment Amount
M.D.	\$2,400,000
Ph.D.	\$1,800,000
M.S. in Biomedical Research	\$1,640,000
M.S. in Biomedical Technology	\$1,640,000
M.P.H.	\$1,320,000
M.S.C.R.	\$1,400,000

Assume return of 2.5 percent under current market conditions.

Direct:

- Donor commits to a 2-to-5 year annual gift based on the degree program
- There are two options:
Option A: Annual, full-ride scholarship of full tuition, fees, room/board, books/supplies and transportation stipend
Option B: Annual full tuition and fees
- Named in honor of sponsor or sponsor's designee (*sponsor's discretion*)
- Awarded to a student in one of our 6 degree programs and is renewable contingent upon student's academic performance
- Based on merit and/or financial need (*sponsor's discretion*).

Option A:

Annual full tuition, fees, room/board, books, supplies and transportation stipend

Degree Program	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year
M.D.	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	
Ph.D.	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
M.S. in Biomedical Research	\$41,000	\$41,000			
M.S. in Biomedical Technology	\$41,000	\$41,000			
M.P.H.	\$33,000	\$33,000			
M.S.C.R.	\$35,000	\$35,000			

Option B:

Annual full tuition and fees

Degree Program	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year	5th year
M.D.	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	
Ph.D.	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
M.S. in Biomedical Research	\$20,000	\$20,000			
M.S. in Biomedical Technology	\$20,000	\$20,000			
M.P.H.	\$13,500	\$13,500			
M.S.C.R.	\$10,000	\$10,000			



For Our Donors:

As a donor, you will have the opportunity to meet the students you are sponsoring and to present your gift at Fall Convocation, the ceremonial beginning of an MSM student's academic studies. In addition, you will:

- Receive an invitation to attend a luncheon hosted by the Dean and President.
- Receive public acknowledgment for your extraordinary philanthropy.
- Know that you have made a difference in a student's life.
- Interact with students during Convocation, Commencement and the MSM Alumni Dinner.

Your Gift Ensures a Better Future

Recent studies reveal that Georgia soon will experience a shortage of physicians. In response to Georgia's and the nation's growing need for more health care professionals, Morehouse School of Medicine will increase class size by 25 percent by the year 2013. Your gift to the Honors Scholarship initiative will not only assist an MSM student in financing his or her education, it will also help increase the number of primary care physicians in Georgia and help the vulnerable communities that MSM students traditionally serve.



"Every student in our Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences Program is a trailblazer. Most are the first in their families to seek a graduate degree. They also face financial challenges in devoting their full attention to their studies. There is a need for more scholarship and stipend support to assure that more deserving students are able to participate in the program."

~ Douglas F. Paulsen, Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies
Director, Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences Program

"I give to Morehouse School of Medicine because, on a personal level, MSM offered me an opportunity to fulfill my personal aspiration. On a wider level, MSM trains physicians who work in critical areas and who try to make a difference in health care."

~ MSM alumna Bessie Jones, M.D., '84, MPH
founder of the Chapman Jones Memorial
Endowment Fund at MSM



Our Donors Speak

MSM friend Isabelle F. Brown shares her reasons for her support of the C. Melvin Patrick Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Nearly 130 letters were written to scholarship donors for the Annual MSM Student Scholarship Thank-You Letter Writing Campaign. After receiving a thank-you letter from MSM second-year medical student Moise Jean, longtime donor Isabelle F. Brown, wife of the late Clarence R. Brown, sent a hand-written letter to MSM expressing her gratitude. She writes:

Gentlemen:

I was genuinely pleased and surprised to receive a letter from second-year medical student, Moise Jean, expressing his gratitude upon being awarded a C. Melvin Patrick Memorial Endowed Scholarship. He stated how helpful it has been as he pursues his goal of obtaining his medical degree and becoming a primary care physician.

It was my late husband's (Clarence R. Brown, Morehouse '40) desire to honor the memory of his life-long friend, C. Melvin Patrick, and also, to promote the aims of the Morehouse School of Medicine, that led to his support of the scholarship fund. Inspired by Mr. Jean's letter and in Clarence's memory and, in honor of our dear friend, Mel Patrick, I am enclosing a check... to be applied to the C. Melvin Patrick Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Please accept my sincere good wishes for the continued success of the Morehouse School of Medicine as it provides outstanding preparation for our future doctors.

Yours truly
Isabelle F. Brown
(Mrs. Clarence R. Brown)



~ Moise Jean
Scholarship recipient



Our Scholars

Our scholars make significant contributions to the diversity of the health care and scientific workforce. They emerge as leaders committed to improving the health of vulnerable populations and the nation's health care system.

Our Graduating Class of 2009:

Our graduating class size continues to grow! The Class of 2009, our 25th Commencement Class, consisted of 85 students, the largest graduating class in the school's history.

Of the class:

- 66 percent received the Doctor of Medicine Degree, and 64 percent of the MD graduates chose residencies in primary care medicine
- 8 percent earned the Doctor of Philosophy
- 25 percent received the Master of Public Health Degree
- 2 percent received the Master of Science in Clinical Research

The Class of 2009 will be remembered for several "firsts."

It was the first class to:

- receive a first-time sitter pass rate of 100% on the Step I exam
- establish a legacy/endowed scholarship for future M.D. students
- have a member complete the M.D. and Ph.D. programs simultaneously

Profile of Entering Class of 2009

M.D. Students	56
Ph.D. students	6
M.P.H. students	26
Master's Program in Biomedical Sciences	8
Master of Science In Clinical Research	8

Our Students

Impacting Global Health

In 2008 and 2009, the students of the Morehouse School of Medicine International Health Council (IHC) organized a six-day medical mission to Haiti as part of Project Medishare. Under the guidance of MSM physicians and other health care professionals, the students assisted with hundreds of patients a day, many of whom have never been treated by a physician.

This was the second medical mission to Haiti for Allison Tucker, a third-year medical student. "We were greeted by more than 300 people, already lined up waiting for our arrival. The crowd included some familiar faces from last year's clinic...but for every familiar face, there were at least three new faces," said Tucker. "They waited patiently to be seen by our physicians for illnesses ranging from stomach pains and skin infections to complications associated with HIV," she added. "They know we were there to provide them with the best medical care we can give them."

Ayanna Robinson, third-year M.P.H. student, shared her experience. "Upon arriving in Haiti, I asked myself, 'How do I reach Haitian women and educate them about hygiene and reproductive health if I do not speak French or Creole?' But when it was time to present, I learned that the language barrier was not as great an obstacle as I had imagined," Robinson said.

The medical mission underscores MSM's commitment to underserved communities, both here and abroad. "The Project Medishare Haiti is a perfect example of what Morehouse School of Medicine stands for," said Jessica Shantha, a third-year medical student. "It's our students going to another country to provide for the underserved," she added. "MSM cultivates this responsibility in us."

Through the IHC and MSM's global outreach, our students brought hope to hundreds of individuals and families across the world, making a positive impact on communities in need of health care.



Snehal G. Patel, fourth-year medical student, has a lot to be proud of. At the 24th Convocation Ceremonies, Patel received six awards for academic excellence, including the Morehouse School of Medicine Merit Scholarship.

The Lilburn, Ga., resident developed an interest in medicine while taking science classes in high school. However, it was the opportunity to shadow and perform research with the trauma surgeons at Grady Memorial Hospital that sold him on becoming a physician.

It didn't take Patel long to decide on MSM. Its small class size and close interaction with faculty were what he was

seeking in a medical school. "I grew up in Atlanta and heard great things about the school from students who attended MSM. I am fortunate to be taught by amazing professors who genuinely care about their students," says Patel.

Patel's academic success is an outcome of his philosophy: "I believe that success begins with hard work. Setting goals is what drives me to work harder and push myself to the limit."

Patel looks to a career in surgery and has found his education at MSM rewarding. "I have formed close relationships with my classmates, and we all support each other to do well in our classes," Patel says. "My experience at MSM has been absolutely amazing!"

Our Alumni



Carl V. Hill, M.P.H., Ph.D., is quick to note that he is of the first class of the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Program at MSM. It's a first he's proud of. As a member of the M.P.H. Class of 1998, he was one of 10 students admitted in 1995. Today, the entering M.P.H. class numbers 28 students and the program counts more than 130 alumni researching, implementing and affecting public health policy in Georgia and nationwide.

Hill serves as a health scientist administrator in the Extramural Associates (EA) Program of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) at the National Institutes of Health. In his role, he assists the EA Program in carrying out its mission of facilitating the entry and participation of underrepresented minority and women's academic institutions and institutions in developing countries into biomedical and behavioral research and research training.

Prior to joining the NICHD, Hill served as health research scientist with the NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Among Hill's earlier work is his dissertation on the influence of ethnicity, stress, and coping on black men's health.

Hill notes the value of MSM and the importance of scholarship support to M.P.H. students. "Our communities deserve public health professionals that are trained in institutions that understand their needs," says Hill. "Many of the students in MSM's M.P.H. program come from the communities MSM serves, and we return to give back to those communities."

That's a strength of Morehouse School of Medicine's M.P.H. Program, and it is one reason Hill is proud of his status as an alum of its inaugural class. "Being a member of the first M.P.H. class is quite a distinction," Hill adds. "At MSM the setting allows students to work close with faculty and to benefit from great mentors."



April Speed, M.D., earned her medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine in 2003 and matriculated to the MSM Department of Surgery for residency. While earning her degree, she was the recipient of several scholarships, made possible by our generous donors. Today, Speed is chief surgical resident for MSM at Grady Memorial Hospital.

In 2007, Speed applied for a combined Fellowship in Breast Oncology and Oncoplastics and matched as her first choice—the renowned M.D. Anderson in Houston, Texas. This prestigious fellowship will enable Speed to become one of the few U.S. surgeons skilled in removing breast cancer and reconstructing the breast—eliminating the need for and cost of a plastic surgeon.

Says Speed of her time at MSM: "I came to Morehouse School of Medicine because of its reputation for excellence and its traditions of civic and community engagement. As I am reflecting upon the impact MSM has had in helping me achieve my dreams, I am reminded of a quote by J.H. Pence: "True success is determined by those who make the impossible possible."

During my nine-year matriculation, MSM has done just that for me. It is through their unwavering support and encouragement that I am nearing completion of my chief year in General Surgery. Upon completion, I will be doing a fellowship in Breast Oncology/Oncoplastics at M.D. Anderson, the number-one cancer center in America. I plan to return someday and become the director of a national breast cancer center. Hopefully, right here on the campus of MSM!

Your Gift Will Make a Difference:

Your extraordinary philanthropy to the Honors Scholarship initiative will benefit a student and help address the need for more medical professionals in Georgia, the nation and the world. As a sponsor of an Honors Scholarship, you can make a difference in one student's life—and in the community he or she will serve.

Dear Mrs. Feldman:

"...I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate receiving the Sidney Feldman Endowed Scholarship. Becoming a physician has always been my dream, and through your scholarship I am able to come closer to achieving this goal. Your support of students at Morehouse School of Medicine ensures a brighter day for many underserved members of society. I say thank you not only for myself, but also for those whom I will be able to help in the future."

~ Alexander Moore, Class of 2011
Student letter



Contact Us:

For more information on scholarship support, contact Sally M. Davis or Mary Kay Murphy, the Office of Institutional Advancement at (404) 752-1730

The Association of American Medical Colleges reports...

In the 2008 AAMC Graduate Questionnaire, 48% of medical students cited that debt level influenced their specialty choice. ~ The share of students indicating that debt played a major role in their specialty decision rose nearly 20% from the year before. ~ Students from middle class and working class families fear the financial requirements of a medical education will put it beyond their reach. ~ Scholarships provide only 12% of the total cost of attendance in public schools, but 18% of the total cost in private schools. ~ In September 2004, the Sullivan Commission report on “Missing Persons: Minorities in the Health Professions” called for a significant increase in scholarships, loan forgiveness programs and tuition reimbursement to help develop a more diverse workforce. ~ African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans are considered underrepresented minorities as they make up approximately 25% of the U.S. population, but only about 12% of medical students. A recent AAMC national survey showed that the cost of attending medical school was the #1 reason why qualified minority students chose not to apply to medical school.



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