Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Rebecca Joy Butler Memorial 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
Rebecca Joy “Becky” Butler (May 7, 1991 – May 11, 2011) was born in Taegue, South Korea and was adopted at the age of four months by Beverly and Tim Butler. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan with her brother, Wynn, and parents.

Becky loved all animals, but especially horses, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs. She learned to ride horses and loved competing in equestrian shows. She enjoyed swimming competitively and played tennis for her high school varsity team. Becky sparkled and was a good friend to many. She loved to travel and ventured to Europe and Hawaii. She particularly loved the Pacific Northwest. She loved her church, Grosse Pointe Memorial, and participated in mission trips to the Navajo nation in Utah and to Costa Rica.

Becky embraced Wayne State and the thriving midtown Detroit atmosphere. She was an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and loved her sisters and the fun they had together. Becky cherished life and lived every minute of it with zeal. This scholarship was established in her memory by her family to honor someone with the same zest for life, love for others, and potential for leadership.

The Butlers have given $25,525 to establish this fund.

Endowment Amount
$25,525
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HEALTH PARTNERS ENDOWED NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Health Partners Endowed Nursing 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 College of Nursing.

Background
Health Partners, Inc. is a large Michigan-based home health company that employs dozens of nurses. The company specializes in closed head and spinal cord injuries.

Michael Gillet, president of the company, has pledged $25,000 to endow this scholarship, which provides financial assistance to students majoring in Community Nursing.

Endowment Amount
$25,000
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Journalism Institute for Media Diversity Endowed Support Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment).

This support fund is established to promote the activities of the Journalism Institute for Media Diversity.

Background

Wayne State University’s nationally acclaimed Journalism Institute for Media Diversity trains high-achieving students for careers in media. The institute offers scholarships for students to study journalism, public relations or radio and television production at Wayne State. Members of racial, ethnic and other underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply as is anyone interested in studying the importance of diversity in the nation’s media. Along with their studies, students in this program work as interns at local news and public relations agencies. Institute students often work at The South End, The Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, WJBK-TV, WDET-FM, Eisbrenner Public Relations and many others. Institute graduates are employed at the Wall Street Journal, Burson-Marsteller, Detroit Free Press, WPXI-TV, WWJ Newsradio and other media outlets and corporations throughout the country.

The Journalism Institute for Media Diversity was founded in 1984 at Wayne State University by the Department of Communication and editors of The Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. Both newspapers are key supporters as are other metro Detroit newspapers, media outlets and radio and television stations.

More than 160 graduates of the institute have launched professional careers at metro dailies, radio and TV stations, public relations firms and other media organizations across the nation. Some graduates have moved on to careers in law, politics, civic and charitable organizations and as award-winning authors and documentary producers.

This endowment is established with more than $25,000 in unrestricted contributions to the Journalism Institute for Media Diversity.

Endowment Amount

$25,000
Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Dr. and Mrs. Walter C. Livingston 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

This scholarship is being created by Mrs. Laura Livingston to honor the life and career of her husband, Dr. Walter C. Livingston. Dr. Livingston was an alumnus of the Wayne State University School of Medicine class of 1959. His specialty was Internal Medicine. He was an active member of the school’s Medical Alumni Board of Governors.

Mrs. Livingston has pledged $25,000 to establish this fund.

Endowment Amount
$25,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TAMER H. MAHMOUD, M.D. ENDOWED FELLOW RESEARCH AWARD IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Tamer H. Mahmoud, M.D. Endowed Fellow Research Award in Ophthalmology.

This award fund is established to recognize a Kresge Eye Institute fellow for presenting the best research paper in the area of ophthalmology and to encourage the publication of this research.

Background
Tamer H. Mahmoud, M.D., Ph.D. was an assistant professor of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology and Vitreoretinal Surgery, and an attending physician at the Kresge Eye Institute. Dr. Mahmoud’s research interests include macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vascular occlusion, complex retinal detachment, small gauge vitrectomy, uveitis, retinal degeneration, and implantation of long-acting intraocular devices. While at Wayne State University, he was the principal investigator on a number of clinical trials involving macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and retinal vascular diseases.

The Foundation for Ophthalmic Research and Development has given $25,000 to establish this fund.

Endowment Amount
$25,000
Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the John R. Manis, M.D. and Arpie Manis 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
Dr. Manis writes:

“My Father died during the middle of WW II when I was ten years old and left my mother, Arpie Manis, with my sister and me to raise. He also left a lot of debt as opposed to assets. Mother went to work to provide for me and my sister and instilled in us the work/education ethic. My mom asked me to make a career decision when I was 16. My decision to become a doctor was partially influenced by our family doctor Joseph Kass, M.D., a Polish Jewish immigrant who was willing to treat us whether we were able to pay or not.

I have to give credit to my mother who encouraged me to save my earnings for my education, earnings that began when I was 11 through a variety of jobs from paper boy to bus boy to factory worker and almost everything else in between. This included working through college and medical school (something I do not recommend). I managed to get accepted to medical school even though my GPA wasn’t stellar. No sleep, lots of work. I was elected president of my senior class and received the Distinguished Student Award.”

Dr. Manis has pledged $25,000 to establish this scholarship.

Endowment Amount
$25,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOHN B. WALLER, JR. AND MENTHELE (MIKKI) WALLER ENDOURED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR MASTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) STUDENTS

Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the John B. Waller, Jr. and Menthele (Mikki) Waller Endowed Student Achievement Award for Masters of Public Health (MPH) Students.

This award 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
John B. Waller, Jr., Dr. P.H. was a man of compassion and sincere good will who served as a public health professional for more than 40 years. He was well known in public health circles locally and nationally, directing the Departments of Health in Detroit and Newark, New Jersey. At the time of his death, Dr. Waller was chairman of the Wayne State University Department of Community Medicine, director of the university’s Institute for Maternal and Child Health, director of the university’s Division for the Prevention and Control of Interpersonal Violence, and senior vice president for Urban and Community Health for the Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University Community Health Institute. Dr. Waller had tremendous influence in shaping public health policy and establishing community health systems in Detroit. Dr. Waller was a dedicated public servant, volunteering to serve on many boards, and the recipient of many prestigious awards.

Mrs. Waller has pledged $25,000 to establish this award.

Endowment Amount
$25,000
Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Wayne State University Alumni Association Endowed Fund in Support of Alumni Programs.

This fund is established to further alumni programs and increase communication, engagement and support.

Background
At its meeting on October 28, 2008, the Alumni Association Board of Directors voted to create an endowed fund to further the mission of the Alumni Association and ensure high quality programs for members.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors has given $937,003 to establish this fund.

Endowment Amount
$937,003
Establishment of the Joann L. Weber Department of Ophthalmology Endowed Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment)

Recommendation
It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Joann L. Weber Department of Ophthalmology Endowed Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment).

This fund is established to promote the research and operations of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Background
This endowed fund is being established with $1,100,000 of an unrestricted estate gift made by Joann L. Weber.

Endowment Amount
$1,100,000