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Medical education to benefit from bequest

Students at the Terre Haute Center for Medical Education will benefit from a bequest from Mary Jo Stanley, a resident of Terre Haute who died two years ago. Her \$2 million bequest will endow Indiana State University scholarships in nursing, medical education, mathematics, chemistry and physics.

The scholarships will be named in memory of Mrs. Stanley and her husband, Donald, who preceded her in death.

"This generous gift not only will assist students financially but also will help Indiana State recruit and retain quality students from Indiana for these programs," said John W. Moore, president of Indiana State University.

Details on the exact number and amount of the scholarships are in the process of being determined. In accordance with the donor's wishes, the scholarships will be restricted to Indiana residents who have demonstrated academic success and shown an ability to succeed in one of these fields. Financial need will be taken into consideration.

"This will provide a great opportunity to students with a financial need that possibly could not pursue their dreams without assistance," said Roy Geib, PhD, assistant dean and director of the Terre Haute Center for Medical Education. "We will be looking closely at students from rural areas to promote the Rural Health Initiative."

Mary Jo Stanley, a native of Peru in northern Indiana, did not attend or graduate from ISU. She served for many years as a secretary at Peerless Electric Supply Co. and was employed for 28 years with the Indiana Employment Security Division. Her husband earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from ISU. He was a food chemist with Campbell Soup Company where he served as assistant director of product standards until his retirement in 1973. He was a teacher and principal at Fairmount High School prior to joining Campbell Soup.

Mrs. Stanley's interest in Indiana State developed as a result of the nursing care that her husband received from an ISU School of Nursing graduate prior to his death in 1988.

In addition to nursing, Mrs. Stanley had an interest in the Terre Haute Center for Medical Education because of her own physician, Clifford Crawford, MD. Dr. Crawford is an ISU graduate who completed the first two years of his medical training at the Terre Haute Center, which is based on ISU's campus.

"I think it speaks volumes about our academic programs and graduates when someone is so impressed that it ultimately results in a gift of this magnitude," said Richard Wells, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Stanley had initially set up small scholarship funds for these areas but later decided to leave the majority of her estate for this purpose.

BRIEFS

The Clinical Trials Program at IU now has an informative Web site with information for patients, investigators, coordinators and sponsors. The site may be found at <http://medicine.iupui.edu/ctp>.

Included on the page is information on clinical research and active trials, research units and answers to some of the most frequently asked questions from patients.

The site also has a link to the Department of Medicine home page.

TV reports

A 1998 survey, conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates for Rodale Press, and reported in the Washington Post, ranked television as the leading source of health information, slightly ahead of doctors and other health care professionals.

According to the Post, more than a third (35 percent) of the 1,000 people interviewed for the survey said they spoke with a doctor about a medical condition as a result of a media report and more than half (54 percent) said they changed a health-related behavior. The Post entitled its brief report on the survey, "The Healing Tube."

Medicine as more than a science focus of program

The Medical Humanities Program has recently been established with funding from the campus Research Investment Fund. The School of Liberal Arts in collaboration with faculty in the School of Medicine, Nursing, and Law at IUPUI developed the program.

The program will revamp and build on the existing SLA program in health studies; and, in collaboration with the Law and Health Center in the School of Law and the medical ethics program in the School of Medicine, act as coordinator of interdisciplinary projects and programs for the campus and region.

The goal of the program is to utilize the perspectives of the humanities (ethical, legal, social, historical) to gain a broader understanding of medicine and health care. During the past two years, faculty from liberal arts, medicine, nursing, law and other schools have met to plan and implement a number of activities to achieve this goal.

A full description of the program, including a list of courses, faculty, and the schedule for the seminar for the coming year, is available on the medical humanities Web site at <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/ethics/mhhome.html>.

Microsoft software available at great savings for IUSM personnel

IU has licensed software available at greatly reduced prices for faculty, staff and students.

Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access, Corel WordPerfect and QuatroPro, as well as many others are now available. Information about the entire software selection and restrictions can be found at <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/techsupport/pubsoft.html>.

Copies of the software can be downloaded from links to this site or CD-ROMs of the software can be purchased for \$5 each at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library or at campus bookstores. An IU identification is required.

A form, found on the Web site, can be used to order the CD-ROM. Send the form and the \$5 per CD-ROM to: CD-ROMs, Ruth Lilly Medical Library, 975 W. Walnut, IB 310, Indianapolis 46202. An alternative is to get a copy of the form by calling RLML Administration at 317-274-1404.

IU affiliation will be verified against current IUSM faculty and student lists.

JSB March lecture

"The Conquest of Surgical Pain" will be the topic of Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, assistant professor of radiology, during the 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, gathering of the the John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society. The presentation will be in room 301 of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

Honors

Suzanne Bowyer, MD, has been named the first Omer H. Foust Scholar in Pediatric Education. The James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association established the endowed faculty position for a pediatrician to honor Mr. Foust, who served the RMA in various capacities for 25 years. Dr. Bowyer specializes in the treatment of children with rheumatic diseases, such as juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

Christopher Callahan, MD, has been named the first Pettinga Scholar. The position is funded by a gift from Dr. and Mrs. Cornelius W. Pegginga of Indianapolis and IU. The position was created to ensure ongoing support for program development and innovative research in aging at IUSM. Dr. Callahan is director of the IU Center for Aging Research.

Linda DiMeglio, MD, a fellow in pediatric endocrinology/diabetology, received a career development award from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International. Her grant is for a controlled study of continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion compared to insulin injection therapy in very young children with Type 1 diabetes.

Janice Froehlich, PhD, has been appointed to the Alcohol and Toxicology Study Section 3, Center for Scientific Review, for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Her term ends June 30, 2002.

Stephen Perkins, MD, has been inducted as president of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Dr. Perkins is a clinical associate in otolaryngology-head & neck surgery at IUSM and is in private practice at Perkins Facial Plastic Surgery, P.C. He also founded the Meridian Plastic Surgery Center in Indianapolis.

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