



Support Our Student Scholars

As family medicine educators, we nurture and guide the intellectual curiosity of our CHM medical students. We stand beside them as they hone their research questions, collect data, and analyze results. Now it is time to support them as they take their next vital step; sharing their findings with the wider community.

Although there are national venues for student research presentations, the financial barrier can be insurmountable. Airline tickets, registration, food, and lodging easily reach \$2,000 for student participation in a national conference.

That can change!

A generous gift has been offered by Terrie and Henry Barry; and they have issued a challenge to MSU Family Medicine colleagues throughout our community campuses. Over a five-year period the Barrys will make a lead donation each year that will be more than adequate to send one of our students to a national conference.

And . . . they challenge their colleagues to join in developing a vibrant, renewable fund that can provide such awards for other interested students. For each \$1,000 donated by you, their colleagues in family medicine, the Barrys will contribute an additional \$100 to the fund (to a total of 25 donors). The target is \$30,000 in funding annually for direct support for students interested in family medicine.

- Individual support and nurture can provide the tipping point that encourages a medical student to enter family medicine.
- Eligible students will be working with a faculty mentor in family medicine.
- Opportunities to present research in family medicine and/or attend family medicine conferences on the regional or national level will be offered through this fund.
- Funding could also support Family Medicine Interest Group and other networking opportunities.

It's through intellectual interchange that we get thoughtful clinicians who will ask good questions and try to figure out the appropriate ways of answering them. Whether we turn them into researchers or not is not my goal. I want us to continue the tradition of training thoughtful family physicians.

~ Henry Barry, MD, MS

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