



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

***2015-16
Scholarship Recognition Luncheon***

***CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
2015-16 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!***

Edward N. Brandt, Jr. Scholarship
Brett Gudgel

Brett is a fourth year medical student from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor's in chemistry/biochemistry. Brett will be applying for a residency position in Ophthalmology this fall and hopes to use this specialty to provide eye care to the underserved, both domestically and abroad.

Brett has been involved in various leadership positions during his time at the Health Sciences Center, serving as Class Vice President and Vice President of the Christian Medical and Dental Association. He also enjoys volunteering at the Feed the Children mobile eye clinic, which provides free glasses to over 300 people each month.

Outside of the classroom Brett loves to go on adventures with his wonderful wife McKenzie. He would like to thank her for her continual love and support. Brett is honored and grateful to receive the Edward N. Brandt Scholarship.

Edward N. Brandt, Jr. Scholarship
C. Maxwell Weddington

Max was born and raised in Oklahoma City. Between completing his undergraduate degrees in Biochemistry and Literature at Washington University, St. Louis and being admitted to OU medical school in 2013, he has gained valuable life experiences: teaching English in Japan, serving as a licensed financial advisor, and pursuing studies in microbiology. Outside of academics he prefers spending free time with friends and family, reading, and being active.

Max continues to serve as Curriculum Chair for the class of 2017, and is an active member of the OU chapter of Medical Students for Choice. Year three of medical school has moved him to Tulsa where he will complete his medical degree and Certificate in Public Health.

Max is honored to receive the Edward N. Brandt Jr. Scholarship. Dr. Brandt's example continues to inspire him to accomplish even more by extending his works to other disciplines: public health, education, and health policy.

Calvey Family Scholarship
Zoona Sarwar

Zoona is an international student from Pakistan. There she practiced pediatric medicine for 10 years before teaching in various medical schools.

Realizing that she could make a difference in helping to improve the standards of health in under-privileged families, Zoona returned to academia in 2010 and earned an MPH degree from Armed Forces Post Graduate Medical Institute of Pakistan. Later she went to work with non-profit welfare organizations focusing on public health. In talking with the local women, Zoona became interested in utilizing research and training to improve the health and lives of the populace.

Motivated still further, Zoona is currently working towards a Master of Science in epidemiology and is a graduate research assistant in the BSE department. Her thesis will focus on tobacco smoking cessation and the social and behavioral factors associated with it.

Zoona is the mother of a 13-year-old and a 9-year-old.

Ronald L. Coleman Scholarship
Anthony Van

Anthony is a first generation college student and the proud son of two immigrants. He is eternally grateful to both his parents for their sacrifice and support.

Anthony is a second year MS student at OUHSC studying industrial hygiene and environmental health sciences. He earned a BS in microbiology with an emphasis in microbial pathogenesis and a BS in economics from OSU in 2014.

Previously Anthony interned at Los Alamos National Laboratory where he assisted in multiple areas: producing sampling strategies, advising and recommending change in the hearing conservation program, and updating the current tracking system.

With a belief in and passion for teaching, Anthony's future plans include obtaining a doctorate degree to help shape industrial hygiene through research and teaching. He is honored and grateful to receive the Ronald L. Coleman Scholarship.

ConocoPhillips OEH Scholarship

Subekchhya Aryal

Subekchhya is a second years MS student at OUHSC studying industrial hygiene and environmental health. She earned a BS in biology from Cameron University in 2011.

With a heightened interest in tobacco research, Subekchhya is currently studying both the human health and environmental health effects of electronic cigarettes sold in local vapor shops. Additionally she maintains a GRA position in the department of Occupational & Environmental Health, which allows her to study the third-hand exposure to the vapors of indoor usage. Subekchhya's previous environmental health work experience includes the OUHSC Environmental Health & Safety Office where she was involved with resident safety trainings and noise surveys.

Subekchhya is honored and grateful to receive the ConocoPhillips Scholarship. She thanks her family, friends and the OEH departmental faculty for their support in her educational endeavors.

ConocoPhillips OEH Scholarship

J. Blake Henry

Blake is currently in his second year in the College of Public Health working towards a MS in occupational environmental health and industrial hygiene. A lifelong Sooner fan and a third generation OU graduate, Blake completed a BS in biochemistry and a minor in history in 2010.

Completing an internship this summer at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Blake experienced cutting edge research and development. His experiences led to ideas to help protect workers in their chosen field.

Blake is active with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, where he annually volunteers for multiple events.

Honored to receive the ConocoPhillips Scholarship, Blake would like to thank the OEH faculty and staff for their hard work and expertise.

COPH Advisory Board Scholarship

Naresh Bhandari

Naresh is originally from Nepal, and is currently a MS epidemiology student who looks forward to graduating this fall.

Before coming to the United States three years ago, Naresh earned an ayurveda/herbal medicine undergraduate degree and MPH degree; and has several years work experience as a health care officer with responsibilities of daily care of patients, organizing free health camps, as well as school health education and community meetings to raise awareness about health issues and habits.

Currently a GRA in the BSE department, Naresh is involved in data management, processing, and analysis, as well as select trauma related projects with the OUHSC department of Surgery. Chronic disease, epidemiologic methods, and tobacco research are his areas of interest and focus as he moves forward in his career.

Naresh is grateful to receive the COPH Advisory Board Scholarship.

Roy B. Deal Jr. Scholarship

Ngoc Quyen Duong

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

Currently Quyen is a GRA working in the BSE Research Design and Analysis Center working with multiple projects and grants that focus on the health and well-being of Oklahomans. She also works with a pilot study to evaluate the role of FLT PET/CT imaging in allogeneic bone marrow transplant patients.

Quyen has served as the president of the BSE Student Association. This year she will serve as the president of the College of Public Health Student Association.

Quyen is interested in longitudinal data analysis and plans to explore this area in her dissertation. She is grateful to receive the Roy B. Deal Jr. Scholarship.

David J. Falcone Memorial Scholarship

Robert Early

Robert is a MHA candidate from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He graduated with a BS in biology from Texas Christian University, and is currently serving as president of the OUHSC student affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He also is an ex officio board member of Sooner Healthcare Executives.

Robert is employed as an Administrative Resident for Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City, responsible for a number of projects focused on employee engagement and improved delivery of patient care. He plans to pursue a career in strategy and business operations after completion of the MHA program.

Robert is actively involved in the community, most notably as a client intake specialist at Infant Crisis Services, a local non-profit organization providing life-sustaining formula, food and diapers to babies and toddlers in times of crisis.

Robert is honored and grateful to receive the David J. Falcone Memorial Scholarship.

Rosetta Fisher Scholarship (through COPH Alumni Association)

Lindsay Denson

Having earned a Bachelor's degree magna cum laude in diagnostic medical sonography, Lindsay is working towards a MS degree in epidemiology. She is currently employed as a registered sonographer at OU Medical Center, and research scholar in the OU Urogynecology department.

Lindsay has been a guest lecturer in OUHSC Sonography department, a guest speaker at a Society of Gynecological Surgeons national scientific meeting, and has published sonography/ urogynecology related manuscripts.

A desire of impacting women's health has led Lindsay to pursue research in post-partum pelvic floor injury. She envisions herself serving as an advocate for women's health and hopes that she can inspire others to do the same.

Lindsay is honored to be the 2015-2016 Rosetta Fisher Scholarship recipient and grateful for the support of Dr. Terrell.

Rosetta Fisher Scholarship (through COPH Alumni Association)

Sridhar Malireddy

Sridhar is an international medical graduate and a second year MPH epidemiology student. He previously worked as a junior resident for a year in an India urology clinic before moving to the U.S. to further his career.

During his tenure at the India urology clinic, Sridhar researched the progression of prostatic carcinoma by the measurement of PSA levels, and participated in various community awareness campaigns about HIV transmission and the prevention of malaria. He has also conducted free clinics in the underserved areas.

Currently Sridhar is serving as treasurer for the College of Public Health Student Association. After completing his degree, he intends to pursue his research interests in chronic disease epidemiology.

Sridhar is honored and grateful to receive the Rosetta Fisher scholarship, and would like to thank his professors for their encouragement and support.

James N. George BSE Scholarship

Kaitlin McGrew

Kaitlin is a PhD student in epidemiology. She began her career as a nurse at The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital and at an immunization clinic in Oklahoma City. A recent MS graduate of the College of Public Health, she was inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Society and selected to receive the Paul S. Anderson Jr. Outstanding Student in Epidemiology Award. Her Master's thesis research identified socio-demographic factors associated with late-stage colorectal cancer diagnosis in Oklahoma.

Currently Kaitlin is a GRA in the BSE department involved in the development of several projects working toward elimination of Hepatitis C in the Cherokee Nation. She is also a Graduate Student Research Fellow at OU Norman.

Kaitlin is grateful to receive the James N. George Scholarship and would like to thank her family and the college for their support.

CMDR Edmund Gleason Scholarship
Sarah Abhayagoonawardhana

Sarah is a 2nd year MS student studying industrial hygiene and environmental health sciences. She earned a BS Ed from the University of Central Oklahoma and has been an educator for twelve years working in local school districts where she developed both an advanced placement and a tutoring program. She still serves as an educator for the Epic Charter Schools and enjoys opportunities to mentor students interested in the STEM careers.

Sarah is presently doing her field practice at the OUHSC Environmental Health and Safety Office and plans to complete her degree next year. Thereafter she plans to work in the environmental health and safety field with underserved populations to promote worker safety and health.

Sarah is also a mother of three, Alex, Roshan and Lauren, and is thankful for their love and understanding as she pursues her higher education. She is grateful to the college and the Gleason family for this scholarship.

E. Scott, Susie, Regan, & Shannon Henley Family Scholarship
Joseph Geresi

Joseph “Joey” Geresi is honored to be selected as the 2015-16 Henley Family Scholarship recipient. A Tulsa-native, Joey attended the University of Oklahoma where he was a member of the OU Chorale, the Singing Sooners, and Chaplain of Phi Delta Theta. He also served as a vice chair for the Sooner Scandals, and on the Campus Activities Council.

Joey earned a BS in multidisciplinary studies in 2014, and is currently pursuing a law degree and a Master of Public Health degree. He has interned in offices whose practice specialized in medical malpractice, insurance defense, and general practice. He remains involved in the local community.

Joey looks forward to continuing his studies at the OU College of Public Health, pursuing the MHA/JD dual-degree.

Hudson Family Scholarship
Tyler Dougherty

Born into a Northwestern Oklahoma family with strong medical affiliations and sense of community, Tyler has always known he wanted to improve the health of his community. He began his medical journey at age 16 when he received a certified nurse’s assistant license. The majority of his medical experience comes from the clinical side where he has been primarily employed in secondary and tertiary care.

As Tyler learned more of public health practice and the focus on prevention and primary care, he realized that public health was the avenue for him. His strong community values have led him to pursue a profession that will afford him the ability to improve the lives of his community.

Tyler received a BS in biology from OU Norman. A second year student, Tyler is excited to finish the MPH in biostatistics and make a difference in the health of his community.

Brent Hurd Scholarship
Rachael Gotcher

Rachael is a MHA candidate at the OU College of Public Health. She is a lifelong resident of Tulsa where she is immersed in many community service programs. In 2013, she earned a BS in community health and a minor in sociology from OU Norman. At OUHSC, she is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

This summer Rachael will complete an internship at Tulsa’s Hillcrest Medical Center, where she was born, as a safety coordinator assistant in the Risk Management department. The experience has granted her a deeper understanding and appreciation for the daily operations involving environment of care within a larger hospital.

Outside of school, Rachael likes to travel and spend time with her family and friends. She is excited about her final year in the Master’s program and graduating in May, 2016.

Rachael would like to thank the Brent Hurd family for the Scholarship, as well as her professors who have influenced her during her time at OUHSC.

Robert W. Ketner Scholarship

Jennifer Moore

From San Antonio, Texas, Jennifer is a second year PhD student in the HPS department. She earned a MPH and BS from Baylor University, where she conducted an internship with the San Antonio Health Department focusing on prevention of pregnancy in middle and high school youth.

Jennifer's passion for reducing health disparities and empowering adolescents and young adults to reach their goals and dreams has lead her to work with a non-profit agency before coming to Oklahoma. As a GRA in the College of Public Health, her efforts continue with the prevention of unplanned pregnancy and the evaluation of youth living in out-of-home care. In the 2015-16 academic year, she will also serve as the president of the Social Community and Behavioral Health Association and as a COPH Student Association senator.

Jennifer would like to thank the scholarship committee for selecting her to receive the Robert W. Ketner scholarship and enabling her to pursue her education.

Elisa T. Lee Scholarship

Xi (Sophia) Chen

Sophia is a second year MS student in biostatistics. After graduating with a medical degree from China Medical University she came to the United States to further her education. An internship at a China medical facility peaked her interest in the area of oncology. Her experiences, training, and biomedical research in China and at OUHSC has lead her to accomplish publishing as first author in Microbiology, and recognition by Alpha Epsilon Lambda, a national honor society.

Previously involved with diverse clinical and public health projects, Sophia currently serves as a GRA in the BSE department. In that role, she assists with evaluation of an educational project involving data analysis of exercise intervention and peripheral arterial disease. She intends to pursue a PhD after graduation in spring, 2016.

Sophia is honored and thankful to receive the Elsa T. Lee Scholarship. She would like to thank her husband Yifan and her parents who have provided unconditional love and support.

Dan J. Macer Scholarship

Kate Caudill

Kate firstly earned a BA in sociology with a minor in Middle East studies from Oklahoma State University before beginning work with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services as a child welfare specialist. Kate returned to school, in Norman and OUHSC, to pursue a dual Master's degree, MPH in health administration and policy and Juris Doctorate. She plans to graduate in 2017. Establishing health systems in developing or underserved areas is an interest she plans to pursue.

Kate recently visited Havana, Cuba with the American Public Health Association. This summer she law clerked for the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. In the upcoming semester she plans a political internship with the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Hungary.

Kate serves the Oklahoma International Law Society, Law Students for Africa and Environmental Law Student Association at OU Law; and volunteers for the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps.

Dan J. Macer Scholarship

Dana Mowls

Dana is a third-year PhD student with research interests in tobacco epidemiology and cancer disparities. Her overarching career goal is to conduct translational research that identifies and eliminates disparities in tobacco-related morbidity and mortality. For her dissertation, she plans to study the rate of nicotine metabolism among American Indian tobacco and electronic cigarette users; she is eager to study this area of tobacco cessation.

Dana's graduate assistantship is with the BSE Research Design and Analysis Center, where she works on diverse projects involving electronic cigarettes and multivariable analyses. She also works with the department of Otorhinolaryngology to understand certain cancers and associated DNA cell damage.

Dana is honored to receive the Dan J. Macer Scholarship award for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Dan J. Macer Scholarship
Pierron Tackes

Pierron is a third year law student, pursuing her dual MPH/JD in health administration and policy at the OU College of Public Health. She graduated cum laude from The George Washington University in 2012, with a degree in environmental studies and public health minor.

Pierron is committed to a career in public service, with previous positions held with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Senate, and the Office of the Governor for the State of Nevada. Most recently, during her law clerkship with the EPA, Pierron worked on enforcement cases for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance, enforcing the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act. She hopes to continue her work in public service pursuing a career in the field of environmental health.

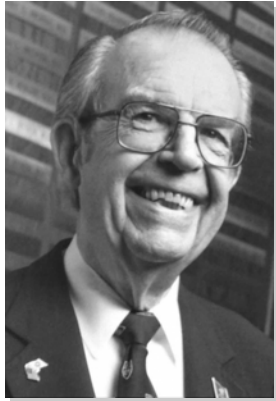
Pierron is honored to receive the Dan J. Macer scholarship. She would like to thank the College of Public Health for helping her pursue a dual degree at the University of Oklahoma.

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 runs 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 runs 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.

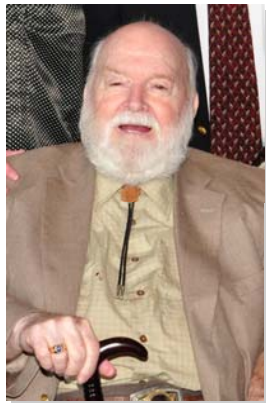
Established in 2010 to honor



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

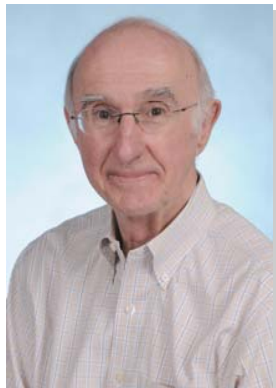
Established in 2005 to honor



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 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. L. Hudson received her PhD in Epidemiology in 1990; served as an adjunct faculty member in the BSE Department; currently is a member of the COPH Advisory Board
- Mr. Cliff Hudson earned a JD from Georgetown University Law Center; received a Honorary Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in 2011
- The Hudson's are involved in a variety of philanthropic activities in the state and nationally
- The family resides in Oklahoma City with 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 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 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 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 also increase.

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!