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FLORIDA HOSPITAL'S \$2 MILLION GIFT WILL SUPPORT MEDICAL EDUCATION IN ORLANDO

Florida Hospital announced a \$2 million gift to support the Florida State University College of Medicine's educational program in Orlando. The gift will establish the Florida Hospital Endowed Fund for Medical Education to help the College of Medicine support its faculty of more than 550 experienced physicians from the Orlando medical community.

Florida Hospital supported the creation of the FSU College of Medicine during the legislative process and became one of its affiliates in 2002, just before the Orlando campus welcomed its first group of students. Instead of operating a teaching hospital or academic medical center the FSU College of Medicine partners with hospitals, medical centers, health clinics and physician offices throughout the state. It ensures students a chance to work directly with the most experienced physicians in the community and gets them more involved in patient care. The College of Medicine graduated its first class in 2005. More than three-quarters of the college's 567 alumni are completing residency or fellowship training. Of the 81 alumni physicians now practicing in Florida, 70 percent are providing primary care.



Participating in the March 20 ceremony were, from left, Michael J. Muszynski, dean of the college's Orlando regional campus; FSU President Eric J. Barron; Brian Paradis, CEO of the Florida Hospital Foundation; and College of Medicine, Dean John P. Fogarty. (Photo: Chris Gotshall)