

# FSU College of Medicine awards scholarships

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FORT PIERCE — By law, the Florida State University College of Medicine was created in 2000 to produce more primary care physicians for the state — especially physicians who will work with Florida's rapidly growing population of residents over age 65, its millions of patients in rural areas and other medically underserved patients.

Because of that focused mission, the school is producing more primary care physicians than any other medical school in Florida. But students with the greatest commitment to medically serving others often have the fewest economic resources. Research also shows that students most likely to practice in medically underserved communities are those who come from such a background.

This is where scholarships play a crucial role.

"I was on the path to accrue more graduate debt compared to most of my colleagues," said Brett Thomas, Class of 2014 student at the Tallahassee Regional Campus. "Support from many scholarship resources has provided a spirit of liberation to pursue a specialty irrespective of the salary."

For the fifth year, the FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus has provided scholarships to its medical students. Presented at the recent Faculty Appreciation Celebration, the campus was able to provide four \$5,000 scholarships to some very deserving fourth-year students of the Class of 2017.

Two were sponsored by Indian River Medical Center and presented by Katherine Grichnik, M.D., senior vice president and chief quality officer at that hospital. Those two scholarships were awarded to Krysten Sherrod and Jane-Elyse Henkel.

Another scholarship, the Sai Ram scholarship, was provided by an anonymous FSU faculty member and was earned by Kai Chen.

The fourth scholarship was donated by the Medical Executive Committee of Martin Health System in memory of John Koors Jr., M.D., an outstanding lifelong physician in Stuart. Dr. Koors' daughters, Shareese and Angela Koors presented this scholarship to Diana Mosquera.



Angela Koors (left) and Shareese Koors present a scholarship from the Medical Executive Committee at Martin Health System, in honor of their father, John Koors Jr., M.D. (Photo: Shari Killday)



**Dr. Katherine Grichnik presents two scholarships from Indian River Medical Center. (Photo: Shari Killday)**