

# **2018 IMPACT REPORT**

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### Thank you!



Dear Alumni and Friends,

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to you for supporting Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine this past year. Your impact on PCOM has been significant in so many ways, and with your help, we are making tremendous strides in ensuring that our students are ready to serve the communities in which they work and live.

This Impact Report shows the many ways your dollars went to work: providing our faculty and students with opportunities to teach and learn, funding research of current health issues, reducing the debt accumulated by our students, and providing answers to complex questions.

Together, we are investing in our most valuable resource people—so they can make a positive impact in our ever-changing world.

Please accept my deepest appreciation and gratitude for continuing to support PCOM's vision for shaping the future of health.

With heartfelt thanks,

Joy A faldsteni DO

Jay S. Feldstein, DO '81 President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### Ilbeth Charles, PharmD '18 WALGREENS DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



"As the recipient of the Walgreens Diversity Scholarship, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the tremendous support that you have provided me through this scholarship. I have recently accepted

an offer from Walgreens where I will be a specialty pharmacist working predominantly with HIV, Hepatitis C, and oncology patients. I look forward to successfully completing my degree this academic year and continuing my community work in pharmacy. Thank you once again for your generous support of my endeavors."

#### Sharon Buchbinder (DO '20) LAMBDA OMICRON GAMMA (LOG) ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



"I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Lambda Omicron Gamma Scholarship. This scholarship will greatly help reduce my financial aid burdens, allow me to focus on

my education, and stay involved in extracurricular activity clubs and volunteer programs that are important to me. I have recently been chosen to be the J Group Leader for my clinical rotations next year; some of my responsibilities include: answering questions students have regarding rotations, helping fix any problems that arise during our rotations, and acting as liaison between my group and the Office of Clinical Education. Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift."

#### Theresa C. McMahon (PsyD '19) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF PCOM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



"I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Alumni Association of PCOM Endowed Scholarship. With your generous support, I look forward to completing my final year

of the Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology program next year. My experience at PCOM through the masters, educational specialist, and current doctoral program has improved my ability to meet the needs of the students I work with. My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous support from scholarship sponsors like your organization. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!"

#### Eric Eck (MS/PA '19) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF PCOM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



"I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution. Your gift is helping me not only pursue my dreams of becoming the best provider possible through my

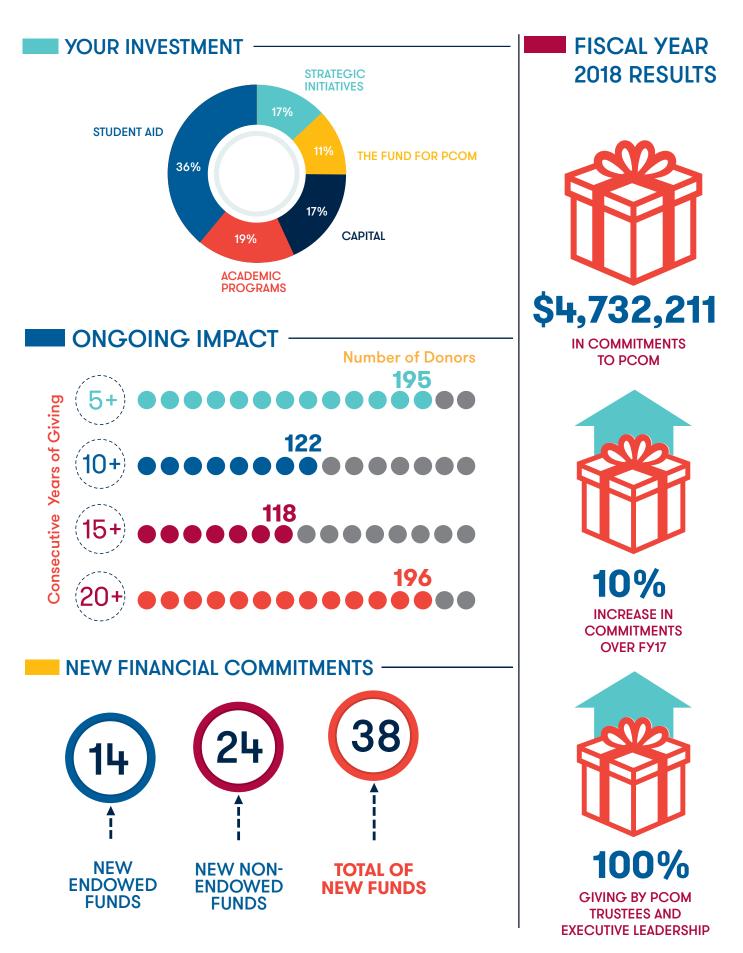
experience at PCOM, but also helping alleviate some of the financial burden accumulated pursuing this dream. I cannot thank you enough for your support and I hope to be able to do the same for future students."

The Stanley E. Essl, DO '75 Endowed Memorial Research Fund for Neurodegenerative Diseases was created to support aspects of research into neurodegenerative diseases with a focus on frontotemporal dementias such as Lewy body disease. Currently, Dr. Balin's laboratory is working on a manuscript that will highlight the neuropathology from the particular Lewy body disease case for which the Essl Fund was created. Previously, a poster presentation on this case was given at the 2017 Society for Neuroscience meeting in Washington, DC, from November



11-17. Christine Hammond, MS from Dr. Balin's laboratory was the first author and presenter for this work. The manuscript being developed is a case study write-up detailing clinical symptoms and how these symptoms correlate to the extensive and unique neuropathology found in the brain. This correlation may provide insight into how Lewy body disease manifests leading to a dementia syndrome. Funds from the income generated by this fund supported Ms. Hammond's costs for this presentation and will continue to support ongoing student and staff research addressing this and other forms of frontotemporal dementia.





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## **CREATING OPPORTUNITIES**



The PCOM Opportunities Academy, now in its 2nd year, is designed to foster interest in STEM+M careers among minority students.

As a part of its commitment to diversity, PCOM launched its Opportunities Academy (Math and Science Summer Camp) during the summer of 2016. The Academy is an intensive, five-week pilot program designed to provide a pipeline that routes motivated students with an interest in STEM+M toward four-year degree programs and into training for the health professions. The Academy immerses participating high school students in science, health and medicine curricula on both the PCOM and GA–PCOM campuses during the summer months. In 2017, the Academy took place in Suwanee, Georgia from June 19-30

and in Philadelphia from July 10-21. These two-week programs introduced students to training and careers in the fields of science and medicine. Partnership schools included Gwinnett County Public Schools' Berkmar and Meadowcreek high schools in Suwanee, and partner institutions ASPIRA, Inc. of Pennsylvania (which oversees Olney High School) and Esperanza College in Philadelphia.

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS

The Albert D'Alonzo, DO Endowed Memorial Award Fund is named in honor of the late Albert D'Alonzo, DO '56, a long-time respected professor at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. This award supports a range of unique student academic activities through individual grants awarded to students and student organizations.

In the spring of 2018, Elizabeth Margolis, DO '18, traveled to Accra, Ghana, to complete the Child Health and Social Determinants program. She spent time shadowing doctors at Princess Marie Louise Children's Hospital to increase her knowledge in the field of pediatrics, specifically intellectual and physical pediatric development. She will be completing her residency at Tulane School of Medicine in a program called Triple Board Residency, which trains residents in pediatrics as well as child and adult psychiatry.

The PCOM American Medical Women's Association chapter also benefited from the Albert D'Alonzo award. On February 10, 2018, they hosted an event for 40 current students entitled "Inspired Women Today, Empowered Leaders Tomorrow." The event featured 18 accomplished alumni including Carol Henwood, DO '83, clinical professor in family medicine, who served as the keynote speaker.

Albert D'Alonzo, DO '56

### BREAKING NEW GROUND



PCOM South Georgia Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 26, 2018.

On December 5, 2017, PCOM received initial approval from its accrediting agency to establish an additional location, which will be situated in Moultrie, Georgia, and serve the entire 38-county South Georgia region. With this approval, the College is moving forward with the development of PCOM South Georgia, with an inaugural class of 55 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) students. Recognizing the state's critical need for physicians in the South Georgia region, this location will seek to recruit qualified students who wish to pursue a career in rural medicine.

In April 2018, PCOM South Georgia received a donation of 31 acres of land upon which the new campus facility will be constructed. Jeter Partners, LLC, a company owned and operated by brothers Jimmy Jeter and Dan Jeter, generously donated a

portion of the tract of land located in the 2100 block of Tallokas Road near the intersection of Veterans Parkway. Plans call for the new 75,000-square-foot building to be completed in May of 2019, with classes to begin in August of 2019. Jay Feldstein, DO, PCOM president and chief executive officer, said, "On behalf of the entire PCOM community, I extend my appreciation to Jimmy and Dan Jeter for their part in making PCOM South Georgia a reality. Together, our collective vision will lead to a beautiful, state of the art campus to educate the next generation of physicians in South Georgia."