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Fall Newsletter 2007

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omega Alpha Endowed Scholarship Fund

We are pleased to announce the Alpha Omega Alpha Endowed Scholarship Fund, created in honor of the 100th anniversary celebration of Minnesota's Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. This fund will allow AOA to continue to provide annual scholarships to students with demonstrated financial need at the University of Minnesota Medical School. AOA awarded ten scholarships at \$2,500 each for the 2007-2008 academic year to second year students. The scholarships are funded entirely by dues and member contributions to the Minnesota Chapter of AOA. We thank you for your generous support and hope you will consider an additional contribution to help us meet the goal of a \$25,000 endowed fund. This will allow AOA to take advantage of the University of Minnesota's President's Scholarship Match Program, which will match the payout of the endowment on a dollar-for-dollar basis and double the impact of your gifts.

Your contributions in support of this endeavor through MMF are always appreciated!

Fall Banquet and Induction of New Members - Class of 2008

The AOA initiation banquet for new members of the class of 2008 will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5th in the A.I. Johnson Great Room in the McNamara Alumni Center. "For the hundredth anniversary of AOA at Minnesota, we would like to extend a special invitation to all alumni members. Contact Katrina McGill (612-626-0163) for tickets by November 19th."

Featured Guest Speaker & AOA Visiting Professor:

Dr. Edward D. Harris Jr., MACP

Edward D. Harris Jr., MACP is the George DeForest Barnett Professor, Emeritus, for the Department of Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine. He also serves as the Executive Secretary for Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society as Editor of the society's publication, *The Pharos*.

Department of Medicine Grand Rounds

Thursday December 6th, 12:02-1:00 pm Moos Tower 2-620

AOA Visiting Professor: Dr. Edward D. Harris Jr., MACP

"Management of Rheumatoid Arthritis for the Primary Care Physician"

Dr. Harris was selected this year to receive the American College of Rheumatology's highest award, the Presidential Gold Medal, in recognition of outstanding achievements in rheumatology over an entire career.

Minnesota's Alpha Chapter of AOA: Highlights from the past 100 years

"Established as a protest to a condition which associated the name medical student with rowdiness, boorishness, immorality and low educational ideals and be it noted such protest arose entirely from students, not one member of the faculty having been consulted."

From a 1909 Address by AOA Founder William W. Root, M.D.

- **AOA Founded:** 1902 at College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago
- **University of Minnesota Alpha Chapter: Founded January 15, 1908**
- **AOA Members:** 383 students elected in the past decade 1999-2008 (52% female)
- **Scholarships:** Since 1998 AOA has awarded over \$135,000 to assist more than 70 University of Minnesota medical students.
- **AOA Student Research Awards:** 5 students have been awarded \$21,000 dollars
- **AOA Medical Student Volunteerism:** Students have volunteered >3000 hours at the Science Museum Human Body Gallery and >4000 hours with the Human Torso Project
- **Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award Recipients:** Eugene Ollila, M.D. (2000), Barry Bershaw, M.D. (2001), Stephen Nelson, M.D. (2002), Charles Crutchfield III, M.D. (2003), David Thorsen, M.D. (2004), Timothy Rumsey, M.D. (2005), Dr. James Gerber (2006)

Sincerely yours,

James H. House, MD, Councilor; Sarah Cooley, MD, Treasurer; Aaron Tande, AOA Chapter President