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**Dorothy Snider Foundation Awards \$110,000 Grant
to UAMS College of Medicine for Scholarships**

LITTLE ROCK — The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Medicine received a \$110,000 grant from the Dorothy Snider Foundation, a fund managed by the Memphis Medical Society, for student scholarships.

“This is an exciting development in our efforts to generate more scholarships, and the effects will be life-changing for aspiring physicians in the College of Medicine,” said Steven Webber, M.D., dean of the College of Medicine and UAMS executive vice chancellor. “Gifts of this magnitude enable substantive scholarships and are an investment in our mission to produce outstanding doctors for Arkansas. We are grateful to the Dorothy Snider Foundation and the Memphis Medical Society for their partnership.”

Snider grew up in Manila, Arkansas, in the 1920s and 1930s. She remained in the region throughout her life, eventually moving to Memphis, Tennessee, where she passed away Nov. 22, 1969. Her legacy lives on through the lives and education of the hundreds of young health care providers that her foundation has helped support over the decades.

The Memphis Medical Society is a nonprofit, physician professional organization, dedicated to uniting and advocating for the physicians of Shelby County and their patients. The Society is a trusted source of up-to-date health care industry news and resources to make physicians’ lives better at home and at practice. It is the local chapter of the Tennessee Medical Association. Each year, the Society’s distribution committee provides over \$250,000 in scholarships, mostly to medical and nursing students. The organization’s collective giving to UAMS is more than \$2 million.

“The Dorothy Snider Foundation is proud of its longstanding partnership with UAMS, which spans nearly our entire 57-year existence,” said Clint Cummins, MHA, chair of the Memphis Medical Society. “Not only has the state of Arkansas and the entire region benefited from this partnership, we have also continued to benefit from UAMS

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scholarship recipients who chose to 'pay it back' by contributing to our mission. We look forward to strengthening this partnership to improve the health care of all Arkansans."

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; a hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and eight institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute, Institute for Digital Health & Innovation and the Institute for Community Health Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. UAMS has 3,553 students and 902 medical residents and fellows. It is the state's largest public employer with about 12,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit www.uams.edu or www.uamshealth.com. Find us on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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