

Vanderbilt Medicine 2014
REUNION

Gift Chair Talking Points

General

- As alumni, we can play an important role at Vanderbilt by giving back to establish endowed class scholarships.
- Several classes have already established class scholarships which are helping to reduce the tuition burden of medical students.
- We were lucky to receive a great medical education at Vanderbilt under caring faculty mentors. Now, we can help provide this opportunity to learn at Vanderbilt to other medical students.

Tuition and Debt

- While our tuition is lower than many peer institutions, Vanderbilt students are leaving school with far too much debt. Last year, the graduating class averaged \$134,300 in debt.
- This figure is lower than the national average for all private schools, but is high when compared to a list of our peers, very selective institutions.
- Students oftentimes face a decade or more before they complete loan repayment plans and are relieved of educational debt.

Impact

- Scholarship support helps to recruit talented students who will make the most of their time at Vanderbilt.
- We are helping students choose Vanderbilt and reduce the amount of debt they face at graduation.
- What a legacy for our class! An endowed fund—named for our class—will continue to benefit students for generations to come.
- A class gift shows our engagement and our gratitude for the education we received at Vanderbilt.

Logistics

- To name an endowed scholarship after our class, we will need to raise a minimum of \$25,000. As the fund grows, students will benefit from more and more support.
- Our goal is to announce that the fund has been established at Reunion 2014, and celebrate our success together.
- We hope you will consider both a contribution to the class gift and a trip to Nashville next fall for Reunion.



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