

**Submitted by: David Ripple, Vice President
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President, Wayne State University Foundation**

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BETA ALPHA PSI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Beta Alpha Psi Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Business Administration.

Background

Beta Alpha Psi is a national scholastic and professional co-ed accounting fraternity. The primary objective of the fraternity is to encourage scholastic and professional excellence in the field of accounting. This includes providing opportunities for self development and association among members and practicing accountants, and encouraging a sense of ethical, social, and public responsibility.

Endowment Amount

\$25,000

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DELTA SIGMA PI—GAMMA THETA ENDOWED
SCHOLARSHIP**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Delta Sigma Pi—Gamma Theta Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Business Administration.

Background

The International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, had its beginnings in 1907 at New York University. The Gamma Theta Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi was established on the Wayne State campus in 1949. Its mission was and is to continue the national organization's purpose of fostering the study of business in universities and to encourage scholarship, social activity and the association of students for their mutual advancement by research and practice; to promote closer affiliation between the commercial world and students of commerce and to further a higher standard of commercial ethics; culture and the civic and commercial welfare of the community. The awarding of a scholarship (s) is to recognize and assist current members of Gamma Theta Chapter who are active in supporting his/her Brothers and the mission of the Fraternity.

Endowment Amount

\$25,000

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STANLEY C. GRANDON, M.D. ENDOWED PRIZE IN
OPHTHALMOLOGY**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Stanley C. Grandon, M.D. Endowed Prize in Ophthalmology.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize Kresge Eye Institute residents conducting innovative research in the area of refractive surgery and anterior segment, and to encourage the publication of the research.

Background

Dr. Grandon is a graduate of the Wayne State School of Medicine. He served his residency in ophthalmology at the Kresge Eye Institute of Wayne State University. He is board certified by the American College of Ophthalmology and is a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. His staff appointments include Straith Hospital for Special surgery, Oakwood, Detroit Medical Center and Harper-Weber (Kresge Eye Institute).

A 22-year career specialist in refractive surgery, Dr. Grandon has performed over 20,000 refractive procedures of all types. At the Kresge Eye Institute, he assisted Dr. Leo Bores in his first radial keratotomy series outside of the USSR, and later performed 16,000 radial keratotomy procedures on his own patients. He served as a refractive surgery consultant at the Institute for many years.

Dr. Grandon has performed many thousands of LASIK procedures as well. With among the lowest re-operation rate in the world, Dr. Grandon is one of Michigan's most experienced LASIK surgeons. He has also developed surgical instruments for greater safety in LASIK surgery.

Endowment Amount

\$10,000*

*grandfathered

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMIR H. MEHREGAN ENDOWED RESEARCH FUND IN
NEUROSURGICAL RESEARCH**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Amir H. Mehregan Endowed Research Fund in Neurosurgical Research.

This fund is established to recognize and facilitate scholarly achievement in field of brain tumor research.

Background

Virginia A. Mehregan was born in Wausau, Wisconsin on December 14, 1936. She was the daughter of Albert and Ida (Banik) Sahr. Dr. Amir H. Mehregan was a dermatology resident at the University of Wisconsin when he met Virginia, a dermatology nurse. Virginia married Amir H. Mehregan in Madison, Wisconsin on November 11, 1959. Virginia and Amir had three sons: Dr. David A. (Susan) Mehregan of Monroe, Michigan; Dr. Darius R. (Rebecca) Mehregan of Monroe, Michigan; Robert H. (Rebecca) Mehregan of East Bethel, Minnesota; and a daughter, Suzanne M. (James) Altieri of Monroe, Michigan. Virginia and Amir were blessed with 13 grandchildren.

Dr. Amir Mehregan was a Clinical Professor of Dermatology at Wayne State University, as well as President of the American Society of Dermatopathology and the Michigan Dermatological Society. He devoted his career to teaching dermatopathology. His most notable work was the Pinkus' Guide to Dermatohistopathology, first published in 1969, which was begun with and later named in honor of his friend and mentor, Dr. Hermann Pinkus. Dr. Mehregan worked with Dr. Pinkus to found the Pinkus Laboratory of Dermatopathology. In 2000, he was diagnosed with a glioblastoma for which he underwent treatment at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Amir died on September 2, 2000.

Endowment Amount

\$387,493.82

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAUL U. STRAUSS, M.D. ENDOWED CHAIR IN
TECHNOLOGICAL AND ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS TO MEDICINE (TEAM
CHAIR)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Paul U. Strauss, M.D. Endowed Chair in Technology and Engineering Applications to Medicine (TEAM Chair).

The Paul U. Strauss, M.D. Endowed Chair in Technology and Engineering Applications to Medicine (TEAM Chair) is established to recognize faculty scholarly achievement and to facilitate research in engineering applications to medicine. A key responsibility of the endowed chair will be to provide the leadership and vision necessary to catalyze the interdisciplinary, applied research necessary to bring innovative technologies to the clinic and to the market.

Background

A first-generation American and generous benefactor of Wayne State University, Paul U. Strauss, M.D. is a living example of the fulfillment of the American dream as a result of hard work and a commitment to personal growth through education. The son of German immigrants, Helen and Arnold Strauss, Paul was born in Lansing, Michigan in 1928. He was delivered at home by his father, a general physician. He graduated from Hutchins Intermediate School in Detroit and Detroit Central High School. Wanting to earn a degree in engineering, he started college at Wayne University in 1944 at the age of 16. As World War II drew to a close two years later, Paul interrupted his education to serve his country with the U.S. Army Air Corps Engineers. He eventually returned to Wayne to earn a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1949, after which he worked for the Panama Canal Company's electrical division until 1953. Always searching for ways to further his education, while in Panama, Paul attended the Canal Zone Junior College for three semesters and the University of Panama for three semesters.

While working in the Canal Zone as an engineer, Paul realized that he would be better suited to a more social sphere of employment. He returned to Michigan and enrolled in an additional year of undergraduate study at the University of Michigan. During that year, he made the major career decision to enter the field of medicine, following in the footsteps of his father. Subsequently he earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Michigan in 1958. Paul had a general rotating internship at Bernalillo County Indian Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico and did his residency in psychiatry

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at the University of Colorado. He then settled into private practice in San Diego, California, establishing the San Diego Mental Health Associates Medical Clinic in 1972. Paul also served as chief of staff at Mesa Vista and Harbor View hospitals and presently is a staff psychiatrist at Scripps-Mercy Hospital as well as being active in his private practice. He is the founding treasurer of the San Diego Psychology Law Society.

In addition to his medical practice, Paul is president of Danube Properties, Inc. and a managing member of Strauss Limited Partnership, two family companies that own and manage real estate in California and elsewhere. He also serves as treasurer of the Strauss Family Foundation. Residents of La Jolla since 1971, he and Anita, his wife of 47 years, have four children, four granddaughters and a step-grandson.

Endowment Amount
\$2,000,000

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BILL AND LINDA WATT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN
OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Bill and Linda Watt Endowed Scholarship in Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Background

Bill Watt, part-time faculty member of the Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences department, joined by his wife, Linda, take pride in establishing The Bill and Linda Watt Endowed Scholarship in Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences. Bill and Linda each hold multiple degrees from WSU, and sought out this unique opportunity to support current and future Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences students by establishing this endowed scholarship.

Endowment Amount

\$25,000

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DRS. WILLIAM P. AND SUZANNE R. WHITE
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Drs. William P. and Suzanne R. White Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine.

Background

Drs. William and Suzanne White are both graduates of the School of Medicine, Class of 1988. Having met in medical school, they married just before graduation. Their twin daughters, Alexandra and Nadia, are the center of their lives. William has been in private practice in Livonia, Michigan, since completing his family practice residency program at Providence Hospital. Suzanne completed residency and fellowship training in emergency medicine and medical toxicology at WSU/DMC and is currently the Dayanandan Professor and Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, Wayne State University, and Specialist-In-Chief, Detroit Medical Center.

Realizing the great value that they received through their excellent medical education, Drs. William and Suzanne White wish to assist those students who are following them into the field of medicine by establishing this endowed scholarship. It is their hope that this award will relieve some of the financial burden incurred by the School of Medicine's deserving students now and in the years to come.

Endowment Amount

\$25,000