



**The University of Oklahoma  
College of Public Health**

***CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE  
2014– 2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!***

***Scholarship Recognition Luncheon***

**August 22, 2014**

*Amber Liles*

**Edward N. Brandt, Jr. Scholarship**

Amber is a fourth year medical student completing her MPH in health administration and policy at the OU College of Public Health. Upon graduation from the OU College of Medicine, Amber plans to enter into a residency program in Diagnostic Radiology, and hopes to eventually teach medical students and residents in an academic medical setting. Her public health education will be the foundation for becoming a leader in medicine.

Amber's ability to lead has been exhibited in several settings. In her second year of medical school, she served as chair to the Bridges to Access Committee and helped to organize a one-day public health conference. Although she loves to lead, she also loves to serve. She is very active in her church and regularly volunteers in local medical clinics.

Amber's greatest joy in life is her family. She and her husband, also a medical student, have a one-year-old daughter. Amber would like to thank them for the love and support they give her in pursuit of her dreams. She is also very honored and grateful to receive the 2014-2015 Edward N. Brandt Scholarship.

*Krishna Vedala*

**Edward N. Brandt, Jr. Scholarship**

Krishna is a second year medical student from Edmond, Oklahoma, where he has spent most of his life with his family. Being a huge, lifelong Sooner fan, he graduated cum laude from OU with a bachelor's in zoology/biomedical sciences in 2010, and a master's in public health from OUHSC in 2013.

Krishna previously worked as a medical assistant at INTEGRIS Baptist Hospital, and as a medical biller at Armedix, Inc., as well as a graduate research assistant. He likes to devote his time to working with impoverished communities and feels passionate about improving the overall well being of such communities.

Krishna intends to do a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in oncology, and eventually would like to pursue a MBA degree to better understand the intricacies involved in the business aspect of healthcare. He is grateful to the college and the Brandt family for this scholarship.

*Motghare Prasenjeet*

**Calvey Family Scholarship**

Prasenjeet is an international medical graduate and a second year MPH epidemiology student. He practiced medicine for two years after graduation and then moved to the U.S. to further his career. He has a number of years of experience in clinical medicine and research, and enjoys both equally.

Prasenjeet has research experience in various fields including surgery and trauma, obesity, cardiology, genetic epidemiology and immunology, and has authored numerous publications and poster presentations including abstracts of which one was a first authorship and another a second authorship; each was presented at the 2013 AHA meeting. Additionally, he has an authorship in five poster presentations in various surgery-trauma meetings; two published papers and two poster presentations in genetic epidemiology.

Currently, Prasenjeet studies injuries related to ATV accidents, geriatric malnutrition and trauma outcome, relationship of pericardial fat and cardiac function, use of MRI in colorectal cancer, evaluation of surgical residency program, genetic epidemiology and redistribution of SLE and RA in Asian population, among others.

*Subekchhya Aryal*

**Ronald L. Coleman Scholarship**

Subekchhya was born and raised in Nepal and moved to Oklahoma seven years ago to pursue higher education. She earned a bachelor's in biology from Cameron University in 2011, and worked two years as a histotechnologist before pursuing a master's degree.

Presently, Subekchhya is pursuing a MS degree in industrial hygiene and environmental health. She also works as an intern at the OUHSC Environmental Health and Safety Office, which affords her an opportunity to play an active role in a resident safety training program. She also serves as a student assistant for HSC student affairs.

Subekchhya believes maintaining a clean and safe environment is one of the most essential aspects of industrial development, and plans to work towards solving the challenges faced in balancing the industrialization of the modern world while maintaining a safe and healthy environment.

Subekchhya is honored to receive the Ronald L. Coleman Scholarship and would like to thank her supporters.

***M. Brandon Long***  
**ConocoPhillips OEH Scholarship**

Brandon is a second year MS student at OUHSC studying industrial hygiene and environmental health sciences. He earned a BS in biological engineering from the University of Arkansas in 2012.

Brandon's current research focuses on the use of a self-modeled diffusive sampler to measure background VOC concentrations in the air for analysis with applicability to industrial work environments. The goal is to provide workers with a real-time analysis of the occupational hazards to which they are exposed.

Brandon previously interned at BP auditing waste facilities, providing recommendations to leadership on use of the facilities, as well as calculating VOC emissions from crude oil and condensate tanks for submission of permits to regulatory agencies. Upon graduation, he intends to work in the environmental field ensuring worker health, safety, and environmental compliance as top priorities.

Brandon is honored and thankful to receive the ConocoPhillips Scholarship. He would like to thank the OEH faculty for providing the educational foundation, and his wife Alex and his dog for their support.

***April Hastings***  
**COPH Advisory Board Scholarship**

April is a compassionate, service-focused professional committed to utilizing her strong nonprofit management skills to serve community needs.

A native of Tulsa, April received a BA in psychology from the University of Tulsa in 2005. Shortly after graduating, she began working in nonprofit program management, first as a program manager with Goodwill Industries, and later as the program director for an urban forestry nonprofit, Up With Trees, where she was recently invited to join its Board of Directors. During her tenure with the "green" group, she became inspired by the many health benefits of a greener infrastructure, and returned to school in 2013 to earn her MPH at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

April is currently employed with the AAPG Foundation and stays busy with work and school. She is thankful to be awarded the 2014-2015 College of Public Health Advisory Board scholarship.

***Summer Frank***  
**Roy B. Deal Jr. Scholarship**

Summer will complete her PhD in biostatistics in Spring 2015. Her dissertation focuses on longitudinal data methods and time-varying covariates.

While at OUHSC, she has served as a GRA with the Youth Asset Study, the Stephenson Cancer Center and the pediatrics department; and has participated in the LEND program and Preparing Future Faculty programs. She plans to use these experiences in her future career as a professor and biostatistical consultant. She has also served in leadership roles including president, secretary, and treasurer in various HSC student organizations, volunteered with the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps since 2008, and served as a TA in the BSE department. She has been recognized through election to membership of the honor societies Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Epsilon Lambda, and Delta Omega.

Summer is looking forward to graduating this spring. She is grateful for the support of her advisor, Dr. Sara Vesely, and for the honor of being awarded the Roy B. Deal, Jr. Scholarship.

***Erin Walker***  
**David J. Falcone Memorial Scholarship**

Erin is an MHA candidate from Guthrie, Oklahoma. She graduated summa cum laude with a BS in health care administration from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and will serve as the 2014 president of the OUHSC student affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Erin is employed as the Administrative Services Manager for OU Medical System in Oklahoma City, responsible for the strategic planning process of the three-hospital system and acts as decision support for the Executive Team. She plans to pursue a career in strategy and business development after completion of her MHA program.

During her four years at the OU Medical System, Erin has enjoyed participating in numerous hospital and community service programs, including the planning and coordination of tornado relief and volunteer efforts after the May 20, 2013, Moore tornado. As a result of these efforts, she was awarded the OU Medical System 2013 Impact Award.

Erin has a love for serving her community and hopes to carry this passion into her future career as a healthcare administrator.

***Kaitlin McGrew***

**Rosetta Fisher Scholarship  
(through COPH Alumni Association)**

Kaitlin is an MS candidate in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. She graduated magna cum laude in 2013 from the University of Oklahoma, and is a recipient of the Health Sciences Center Outstanding Senior Leadership Award. Kaitlin is currently employed at Passport Health Oklahoma and at the College of Public Health as a GRA. She has volunteered for the Oklahoma County Immunization Coalition and for Remote Area Medical.

Kaitlin is motivated to reduce health disparities in Oklahoma, and is currently researching health disparities in HIV/AIDS for her master's thesis. Her other research interests include cancer, vaccine-preventable diseases, social determinants of health, and substance use disorders. Upon graduation in the spring of 2015, she intends to continue her education by pursuing a doctorate degree in epidemiology.

Kaitlin would like to express appreciation to her parents, who have provided endless support and encouragement. She is honored to be a recipient of the Rosetta Fisher Scholarship.

***Nhan Nguyen***

**Rosetta Fisher Scholarship  
(through COPH Alumni Association)**

Nhan is an international student from Vietnam and has been living in the U.S. since 2007. He graduated magna cum laude with a BSc in public health and a minor in biology and in human relations from Saint Cloud State University in Minnesota. Currently he is a second year student at OUHSC studying epidemiology with an emphasis in oncology, and serves as a GRA at the Dean McGee Eye Institute.

Nhan's passion for oncology epidemiology stems from his first research experience in male breast cancer with his former professor and research advisor, Dr. Giovanni Antunez. Involvement in the research has shown him to seek and prepare solutions for such public health problems.

Other opportunities afforded Nhan have been involvement in diverse community health settings, including service as a volunteer at a local hospital and various community programs, as a nursing assistant, and as a health educator. These experiences have presented him the necessary work ethic and compassion to assist citizens and others who seek a better and healthier life.

***Ngoc Quyen Duong***

**James N. George BSE Scholarship**

Quyen is a second year PhD student studying biostatistics. She grew up in Minnesota where she received a MS in applied statistics at St. Cloud State University and a BA in mathematics at St. Olaf College.

Quyen is currently a GRA working in the BSE Research Design and Analysis Center, where she is involved in multiple projects and grants, including the Oklahoma Health Information Exchange Trust focusing on the health and well-being of Oklahomans by tracking the performance and health outcomes of inpatient tertiary care facilities, outpatient surgical centers, and ambulatory care facilities; and secondly, the Oklahoma Shared Clinical and Translational Resources and the Stephenson Cancer Center, a pilot study to evaluate the role of FLT PET/CT imaging in patients undergoing allogeneic bone marrow transplantation to predict early recovery of hematopoietic stem cells.

Quyen will serve as president of the BSE student association for the 2014-2015 school year. She is interested in longitudinal data analysis and plans to explore this area in her dissertation. She is very grateful to receive the James N. George Scholarship.

***Breanca Thomas***

**CMDR Edmund Gleason Scholarship**

Breanca is a PhD student in the Department of Health Promotion Sciences. A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, she earned her MA in political science public policy from Texas A&M University, and her BA in journalism from the University of Oklahoma. She decided to pursue a career in public health because of her interest in the role of policy in reducing health disparities.

On campus, Breanca serves on the Social Community and Behavioral Health Association (SCBHA), the African-American student association, and the COPH student association. She is a member of the OUHSC Crimson Club, a research fellow for the Oklahoma Policy Institute, and is assisting Healing Hands Health Care Services with a program evaluation. Previously she served as treasurer of SCBHA, as an evaluation captain for Open Streets OKC, and as OUHSC Sooner Safety Week co-chair.

Breanca is a research assistant working to reduce diabetes-related behaviors among Native American families. After graduation, she plans to become a health policy analyst, focusing on reducing disparities related to health behavior.

***Brandt Higley***

**E. Scott, Susie, Regan, & Shannon Henley Family Scholarship**

Brandt is an incoming MHA student who earned a BS degree in healthcare management from Bellevue University. Brandt is an active duty United States Air Force Health Services Administrator Officer with three years of experience in health administration. He has been deployed to Ali Air Base, Iraq; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Ayacucho, Peru; and served a year inside the Arctic Circle at Thule Air Base in Greenland.

Most recently, Brandt led financial and information technology operations for central New Jersey's military healthcare system.

Brandt and his wife Stephanie have two beautiful daughters, Harper and Isla. He would like to thank everyone who has supported him, specifically his wife, Stephanie, as none of this would be possible without her support. He is very grateful to receive the 2014-2015 Henley Family Scholarship.

***Wesley Wehde***

**E. Scott, Susie, Regan, & Shannon Henley Family Scholarship**

Wesley was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas. He attended the University of Oklahoma, Norman, where he graduated summa cum laude with a BA in economics and public affairs and administration. This fall, he will begin the MHA program at the Health Sciences Center.

As an undergraduate Wesley conducted research on a variety of topics ranging from university presidents' perceptions of their political environment, to how social media can be a tool for disaster response. In summer 2014, he completed an internship with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, at the Oklahoma City branch.

Wesley looks forward to earning his master's in health care administration and hopes to work in a hospital system, eventually branching into private and public consulting. He is grateful to the Henley family for this scholarship.

***Sandra Braun***

**Hudson Family Scholarship**

Sandra is a dedicated and avid researcher and laboratorian at Oklahoma State University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is passionate about the fields of science and public health, and where they intersect. She completed a BS in microbiology from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and went on to work as a medical technologist fellow at St. John Health System's Regional Medical Laboratory. There she was trained in clinical microbiology before moving on to her current position.

Sandra hopes to apply soon to a doctoral program. Her desire is to complete her public health degree incorporating both epidemiology and microbiology, and would ultimately like to complete a fellowship with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Epidemic Surveillance Officer Training program, working in the field of epidemiology.

Currently, Sandra is pursuing her MPH from the University of Oklahoma, and is very thankful to receive the 2014-2015 Hudson Family Scholarship.

***Carissa Angel***

**Brent Hurd Scholarship**

Carissa is an MHA candidate who grew up in Katy, Texas, with close ties to the State of Oklahoma. For as long as she can remember, she has always had an interest in healthcare. Her first exposure to healthcare was when she was still in high school and obtained an EMT-Basic Certification.

Carissa attended the University of Oklahoma, Norman, where she received a BS in health and exercise science and a minor in communications. After completing her undergraduate studies, she attended the Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas, where she received her JD with a focus in health law.

Carissa is a member of the American College of Legal Medicine, the American Bar Association Health Law Section, and a student member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She recently completed an internship in the corporate legal department of Mercy Health Oklahoma Communities, and is looking forward to her second year as an MHA student at the Health Sciences Center.

*Amanda Janitz*  
**Robert W. Ketner Scholarship**

Amanda is currently pursuing a doctorate in the field of epidemiology with a focus on childhood cancers. Her dissertation focuses on the association between congenital anomalies and childhood cancer, and the association between traffic-related air pollution and childhood acute leukemia.

After graduating in 2006 with a BS in nursing, Amanda worked as a pediatric oncology nurse. In 2007, she began pursuing a MPH in the College of Public Health, where she studied the etiology and survival of three select childhood cancers and worked with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure on their 2009 Community Profile. After graduation, she continued her work as a research nurse in pediatric oncology and returned to the University in 2010, with the goal of completing the doctoral program and contributing to cancer research in Oklahoma. She has coordinated the Komen's 2011 Community Profile and has worked on several other projects in the department.

Amanda is currently a GRA for the Oklahoma Public Health Training Center and will teach Principles of Epidemiology in the fall 2014 semester. She plans to defend her dissertation in Spring 2015.

*Dana Mowls*  
**Elisa T. Lee Scholarship**

Dana is working towards a PhD in epidemiology at the College of Public Health. Motivated by her graduate assistantship, her research interests are in tobacco epidemiology and cancer disparities. Her overarching career goal is to contribute to research and practice that works to reach the tobacco endgame.

Currently, Dana is exploring age and race-specific trends in lung cancer incidence rates to understand the impact of tobacco control and to identify at-risk populations. She plans to explore her interests in molecular and genetic epidemiology in order to better understand the health effects of combustible and electronic cigarettes.

Dana's graduate assistantship is with the BSE Research Design and Analysis Center, where she works on diverse projects that include mapping electronic cigarette shops and analyzing a variety of data sources to understand the burden of tobacco use in the state of Oklahoma. Her research interests in tobacco epidemiology were ignited while studying the health related quality of life in patients diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease during her MPH at Kent State University.

*Micah McCumber*  
**Dan J. Macer Scholarship**

Micah is a third year PhD student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. She received an MS in biostatistics from OUHSC and a BS in mathematics from Oklahoma Christian University.

In fall 2010, Micah became a GRA in the BSE department, and since then, has been involved in multiple projects including the Novel H1N1 Vaccine project for the Oklahoma State Department of Health, looking at the influenza vaccination coverage rates for Novel H1N1 in Oklahoma, as well as the Promise Place Program, evaluating the intervention of pregnant and parenting teenage girls. Currently, she is an analytic GRA for the venous thromboembolism (VTE) surveillance project to develop a pilot surveillance system incorporating active and passive components to estimate the burden of VTE in Oklahoma County.

Micah has served as a teaching assistant, and as treasurer and president for the BSE student association. She plans to focus her studies on surveillance methodology while pursuing her doctorate in epidemiology.

*Jennifer Moore*  
**Dan J. Macer Scholarship**

Jennifer is a first year PhD student in the Health Promotion Sciences department, and is from San Antonio, Texas. She earned a BS in health studies, and an MPH from Baylor University. Her area of interest is in teen and unplanned pregnancy prevention, with a passion to reduce health disparities enabling and empowering adolescents and young adults to reach their goals and dreams.

Before moving to Oklahoma, Jennifer worked for a non-profit agency, interacting with parents, school districts, and teens in low-income communities to prevent pregnancy. As a GRA, she continues these efforts by serving on the evaluation team for a teen pregnancy prevention program implemented with youth living in foster care. In 2014-2015, she will serve as secretary of the Social, Community, and Behavioral Health Association.

Jennifer would like to thank the scholarship committee for selecting her to receive the Dan J. Macer scholarships and enabling her to pursue her education.

*Jessica Reese*  
**Dan J. Macer Scholarship**

Jessica is a PhD candidate from Norman, Oklahoma. She graduated cum laude with a BS in zoology/biomedical sciences from the University of Oklahoma in 2005, and a MS in epidemiology in 2008. Her master's thesis is in the area of child and maternal health. Since receiving her master's degree, she continues to work as a clinical trials coordinator under the direction of Dr. James George, where she has gained experience in clinical research, presenting research at national conferences, and publishing papers on a variety of hematology-related disorders.

In 2011 Jessica began her PhD program in epidemiology; she completed her comprehensive exams last year, and over the past year, has been working on her dissertation. She looks forward to completing her doctoral degree and continuing her career in hematology.

Jessica is very honored and grateful to receive the 2014-2015 Dan J. Macer Scholarship, and would like to thank her husband, Jason, and three children: Patrick, Jack, and Cecilia, for their support over the past three years.

***PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP  
HONOREES***

A lifetime of successful achievement and professional contribution cannot be condensed into five or six bullet points. However, the following pages provide brief highlights about the individuals, companies and entities for whom these scholarships are named.

Today, we celebrate their commitment to public health, as well as this year's scholarship recipients.

*Established in 2004 to honor*



**Edward N. Brandt, Jr., MD (1933-2007)**

- Served as Dean, Graduate Studies and College of Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch
- Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, University of Texas System
- President, University of Maryland at Baltimore
- Executive Dean, OU College of Medicine
- Appointed by President Ronald Reagan as Assistant Secretary of Health, Department of Health and Human Services
- Recognized by many as the godfather of women's health, increasing the national awareness of women's health and health care
- Elected member of Institutes of Medicine and Fellowship in the American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Professor Emeritus, OU College of Public Health and College of Medicine, and avid Sooner fan

*Established in 2010 to honor*



**The Calvey Family**

- Supporters of the next generation of Public Health Professionals
- Harry J. Calvey (deceased) was active in the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma for many years
- Kevin Calvey JD served in the Oklahoma legislature
- Mike Calvey manages a successful venture firm.
- Cathy Calvey Chandler is a full-time mother and Occupational Therapist.
- Beth Calvey Bohanon DDS has a practice in Oklahoma City
- Mary Jane Calvey directs an environmental consulting firm, Real World Management Solutions, and serves on the Board of Advisors for the OU College of Public Health

*Established in 2009 to honor*



**Ronald L. Coleman, PhD (1934-2008)**

- Served OU for 37 years, fifteen of which as Chair, Department of Occupational and Environmental Health
- An environmental toxicologist, his area of research focused on biochemical effects of carbon black, metals and petroleum products
- Was recognized with several campus-wide awards for his commitment to students and outstanding teaching
- Was a lifelong learner who was never limited by "the box" and believed success comes from persistence and hard work
- Was widely published, including book chapters, national presentations and prestigious scholarly journals
- Was a modest man, who didn't take himself too seriously and who valued personal integrity above all else
- Devoted to his faith, family, community and service

*Established in 2011 by*



**College of Public Health Advisory Board**

- Following the Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in August 2010, discussion was held at the COPH Advisory Board meeting about the growth of the college's scholarship opportunities, the impact scholarships have on students' lives and career development, and specific actions the Board might take to help further this priority.
- A suggestion was made that the Board establish a scholarship.
- Over the course of the next few months, several members offered to give dollar-for-dollar matches, and through the commitment and generosity of the group, \$58,507 was initially raised for the endowment.
- As additional gifts to the Fund increase the principal, the number of annual awards can expand.



Established in 2010 by



- ConocoPhillips' primary goal is to operate a safe and efficient business that protects communities and environments.
- These scholarships were created to help advance public health education at OU, targeting students whose career paths align with the company's goal.
- This \$100,000 endowment is the first corporate-sponsored scholarship in the College.
- The endowment enhances existing support by ConocoPhillips, including three-month summer internships and participation in programs that provide students access to career opportunities and ways to stay current in the field.

Established in 2010 to honor



### **David J. Falcone, PhD (1944-1996)**

- Earned BA and PhD from Duke University, and MA from Arizona State University
- Regarded nationally and internationally for his expertise in gerontology and long-term care
- Was faculty member, Duke University, while serving as Associate Editor, *Journal of Health, Policy, Politics & Law*
- Recruited to OU in 1992 as Chair and Professor, Health Administration and Policy, and Associate Director, Oklahoma Center on Aging
- Recognized as a role model who intellectually stimulated and inspired students, earning the OUHSC Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (1996)
- Was major participant in RWJ Foundation grants on long-term care, as well as Oklahoma Rural Research and Demonstration Center

Established in 2001 to honor



### **Roy B. Deal, Jr., PhD (1919-2012)**

- Earned BA ('47), MA ('48) and PhD ('53), all from the University of Oklahoma
- Served as general foreman with Boeing over the "Experimental" shop on the first B-29, followed by a year in the U.S. Navy teaching radar technologies
- Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, OSU, including a year of study and research at University of Paris (Sorbonne)
- Professor, Department of Biostatistics & Epidemiology, OUHSC (1967)
- Traveled the globe, with sabbaticals at Universities of Dublin, Manchester, London, Stockholm, Athens, and Pahlavia (Iran)
- Retired from OUHSC in 1985
- Distinguished career with awards too numerous to mention

Established in 2005 to honor



### **Rosetta Fisher**

- OU employee for 33 years, the last 27 in the College of Public Health
- First position in COPH was program admissions coordinator, handling recruitment, admissions, enrollment, and graduation
- Moved to administrative manager, overseeing Dean's office staff, college budget and first accreditation, ending her tenure as Assistant to the Dean
- Was recognized with Employee of the Month Award, International & African-American Student Association Award, COPH Alumni Association Service Award, and Regents Award for Superior Service
- Retired in 2005, she now pursues genealogy and enjoys grandchildren and nieces

*Established in 2011 to honor*



**James N. George, MD**

- George Lynn Cross Professor, Department of Medicine (2005-present)
- Medical Degree from Ohio State University (1962); trained in internal medicine and hematology (1962-1970) at Vanderbilt University, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and University of Rochester
- Chief of OU Hematology-Oncology Section (1990-99) and Director of Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Program (1990-2002)
- Current focus: thrombocytopenia, describing the demographics, clinical course, and outcomes of patients with immune thrombocytopenia, drug-induced thrombocytopenia, and thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura
- Active in American Society of Hematology (ASH); served as President (2005); Development Committee (2010-2013)

*Established in 1998 to honor*



**CMDR Edmund Gleason (1915-1986)**

- Through a GI bill, received OU's first public health degree (1949): BS Public Health & Sanitation, then in the College of Arts and Sciences
- First job following graduation was city-county sanitarian, Lawton, overseeing implementation of a state-of-the-art sanitary landfill which was subsequently used as a model for others
- Participated in The Passage to Freedom (1954), a Naval operation that evacuated over 1 million Vietnamese refugees from Haiphong south to Saigon. Received Vietnamese Presidential Unit Citation and Secretary of Navy Commendation for his efforts
- Had a distinguished military career in the U.S. Navy, with over 30 years of service

*Established in 2013 to honor*



**E. Scott, Susie, Regan, & Shannon Henley Family Scholarship**

- Founded to recruit outstanding students to the College of Public Health majoring in Health Administration and Policy
- E. Scott earned a PhD and BS University of Oklahoma; JD Oklahoma City University School of Law; MS University of Iowa
- Graduate faculty in the HAP Department and serves on the College Advisory Board.
- President of Henley Associates, Inc.; Associate of Willingham, Stein, & Associates.
- Retired Colonel US Army Reserves; awarded the Meritorious Service Medal
- Former CEO of two tertiary-care hospitals and CFO of a university medical center
- Certified Mediator for the Alternate Dispute Resolution Division of the Oklahoma Supreme Court

*Established in 2013 to honor*



**Hudson Family Scholarship**

- Created to assist students preparing for a community-based health practice. Priority is given to students who pursue a degree in the BSE Department.
- Leslie and Clifford Hudson are both graduates of the University of Oklahoma and have a long history of supporting the academic mission of the institution.
- Dr. Hudson received her PhD in Epidemiology in 1990. In the past, she served as an adjunct faculty member in the BSE Department and currently is a member of the COPH Advisory Board.
- The Hudsons are involved in a variety of philanthropic activities in the state and nationally. Mr. Hudson is the Chairman, President and CEO of Sonic Corporation. The Hudsons reside in Oklahoma City, and have two sons, Stuart and Bennett.

*Established in 2008 to honor*



**Brent Hurd (1973-2005)**

- BA Economics, University of Rochester
- Member of Chi Phi Phi fraternity
- Hosted a popular campus radio show and was a great DJ with extensive knowledge of music
- Married his college sweetheart, Denise Brien, in 1998
- Was a natural athlete who loved to travel and hike
- Was working as a research assistant at the Oklahoma State Department of Health and in the final year of earning a master's degree in health administration when his life was cut short.

*Established in 1999 to honor*



**Robert W. Ketner, PhD (1925-1995)**

- BA and PhD from OU; MSW from Colorado
- Served as psychiatric social worker in Topeka, Kansas, faculty member in OU School of Social Work, and later in COPH's Health Promotion Sciences
- Was an inspired public health advocate in response to his own life experiences with polio and the stigma that surrounded it
- His strongest relationships outside of family were with his students and faculty colleagues
- Was instrumental in keeping the COPH from being closed by the legislature in the early '70s due to severe budgetary crisis
- Shared a strong bond with his twin William, his benefactor and lifelong supporter

*Established in 2010 to honor*



**Elisa T. Lee, PhD**

- George Lynn Cross Research Professor in BSE, and former Dean, COPH (1994-2002)
- Founder and Director, Center for American Indian Health Research, devoted to research and training to improve health and reduce health disparities in the American Indian population
- Spent over 30 years focusing on research in Native American population, bringing more than \$45M in research funds to OU
- Has authored over 200 technical papers in a variety of prestigious journals, primarily focused on Indian health, particularly relating to diabetes, cardiovascular disease and eye disease
- Is a member of the National Advisory Council for Minority Health and Health Disparities and continues as a valued member of the COPH faculty

*Established in 1997 to honor*



**Dan J. Macer (1917-2001)**

- MS Health Administration from Northwestern University
- Retired as Major, U.S. Army (1946) and awarded Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Unit Badge for exemplary acts while serving in WWII
- Held senior executive positions in Veterans Administration & U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and VAMC in Oklahoma City
- Served as Interim Dean, COPH (1980)
- President, Dan J. Macer Inc., consultant to health fields, professional associations, health planners, etc.
- Held leadership roles in various community organizations

The College of Public Health has made it a priority to increase the amount of financial support given to students through scholarships. In 2003-04, three scholarships were awarded totaling \$4,000. This academic year, 21 scholarships are awarded totaling \$49,500. Scholarships are established as endowed accounts with minimum balances of at least \$25,000. As these principal balances grow through the continued support of alumni and friends, the increase in earnings will allow the annual awards and/or number of awards to increase also.

Our goal is to get each scholarship's principal balance to a \$50,000 minimum, generating annual earnings of approximately \$2,500. This will allow the financial support to be awarded annually in perpetuity. And, with each award, the individuals for whom these are named will be remembered and their contributions and life celebrated.

If you are interested in supporting one of these named scholarships, or would like information on establishing a new named scholarship, please contact Deanna Debus (405-271-2232 or Deanna-Debus@ouhsc.edu).



*While private giving has always been a primary key to increasing our scholarship offerings for outstanding students who strive to balance work, home and school, it is particularly so in these challenging and uncertain economic times. A special thank you to each of the donors who helped make this year's scholarship awards possible!*