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TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 2019 REPORT ON PHILANTHROPY

\$16,068,470

THE NUMBER OF DOLLARS RAISED IN THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL GIVING

3-YEAR COMPARISON

	Number of dollars raised	Number of contributing donors
FY 2019	\$16,068,470	3,803
FY 2018*	\$50,524,615	3,592
FY 2017	\$14,218,330	3,461

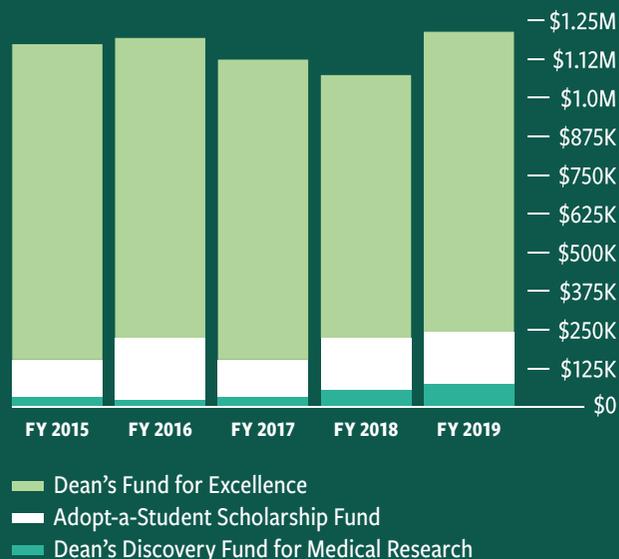
*FY18 numbers reflect a one-time \$25 million estate gift.

\$1,762,986

SUPPORTED THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ANNUAL FUND DURING THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

GIFTS BY ALLOCATION



- Annual Fund\$1,762,986 **11.0%**
- Matching\$18,687 **0.001%**
- Individuals.....\$2,244,169 **14.0%**
- Gift Planning*\$271,968 **1.7%**
- Corporations and Foundations.....\$1,604,250..... **10.0%**
- Sponsored Research.....\$7,146,736 **44.5%**
- Bequest Intentions*\$3,019,675 **18.8%**

*Non-binding future commitments

Tulane's fiscal year runs from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

ON THE COVER: Current Tulane medical student Jean Lafontant (center) gets a helping hand from Mike Woodson (left), assistant director of admissions at the School of Medicine. Photograph by Bach Imagery

MESSAGE
FROM THE DEAN



Tulane University School of Medicine is surging ahead, transforming lives through insightful education, trailblazing research and compassionate care. We are achieving those successes through the generosity and commitment of donors like you.

Your support does outstanding things at Tulane School of Medicine. This year, 3,803 alumni, donors and friends contributed \$16,068,470 in support of the school. Your generosity is making an important difference in every aspect of our mission, allowing us to improve human health by performing innovative research, to deliver high-quality patient care and to train tomorrow's leaders.

In the following pages, we celebrate just a few of the many ways that philanthropy is elevating Tulane School of Medicine. Thank you for the many ways your support is making a difference across the School of Medicine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Lee Hamm MD". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

L. Lee Hamm, MD
Senior Vice President and
Dean, School of Medicine



Family Creates Scholarship Fund in Memory of Remarkable Newcomb Grad

Theirs was a romance for the ages. Ira Udell was a young medical student at Tulane University when he saw a beautiful young woman across the room at Rosh Hashanah services. Immediately smitten, he asked his roommate to help him uncover her identity.

Two weeks later, Ira had her name (Allyn Sue Padawer) and phone number. He overcame his shyness and made a cold call to the Newcomb College undergraduate. She captivated him at their first date at Camellia Grill. Less than a year later, they were married.

"It was a romance straight out of a book," Ira said. "It was a love story."

Allyn graduated from Newcomb in art therapy in 1973, Ira graduated from Tulane School of Medicine in 1974, became an ophthalmologist, and they had three children. Then, when Allyn was in her 40s, she started experiencing back pain when she played tennis. An x-ray showed that she had multiple myeloma, a cancer of plasma cells. Allyn fought for her life and lived 21 more years.

In her memory, Allyn's family established the Allyn P. Udell Creative Medical Scholars Endowed Fund at Tulane School of Medicine. The fund will award a scholarship for a female medical student in the Creative Medical Scholars Program. Preference will be given to a student conducting cancer research.

The Udell family wanted to create a fund at Tulane that would have brought delight to Allyn, who was well known for her positive outlook and concern for others. "She would be happy knowing that somebody at Tulane was going to be benefitting from it," Udell said.

The Allyn P. Udell Hello Dolly Foundation will honor an extraordinary woman. Her legacy of selflessness and optimism will surely live on in the prospective physicians who receive the award bearing her name.

If you are interested in the Allyn P. Udell Creative Medical Scholars Endowed Fund, please contact Holly Gulden at hgulden@tulane.edu or 504-314-7625.



The Class of 2023

190 first-year students selected from **12,982 applicants**

92 women and 98 men

37 students are first-generation college students

26 percent are underrepresented minorities

FACULTY

“Tulane athletes are some of the best and brightest in the country. By establishing a fund that we plan to grow into a Chair, we can ensure Tulane athletes receive the best care possible.”

– FELIX H. “BUDDY” SAVOIE III, MD

CHAIRMAN OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY | CHIEF OF SPORTS MEDICINE



When fully funded, the Felix “Buddy” and Amy Savoie Endowed Fund will support the lead Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Team Physician.

RESEARCH

A NEXT-GENERATION WHOOPING COUGH VACCINE

The National Institutes of Health awarded Tulane School of Medicine an \$8.5 million contract to develop a more effective and longer-lasting vaccine against pertussis, more commonly known as “whooping cough.” Microbiologist Lisa Morici, PhD, and immunologist James McLachlan, PhD, will lead the project.

PATIENT CARE

A REWARDING PARTNERSHIP

Tulane School of Medicine began a new partnership with Children’s Hospital New Orleans earlier this year to collaborate on clinical, academic and research activities in pediatrics. Through this agreement, Tulane physicians now see pediatric patients at the Children’s Uptown campus and its network of satellite specialty clinics across the region.



Reunion Snapshot

347 reunion celebrants supported the school through **gifts and pledges totaling \$1,142,003**.

The class of 1979 broke an all-time record with over **60 classmates** in attendance.

This year, **over 368 alumni** returned to attend their reunion.



An Acclaimed Leader

In time, Grant Hieshima, MD (M'69) would become an internationally acclaimed leader in the field of interventional neuroradiology, but he wasn't initially sure he wanted to pursue medicine at all.

Growing up, he noticed that the long hours involved in a thriving practice kept his father Asaichi S. Hieshima, MD (M'49) away from his greatest hobby: fishing. And that struck Grant Hieshima as a deal-breaker.

As Grant matured, he reflected upon the generosity and respect with which his father treated his patients and decided to embark upon a career in medicine. His father offered to help—on the condition that Grant attend his own alma mater of Tulane University School of Medicine. It almost seemed like fate to Grant, after all, his father taught him to fish in New Orleans City Park.

Asaichi, a World War II veteran, had applied and been accepted into Tulane School of Medicine while he, his wife Yoshi Alice and their young son Grant were interned at the Camp Amache Japanese American internment camp in Colorado. Grant spent the first three years of his life in the internment camps, having been born at the Santa

Anita Assembly Center. Grant took his name from Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois, where his father was stationed when he was born.

Grant said, “We were very grateful to Tulane for having accepted my father. It made a huge difference in all of our lives.”

Grant began his career at Tulane as an undergraduate, applying to the School of Medicine before he had enough credits to graduate. “They accepted me, so I might be considered a college dropout that never got a bachelor's degree. But that gave me good incentive to finish medical school.”

He excelled as a medical student, winning the coveted Oscar Creech Memorial Award in Surgery. He seemed destined to become a surgeon, but the Vietnam War intervened. With a bad number in the draft lottery, Grant was unable to find a surgical residency. He completed a radiology residency at Harbor/UCLA Medical Center and found a new passion, continuing on to subspecialty training in neuroradiology and nuclear medicine as the war ended.

In the years that followed, Grant rose through the academic ranks,

pioneering new therapies for aneurysms and vasospasm and becoming a full professor at the University of California, San Francisco. He was named director of the Neuroscience Institute at the St. Joseph's Medical Center in Orange County, California.

Looking back on a career that produced innovative techniques and saved countless lives, Grant said, “My most important contributions had to do with training other doctors to not only do procedures but to think of innovative ways to treat things that hadn't been treated before.”

At his 50th class reunion in 2019, Grant was awarded the Tulane Medical Association Lifetime Achievement Award for his many contributions to the field of medicine.

Asked what advice he would share with up-and-coming physicians, Grant said, “Sometimes your career is not a single-minded effort to do something from early on in your training. Sometimes we have to adjust and adapt. I feel like my life and career has been that way—I certainly don't have any regrets.”

Grant Hieshima, MD passed away suddenly in August 2019.



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CAMPAIGN PROGRESS AT-A-GLANCE

\$1.09 billion
raised during the *Only the Audacious* campaign to date*

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

\$109,670,316
total commitments to date
Campaign Goal: \$125 Million+

**BUILDING AN ENVIRONMENT
THAT SUPPORTS EXCELLENCE**

4 of 7
construction projects completed

- Yulman Stadium
- The Goldring/Woldenberg Business Complex
- Mussafer Hall
- The Commons
- Innovative medical student educational spaces
- The Steven and Jann Paul Hall for Science and Engineering
- New Residential Quad

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

6
presidential chairs funded to date
Campaign Goal: 10

356
endowed faculty positions to date
Campaign Goal: 400

RESEARCH

20.2%
raised to date supports research
Total Research Commitments to Date: \$262,298,034

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

54,106
engaged alumni to date

*ALL TOTALS AS OF 10/31/2019