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PAVING A PATH FOR CLEMSON-EDUCATED PHYSICIANS  
Clearing the first hurdle





Clemson hears the story over and over. A student is bright, motivated and capable. Perhaps he has wanted to be a physician his whole life. Or she discovered her passion for medicine during an internship at the hospital. He was at the top of his high school class in a rural area of the state. She may be the first in her family to ever attend college. He may be paying his own way through school.

What stands in the way of a bright, dedicated student who has all the qualifications and wants to enter the medical field?

Often it is cost.

The price tag of a medical degree is many times prohibitive. It begins with the cost of providing internships and co-op opportunities to give students real-world experience in the health delivery system. It continues in the cost of four years of college tuition, currently more than \$100,000 for instate students at Clemson. With the addition of four years of medical school plus years of internship and residency, the total cost of that education could easily surpass \$300,000.

For many bright, motivated students \$300,000 is a number so large that it provides an insurmountable obstacle.

But you can help Clemson students overcome these obstacles.

In partnership, Clemson and Greenville Health System (GHS) can provide the funds that will propel these students

toward their goal of becoming a practicing physician, helping to alleviate the physician shortage and contributing to the state's overall wellness.

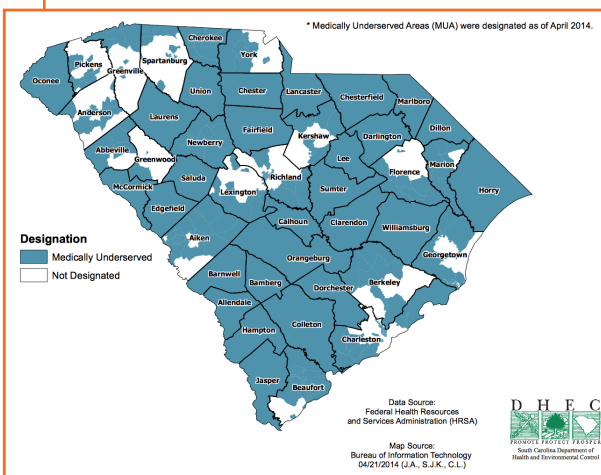
### Filling the physician pipeline: A three-step solution

While some of the obstacles to an adequate physician workforce are beyond our control, others can and must be addressed: Providing the opportunities for health care experience and meeting the financial needs of pre-med students attending Clemson.

As a land-grant university, Clemson has at its very core the goal of helping to improve the state – economically, educationally and physically. Closing the gap in health services and the physician shortage is vital to South Carolina.

Your financial support of this partnership with GHS will help a Clemson student complete this journey – from undergraduate to medical practitioner – by providing financial assistance at every step.

## Medically Underserved Areas in South Carolina



### South Carolina's ever-growing health needs

Our state is medically underserved, and existing physicians are often serving an exceptionally large patient population. South Carolina currently:

- Ranks 40 nationally with 77.5 primary care physicians per 100,000 population\*
- Ranks 42 among states for overall health\*\*
- Is home to 1.2 million people living in an area with a shortage of primary care practitioners<sup>§</sup>

### Aging, growing population

The Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care estimates that with an aging and growing population and an increase in the insured population, South Carolina will need 815 new primary care physicians by 2030.

### Most of South Carolina is medically underserved.

This physician shortage has led to widespread deficits in medical coverage for the state as a whole.

\*Association of American Medical Schools, 2012  
 \*\*americashealthrankings.org, 2014  
 §Kaiser Family Foundation

### 1. The School of Health Research Excellence Fund

#### Student-Experience Support

This fund is designed to cover the cost of co-op or internship experiences for undergraduates who are discovering their love of medicine by immersing themselves in health delivery system research and service experiences that will help them discover, strengthen and solidify their love of medicine and research.

With support for the vital discovery experience, students are able to learn from experienced physicians and researchers, gain exposure to patient care and focus on their specific areas of interest. Each of these is an invaluable part of making an informed decision about their future.

**NEED:** Support to cover the cost of student internship and co-op experiences at Greenville Health System during their Clemson education.

### 2. Clemson Alumni Physicians' Scholarship Endowment

#### Undergraduate Scholarships for Upperclassmen

Every year, approximately 100 Clemson juniors meet with Clemson's pre-med adviser to plan their path into the medical profession. At that time, many have already begun to accumulate college-loan debt and are facing years of additional costs. This is a crucial time in their resolve to become physicians.

The Clemson Alumni Physicians' Scholarship Endowment would extend assistance to fellow Tigers who have demonstrated academic excellence and share their passion for a career dedicated to health care. By covering a portion of their undergraduate costs, the scholarships generated by the endowment would allow juniors to continue in their pre-med path.

**NEED:** Fund Clemson Alumni Physicians' Scholarship Endowment to provide scholarships to offset tuition costs for junior pre-med students.

### 3. Greenville Health System/Clemson Alumni Scholarship Fund

#### Aid to Clemson Alumni Attending Medical School

This Greenville Health System-administered fund would help alleviate the state's crucial physician need, assist Clemson graduates in entering the medical field and help the University fulfill its land-grant responsibilities to the state. The scholarship would be designated for Clemson alumni, but administered and awarded by GHS to help defray the cost of medical school attendance.

**NEED:** Establish a Greenville Health System/Clemson Alumni Scholarship Fund to aid Clemson alumni who are attending the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville.

### Making a path for future physicians

Your gift to support Clemson-educated physicians in these three areas truly assists students in every step of their journey from discovery to undergraduate education on through the completion of their medical education. Your gift can pave the way for the next generation of Clemson physicians, positioning them to improve the health care of our state.



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