

FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce campus awards scholarships

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Four local medical students in the FSU Class of 2014 received scholarships

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 our focused mission, we are 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.

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

For a second year, the FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus has provided scholarships to its medical students. Presented at their 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 2014. Two were sponsored by the general foundation fund of the Fort Pierce campus, and they were awarded to Kush Bhorania and Brittany Lamb. Another, the Sai Ram Scholarship, was provided by an anonymous FSU faculty member and was earned by Ann Sheddan. The fourth scholarship was donated by a clinical pathologist and FSU faculty member at Martin Health System, Dr. Steven Lofton. This scholarship was awarded to Kulvir Nandra.

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