



**Weill Cornell
Medicine**

Celebrating Scholarship



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Thank you. As a scholarship donor to Weill Cornell Medicine, you are making medical education possible for our students.

Medical school is an exciting time, but it's also daunting for our students, as they consider the rising costs of medical education and the increasing amount of debt they must take on to cover these expenses. That is why your support makes such a difference.

Take Cindy Parra, a graduate of the Class of 2017, which boasted a 100 percent match rate to postgraduate positions. Cindy is the oldest of three children, who immigrated to the United States from Colombia with her family when she was young.

"My scholarship makes a tremendous difference to me and my family," says Dr. Parra, who will spend a yearlong internship at UC Irvine Medical Center before returning to Weill Cornell Medicine for a residency in dermatology. "I'm really thrilled to be staying at Weill Cornell. I love this place. I'm so excited to continue to develop my career here."

There are so many other stories of grateful students like Cindy. We hope you will consider getting to know the students who are directly benefiting from the support of your scholarship by attending our annual Salute to Scholarship event, on May 8, 2018.

Thank you again for your support of Weill Cornell Medicine's students, the next generation of healthcare pioneers.



Augustine M.K. Choi, MD
Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean, Weill Cornell Medicine
Provost for Medical Affairs, Cornell University



From left: Cindy Parra, MD '17, Emilie Williamson, MD '17, and Mesha Shaw, MD '17, celebrate their matches on Match Day 2017

thanks a million!



As of the close of last fiscal year on June 30, 2017, Weill Cornell Medicine's scholarship endowment is now over **\$100 million**, providing close to **\$5.5 million** in scholarship support for our medical students this year.

From our students



Andrew Ebanks, Class of 2019

"Having a scholarship is all about peace of mind. My main focus is to pursue an education and not burden my family, who can't afford to put me through school. There is a lot I want to accomplish in the future, and this scholarship is a helpful push forward.

"Thank you for providing an avenue for me to pursue my goals. It's a big thank you from me, and it's a big thank you from my family, knowing that I have people out there helping to support me."

Simone Elder, Class of 2018

"Through scholarships, I have been able to have experiences that I never thought would be possible. For the first time in a long time, I have been able to just focus on performing well in school – I don't need to worry about working another job.

"Thank you to all of the scholarship donors who have made my wishes come true! I hope to make you very proud as a physician."



Timothy Kim, Class of 2019

"The support of Weill Cornell Medicine's scholarship donors is making medical school a reality for me and my family. For me, scholarship support is a reminder of the incredible generosity people are capable of. It is the same benevolence that my classmates and I should aspire to demonstrate in the care of our future patients."

Average scholarship amount awarded per student:

\$33,987

Cost of attendance for academic year '17-'18 (tuition and fees):

\$58,115

Total amount awarded in scholarships:

\$5,403,966

Total number of medical students receiving scholarships:

159

Information for academic year '16-'17
Source: Office of Financial Aid

Donor Spotlight

Barbara and Dr. Lawrence Inra

Dr. Lawrence Inra, clinical professor of medicine, and his wife, Barbara, established the Barbara and Lawrence A. Inra, MD Scholarship, and are the proud parents of two Weill Cornell Medical College alumni, Dr. Jennifer Inra (MD '08) and Dr. Matthew Inra (MD '13).

"In the six years since we've established the Barbara and Lawrence A. Inra, MD Scholarship at Weill Cornell Medicine, Barbara and I have been able to see firsthand the impact of our support each time we meet one of the incredible Inra Scholars," says Dr. Inra. "They are an inspiration, and I'm proud to have been a vital part of their future success. I can't think of a more satisfying way to contribute to Weill Cornell Medicine's mission of education than to help our students become the best doctors they can be, with a more manageable financial burden than would otherwise be possible."



Barbara and Dr. Lawrence Inra with one of the Inra Scholars, Angela Jia, MD '17

Dennis Poster

Dean's Council Executive Committee member and longtime Weill Cornell Medicine benefactor Dennis Poster has given generously in support of medical student scholarships, establishing five scholarship funds that support students pursuing primary-care fields and students interested in pursuing careers in urology, neurology and cardiothoracic surgery.

"I am proud to be able to support the next generation of doctors, allowing Weill Cornell Medicine to attract the best and brightest students, regardless of their financial situation," says Mr. Poster. "As the cost of medical education rises, it's important to me that students are still able to pursue careers in areas of medicine where the need far exceeds the financial reward."



Charalambia Louka, MD '20 (far left), is the first recipient of the Frank A. Petito, MD Scholarship, established by Dennis Poster for students interested in pursuing careers in neurology. Also pictured, from left: Francesca Voza, MD '20, Dr. Estomih Mtui and Karina Ruiz-Estevéz, MD '20.

Save the date for
Weill Cornell Medicine's annual

Salute to Scholarship

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Salute to Scholarship is an annual celebration that brings medical students together with the donors who support them. This event celebrates the individuals and organizations who are champions of education at Weill Cornell Medicine, and allows our scholarship recipients to express their gratitude in person. We hope you are able to join us.



From left: Dean Augustine M.K. Choi, Dr. Barbara Hempstead and Jeanne Siegel (fourth from right), wife of Overseer Herbert Siegel, with the 2017 recipients of the Siegel Family Student Prizes, which honor eight outstanding medical students with \$25,000 scholarships each year.

For more information on scholarships at Weill Cornell Medicine, please contact Lucille Ferraro, Director of Campaign Planning and Strategic Partnerships, at 646-962-9491 or luf2003@med.cornell.edu.