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President, Wayne State University Foundation**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOHN D. BAKER, M.D., PEDIATRIC  
OPHTHALMOLOGY ENDOWED LECTURE**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the John D. Baker, M.D., Pediatric Ophthalmology Endowed Lecture.

Background

Dr. John "Jack" D. Baker is a graduate of the Wayne State University School of Medicine. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. He served his residency at the Detroit General Hospital and a pediatric ophthalmology fellowship at the Children's Hospital National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Baker has been a practitioner in Detroit, associated with Children's Hospital of Michigan, since completion of his fellowship in 1972. He served as Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the Wayne State University Department of Ophthalmology since 1998, and prior to that was Clinical Associate Professor of Ophthalmology from 1989 to 1998, Clinical Assistant Professor from 1981 to 1988, and clinical instructor from 1973 to 1980.

Dr. Baker served as Chief of Ophthalmology at Children's Hospital of Michigan from 1985 to 2004. He was chair of the Board of Trustees of Children's Hospital of Michigan from 2004 to 2010 and continues as a member of the Board of Trustees. Since 2011 he has been a member of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation Board of Trustees, and was chair in 2011.

The fund is established with an anonymous gift of \$50,000.

Endowment Amount

\$50,000

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## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HEALTH PROVIDERS CHOICE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Health Providers Choice Endowed Scholarship.

The scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued academic success and provide financial assistance to students toward their education in the College of Nursing.

### Background

Health Providers Choice (HPC) is a national staffing agency providing jobs in nursing for all specialties and job types. HPC offers health care professionals the opportunity to practice as independent clinicians. As a leader in the nursing staffing industry, HPC understands the exceptional value of a nursing education and the great financial burdens aspiring nurses can face when working to complete their education. HPC is establishing the Health Providers Choice Endowed Scholarship to provide assistance with tuition and other educational expenses for undergraduate and graduate nursing students with demonstrated financial need. HPC's commitment to the Wayne State University College of Nursing also is demonstrated by HPC's Nurse Founder, President and CEO, Rosemarie Torrento, through her service on the College of Nursing Board of Visitors and as campaign chair of the College of Nursing Pivotal Moments Campaign Committee.

The fund is established with a commitment of \$25,000 from Health Providers Choice.

### Endowment Amount

\$25,000

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## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELMA W. LEWIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Elma W. Lewis Endowed Scholarship.

The scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued academic success and provide financial assistance to students toward their education at Wayne State University.

### Background

Taylor A. Lewis, M.D., graduated from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1978. He was instrumental in establishing the Wayne State University Black Medical Association Scholarship Fund. He recently retired as director at Quest Diagnostics in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Dr. Lewis has established this scholarship in honor of his mother to benefit single parents attending Wayne State University. The scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate students earning a 2.0 GPA or better.

The fund is established with a gift of \$30,000 from Taylor A. Lewis, M.D.

### Endowment Amount

\$30,000

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## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROSEMARIE TORRENTO ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Rosemarie Torrento Endowed Scholarship.

The scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued academic success and provide financial assistance to students toward their education in the College of Nursing.

### Background

Rosemarie Torrento '96 B.S., '98 M.S., Nurse Founder, President and CEO of Health Providers Choice, is a proud Wayne State University alumna. As a successful business owner who credits much of her success not only to her Wayne State education but also her passion for nursing, Torrento understands the burdens faced by students pursuing a nursing degree. She is establishing the Rosemarie Torrento Endowed Scholarship to provide assistance with tuition and other educational expenses for undergraduate and graduate nursing students with demonstrated financial need. Torrento's commitment to the College of Nursing also is demonstrated through her service on the Wayne State University College of Nursing Board of Visitors and as campaign chair of the College of Nursing Pivotal Moments Campaign Committee.

The fund is established with a commitment of \$25,000 from Rosemarie Torrento.

### Endowment Amount

\$25,000