



Medical Alumni Annual Fund Report Fiscal Year 2020

The Medical Alumni Annual Fund supports an ambitious array of programs and resources designed to enrich and expand unique learning experiences for students and contribute to their future success as physicians, researchers and educators. The Medical Alumni Association Board of Governors oversees the Medical Alumni Annual Fund and partners with School of Medicine leadership to determine funding priorities.

	FY 2020 (10/1/19-9/30/20)	FY 2019 (10/1/18-9/30/19)	FY 2018 (10/1/17-9/30/18)
Total Donations	\$402,323	\$557,375	\$599,098*
Number of Donors	929	1,233	1,426

*Denotes record high

Medical Alumni Annual Fund priorities:

70% - medical student organizations, wellness programs, major student events (White Coat and Commencement) and community engagement initiatives

15% - USMLE Step 1 & 2 Prep and Academic Success programs

10 % - alumni and student engagement programs

5% - graduate education programs and initiatives

Impact of Medical Alumni Annual Fund Support:

M3 student - I chose WSUSOM because of its unparalleled urban extracurricular opportunities. None of my involvement with the community or medical education would have been possible without the support of the Medical Alumni Association.

M4 student - I recently completed my residency interviews and had numerous opportunities to speak with individuals from other institutions over the course of the interview season. From these conversations, it became evident that WSUSOM offers such unique clinic opportunities, outreach programs, mentorship resources, and research support that are unparalleled by other institutions.

M2 student - The support of WSUSOM alumni is of great significance in the development of myself and my peers into future physicians, both from the mentorship they provide as well as the support for the student organizations that make WSUSOM unique.

M1 student - I am proud to be a WSUSOM medical student because of my interactions with the incredible and inspiring WSUSOM alumni. After I graduate from WSUSOM, I know that I will also pay it forward to the future generation of medical students in the same way that current alumni physicians have done for me.

M4 student - Our ability to make an impact, for our actions to be felt, lies in our strength of service. Our strength is driven by the Medical Alumni Association. Without the benevolence and generosity displayed by the physicians who've come before us, the quality of Wayne SOM grads would be truly lost.

M4 student - My time at Wayne State has been made exceptional due to the efforts of alumni, and as a future alumnus, I pledge to help make the medical school experience at Wayne State one that is not only educational but fun as well for future students.

M3 student - From holding lunches, to sponsoring students at conferences nationwide, the Medical Alumni Association provides countless resources for students like me. Without having these opportunities, I don't know how long it would have taken me to find my passions for environmental and medical advocacy. Because of your support, I know that just like me, many of my peers will also be able to discover their passions in the years to come.

M2 student - The quality of engagement and encouragement provided by the Alumni translates to more confident, empowered, and supported students. Furthermore, the interest and passion of the Alumni in supporting and elevating student-led events and voices ensures our student body will continue to develop their community and themselves. Alumni support makes all the difference.

M1 student - The support of alumni is greatly appreciated and oftentimes the impact can be overlooked, but their support is truly breeding the leaders of tomorrow.

M4 student - Without the help of the Medical Alumni Association, I would not have been able to create an organization that has impacted the school's culture and mission for years to come.

M3 student - There are over 70+ student organizations here at WSUSOM, and that number continues to increase every year with the proclivity of our student body for social engagement. It was one of the principal reasons why I chose to attend Wayne State...there are always opportunities here. By providing support, the Medical Alumni Association supports the citizens of Detroit and helps in the training of its future physicians.

M1 student - The Medical Alumni Association helps students like me develop our leadership qualities and clinical skills outside the classroom setting while keeping us connected to the local communities we hope to serve.

M4 student - Without the support of alumni, the depth and breadth of our experiences as medical students would be nothing like what it is now; Wayne State University SOM has long had the reputation of producing physicians who are leaders within the medical and local community – and I look forward to seeing what the next generation of medical students contribute as a future donor to the Medical Alumni Association.

M3 student - The Medical Alumni Association-sponsored volunteer activities have defined my experience during medical school in an extremely positive, lasting way, teaching me the importance of prioritizing purposeful and thoughtful community engagement.

M4 student - Without the support of WSUSOM alumni, these student organizations would not be able to continue the service work they do in the Detroit community regularly and students would be deprived of these important experiences in medical school. WSUSOM's dedication to volunteer service and the ample opportunities available to medical students is what makes this medical school stand out in the country, and none of this would be possible without alumni sponsors.

M3 student - Participating in activities sponsored by the Medical Alumni Association helped me feel like part of the larger Wayne State School of Medicine community. It can often be isolating to focus on studying all the time, but these volunteer activities have helped contribute to my wellness and academic enrichment. This is why it is important now more than ever for alumni to support the School of Medicine.

M4 student - I strongly believe that the Medical Alumni Association is the foundation of the medical school in providing mentorship and opportunities to physicians-in-training, like myself, to grow in our careers and to ultimately choose to give-back ourselves and support the medical school as well.

M2 student - The support of the Medical Alumni Association is an invaluable resource that has allowed myself and many of my peers to further our educations and set ourselves up for successful futures, while also supporting our community and improving the lives of those around us.

M1 student - I chose to attend Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSU SOM) because of the numerous volunteer opportunities in the underserved communities of Detroit and I recognize that these opportunities would not be possible without the Medical Alumni Association.

M4 student- What I find to be unique about the Alumni Association is that it not only provides support for medical students, but also generates opportunities for students to serve their community in a meaningful manner.

M3 student - My eagerness to harness every opportunity to develop as a medical student, professional, and community leader is foundational to how I will excel as a future physician, and I am incredibly grateful to our WSUSOM alumni for supporting my efforts to reach these goals.

M4 student - The significance of your contributions goes beyond just my medical education. I hope that one day I can also follow suit and help other students also pursue their interests without having to worry about finances. Your support has allowed us to pursue our dreams.

M3 student - Since I started at WSUSOM, I have been devoted to key pillars that I believe are essential foundations for my career in medicine: public service, community engagement, patient advocacy, longitudinal research, and empathetic medical practice. My goals would not have been achievable without the reliable and generous support from our Medical Alumni Association.

M2 student - The alumni network is what makes Wayne so effective, by pairing us with teachers, mentors and role models who demonstrate excellence and show us how to be the physicians we are meant to be.