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Dear Brody Scholar:

Do you remember when you first learned that you had been selected as a Brody Scholar or Fellow? Most of us do because it was a life changing event.

It meant that we were among the top entrants to medical school that year and also that the majority of expenses to attend medical school would be covered. This allowed all of us to choose a career path knowing that we would have little or no debt at graduation. What an incredible gift we were given.

A lot of those memories came back to us when we attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Brody Medical Scholarship on April 18. It was a great tribute to the Brody family thanking them for 25 years of financial support for medical students. If you were unable to attend, it was also a "reunion" for scholars and the family that supported our medical education. Each year four new scholars are chosen for a total of 16 in all.

We are writing to you today to ask that you join with us to create one more scholarship funded by gifts from past Brody Scholar alumni. Now it is our turn to show our gratitude. The current annual award for a scholar is \$21,000. This funds tuition, fees and most living expenses. Our goal is to create a \$500,000 endowment that would generate enough interest to fund a scholar each year.

Help us continue the tradition of generosity and academic excellence in medicine by making a gift or pledge today. We propose that you be as generous as is comfortable for you. The Brody Foundation offers a matching gift of \$100,000 if we can raise \$400,000. We can do this if every Brody Scholar pledges \$5,000. Some may want to give more. Pledges can be paid outright or over five years.

Support the tradition that helped us begin our careers. It is the best way we can say "thank you" to the Brody family for all they have done for us. Please use the pledge card (also attached) to help future physicians.

Sincerely,

Thad West, MD
Brody Scholar Class of 1993

Doug Barrow, MD
Brody Scholar Class of 1990