



They Gave in Death  
*for* **Those in Life**

**BODY DONATION  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**THE CLASS of 2023**

The Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology



**Northeast Ohio**  
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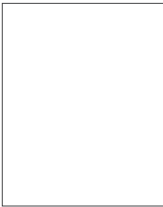
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October 22, 1955 –  
March 16, 2019



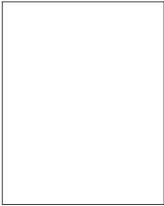
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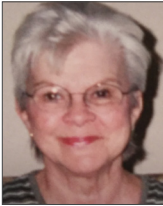
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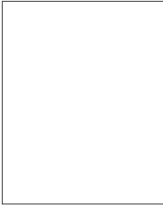
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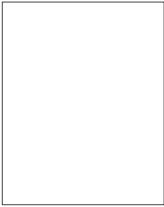
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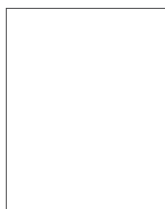
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**Robert Charles Brooks\*\***

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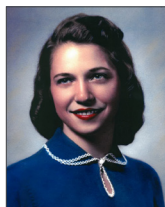
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**Patricia Ann Buckley**

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December 2, 2017



**Rosemary Cooke**

October 30, 1919 –  
October 8, 2018



**Jennie J. Crow**

June 16, 1922 –  
February 7, 2018



**John Micheal Darrah**

January 22, 1963 –  
June 14, 2019



**Sally Lou Davis**

May 17, 1940 –  
January 31, 2018



**Mark Stephen Delik**

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September 28, 1948 –  
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**Rhea J. Fillian**

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**Clinton Earl Foster**

February 6, 1930 –  
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March 19, 2019



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**Dorothy Franklin Gordon**

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June 14, 2019



**Fern Boltz Greenamyer**

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**Linda Sue Griffith**

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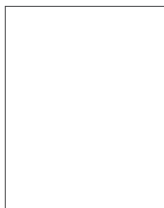
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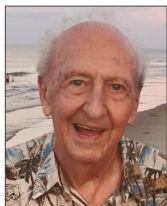
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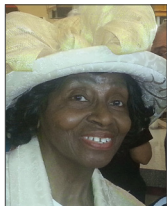
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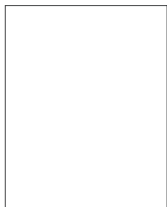
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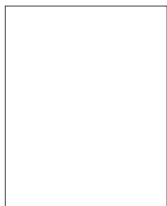
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August 10, 1945 –  
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**Carolyn McCorkle**

November 13, 1935 –  
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**Billie McFarren\*\***

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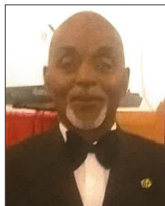
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January 28, 2019



**Patricia Penacho**

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February 5, 2019



**Lydia Piper**

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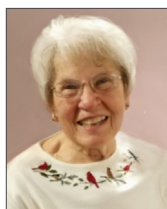
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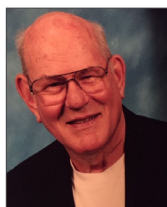
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**Bruce W. Rogers Jr.\*\***

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November 20, 2018



**Douglas Keith Rose\*\***

March 28, 1926 –  
March 28, 2018



**Fred Thomas Russell**

February 27, 1952 –  
July 10, 2019



**Wilfred Sanders Jr.\*\***

January 24, 1953 –  
June 22, 2018



**Sarah Juliet Seaman**

February 11, 1956 –  
March 26, 2019



**Raelyn Annette Shaw**

March 11, 1959 –  
December 5, 2017



**Thomas John Sigler**

November 21, 1953 –  
May 29, 2019



**Jean Greer Sisson**

May 23, 1928 –  
February 13, 2018



**Beverly Mae Skarlinski**

December 10, 1933 –  
March 4, 2018



**Geraldine L. Smith**

August 30, 1940 –  
October 18, 2018



**Elizabeth R. Snyder**

December 24, 1924 –  
October 30, 2018



**Harry A. Staley**  
November 11, 1939 –  
October 14, 2018



**Alex Jack Stanwick Jr.\*\***  
June 2, 1942 –  
October 10, 2018



**Alexander Tanazevich\*\***  
August 11, 1925 –  
April 15, 2018



**Robert Richard Tomaskovic\*\***  
December 17, 1933 –  
July 25, 2018



**Charles Vernon Trenn**  
April 16, 1950 –  
February 7, 2018



**Samuel Frank Wayland**  
August 12, 1937 –  
January 5, 2018

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*My Final Gift*

*It is now time for me to move on*

*Into the dusk, but also the dawn.*

*I will remain as the morning comes*

*As I've left behind a gift for someone.*

*So another may walk, may talk, may see,*

*Where their life was locked,*

*I offered a key.*

*I am a donor to someone in need.*

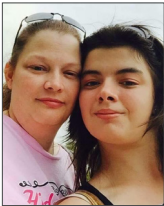
*My final gift, my final deed.*

*- Author Unknown*

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**Carol Ann Wagner**  
May 5, 1958 –  
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**Judith Annie Welch\*\***  
December 5, 1972 –  
January 14, 2018

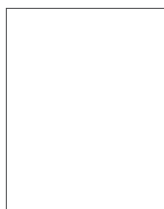






**David Daniel Wertman**

July 8, 1945 –  
April 27, 2019



**Kathryn Winifred  
Willaman**

January 3, 1926 –  
August 19, 2017



**David Charles Wills\*\***

June 16, 1948 –  
March 28, 2019



**Charles Erwin Wolfe**

May 17, 1939 –  
August 4, 2019



**Connie Young**

January 26, 1948 –  
May 30, 2018

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (NIV)*

*A Time for Everything*

*There is a time for everything,*

*and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

*a time to be born and a time to die,*

*a time to plant and a time to uproot,*

*a time to kill and a time to heal,*

*a time to tear down and a time to build,*

*a time to weep and a time to laugh,*

*a time to mourn and a time to dance.*

# BODY DONATION MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Greetings. I hope each of you is safe and doing well in these trying times. I am a professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology and I was last year's course director in the Human Structure course in anatomy for our medical students.

In a normal year, I have the honor of welcoming you to NEOMED on behalf of our students and employees for our Memorial Service. We get to shake hands, share stories, and deliver the closure that we all need as we move forward in the next chapters of our lives. This year is different because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a health care institution, we put everyone's safety at the top of our to-do list. Mental wellness is part of that. Although no substitute, we are sending this booklet so you can reflect on the wonderful things your loved ones accomplished in their lives and to say thank you for their donation.

Your loved one's gift benefits our students for years to come. Both as future medical professionals and as people. This gift goes beyond our medical school. This gift benefits our community by ensuring these students become the best doctors they can be. This gift benefits our very well-being. I believe many of our students honor your loved ones by working hard to ensure they will be excellent physicians in our communities.

When I think of a word to describe your loved one's gift, I think of "teacher." I can talk about things with our students; your loved ones showed them. As someone that list "teacher" as my occupation, I am honored to be included among them. Their donation was an amazing gift and one that I cannot match in life. They donated. To them, I say thank you.

You will see similar thoughts and feeling repeated below from our students, faculty, and administrators. Your loved ones deserve nothing less. We dedicate this booklet to honoring them, their lives, and their gift.

— Chris Vinyard, Professor, Anatomy and Neurobiology

*"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether be a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success."*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson



Over the years, I have been fortunate to lead a humanities lecture on the value of donation in a course titled "Human Values in Medicine." During this lecture, students are exposed to history of medicine, art, and the importance of ethical values such as care and respect in the anatomy lab. They also have the opportunity to meet donors who visit the classroom where they gain a deeper understanding of the lifelong impact your loved one's gift has on their education and future careers as physicians. Throughout the school year they are engaged in a variety of writing activities relevant to the humanity of their anatomical experiences, including writing and sharing unsent letters to their donors, imagining what your loved one's lives must have been like, and expressing their appreciation and genuine respect for their first teacher. Your loved one's incredible gift teaches our students patience, humility, teamwork, and the art of medicine. I am truly grateful for your support and it is without a doubt your loved one has contributed to the making of some incredible future doctors.

– *Julie Aultman, Professor, Family and Community Medicine*



"Your loved one was generous and thoughtful in a way so few are: they wanted to teach the next generation of doctors so that we could be better doctors and serve their children and grandchildren. They were appreciated and they guide us in all our future medical decisions."

– *Jamie Pandey, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



"The gift of your family member has had a truly invaluable effect on our medical education. Their gift is an act of selflessness which continues to give as future physicians utilize their knowledge learned to help patient after patient."

– *Joshua Tidd, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



"It is difficult to put into words how appreciative both I and my fellow students are of the donors' generosity. The impact that they will have on my career is indescribable. While I wish I could have known more about the donors' lives and the impact they had on families and others, I can only work to ensure that their donation was not made in vain. I hope to carry both the knowledge and humbling experience that they gifted to me throughout my career and beyond."

– *Matthew Kubina, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



"Thank you so much for adding to our education and knowledge through your loved one's contribution. You allowed us to grow and assisted in our ability to be better doctors. You have our gratitude, we appreciate you more than words can express."

– *Hannah Girgis, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“The gift of a human body is more than can be expressed or quantified. People are “fearfully and wonderfully made,” and, thus, there is almost no end to what can be learned from them. During this first year of medical school, I was able to gather a wealth of knowledge about the human body. However, the learning process extended far beyond the mere identification of anatomical landmarks. I was also able to learn about the many things that may ail a person throughout his or her life, and how a physician might come alongside to make life more livable for that person. I am deeply grateful to the donors and their families for this experience and hope to use what I learned this year to serve many.”

— *Evan Livingston, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“I wanted to have a closer connection with you. There is so much I wish I could ask you and learn about you. I wonder what motivated you to donate. I wonder what your hobbies were and who you were as a person. I wonder if you got to do whatever you wished during your time on earth. I wanted to let you know that my group was very respectful, and we thank you for all the things you taught us. I hope that your wish in contributing to medicine and helping medical students was fulfilled.”

— *Negin Khosravi, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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I can still remember the first time I really saw the right hand of the donor many years ago as a student. I stopped. This was a woman with beautiful hands. She had graceful nails with coral colored polish. Her hand was gently curled because the muscles that close the fingers are stronger than those that straighten them out. But it seemed as if she was reaching to pick up a hairbrush. I held her hand, and she held mine. This hand had held other hands. These fingers had written shopping lists, and dried children's tears. I straightened her hand, but it felt as if she was squeezing my hand. She was giving me permission to learn from her and have this one last anatomy lesson.

— *Rebecca German, Professor, Anatomy and Neurobiology*

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“The donation your loved ones have made will forever be something I hold close to my heart. The lessons I learned and the inspiration they gifted me with will resonate throughout my medical career. To them and to you, I give my sincere thanks.”

— *Ain Shajihan, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“I am so incredibly grateful for the gracious gift that the donors gave to our class. The donors have been some of our best teachers during our first year of medical school, and have accompanied us during our transition of becoming more educated and confident future physicians.”

— *Rachel Krevh, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“As a student, a learner, and a future physician, I realize how invaluable a donation to our medical program is. The gift of opportunity lined with knowledge is truly a privilege not to be taken lightly. Thank you and your loved one for giving me the opportunity to be so grateful.”

– *Isabelle Mawby, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



Teaching anatomy to future physicians is a privilege, and the opportunity to teach this subject using the selfless gift given by our donors is an immense honor. To the family members and friends of our donors, please know that your loved one’s generosity is greatly valued and appreciated. Their donation has influenced our students’ ability to provide informed compassionate care to their future patients in profound ways.

– *Catherine Mattinson, Assistant Professor, Anatomy and Neurobiology*



“It was an incredible honor to have your loved one shape such a meaningful component of my medical education. I will always cherish and be thankful for her gift of donation and the growth I experienced both personally and professionally through this opportunity. What a selfless offering from your loved one.”

– *Kristina Monteleone, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“There are not words to express my gratitude for the selflessness your loved one exhibited when choosing to be a donor. Their decision has had an invaluable impact on my understanding of how a human body works. Please recognize the legacy your loved one has in the world has not ended with the life you shared, but will continue with each of the patients I provide care. Because of your loved one’s gift, countless lives will be impacted.”

– *Rebecca Vijayan, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“Dear Donor, I remember the day that I first met you so vividly. I was dreading anatomy and knew from the start that it would be one of the hardest parts of my first year of medical school. As I walked in the first day, my mind raced with thoughts about who you were and what your family is like and how much they must miss you. This was my first time touching, feeling, and learning about the complexity of the human body and it was something that I will remember for the rest of my life. If I could tell you one thing, it would be “thank you”. Thank you for donating to training the next generation of medical doctors. Because of you, I have started to understand the importance of working with a team of doctors. You have taught me that I am not alone and that it is okay to ask for help. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to push myself out of my comfort zone to places of knowledge and understanding that I would never have obtained without your generous donation. I will always wonder who you were and what you were like, but I will have to settle on knowing only one thing for certain: that you cared about medicine and education, which is more than enough for me.”

– *Kelly M. Kimball, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



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I have taught anatomy for more than 30 years, and every year I am humbled by the total selflessness of the donors and their families to this program. Your generosity in sharing this gift of a loved one with total strangers renews my hope and optimism for a better and more connected community in these times of unprecedented uncertainty. Mere words cannot express the depth of our gratitude...but the students and the faculty of NEOMED give thanks for your gift every single day.

— Dana Peterson, Associate Professor, Anatomy and Neurobiology

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"I would like to express my gratitude to you and your loved ones for contributing immensely to our knowledge as medical students and providing us with such a meaningful opportunity in our education. This altruistic donation is greatly appreciated and left a lifelong, positive impact on the students."

— Sarah Eley, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023

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"We are truly so grateful for the gift and privilege that your loved one has given to us. Throughout my first semester of medical school, I was constantly in awe as we learned about the intricacies of our human body, and even more so in awe of the kind, generous strangers who gave me the opportunity to do so. It is an immense privilege we do not take lightly, and I hope you know that I will be forever grateful to my "first patient"— someone who felt we were worthy of their trust and care. Your loved ones will always hold a special place in our hearts, and the impact they have left is far greater than you may know. Thank you."

— Evelyn Lee, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023

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"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of the men and women who provided us with an extraordinary opportunity in our medical education and inspired me so profoundly. They truly became educators to us as we began our journey to becoming physicians, and their selfless contributions will be forever remembered. Thank you."

— Kelsey Johnson, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023

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"To my donor: It is peculiar to think that while I have never actually met you, I will undoubtedly never forget you. There already exists a profound place in my mind in which you reside, a place I reference for both tangible knowledge and spiritual insight. I expect that you will have an eternal influence on my professional identity, but even more valuable, my mere being. Thank you for the invaluable donation that has added extraordinary meaning to my life."

— Dominique Cox, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023



“Because of your generosity, us students are able to pursue our education, becoming better professionally as well as spiritually. The experience working with donors has been an honor in more ways than one.”

– Giovanna Leone, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“Thank you for your donation. I never could have imagined how beneficial this experience would be. Outside of just the educational benefits, your loved one was able to bring a group of students together to form some of my best friends that I probably wouldn’t have met otherwise. Your donation is truly priceless in my learning and my NEOMED experience, I am extremely thankful.”

– Ashley Labatte, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“I will always remember all of the invaluable things your loved ones taught me. Their gift has provided an enrichment of humility and education to an entirely new generation of future physicians, and I have eternal gratitude for them. Thank you!”

– Michaela N. Jeffers, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



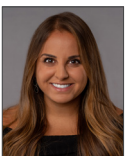
“I want to thank your loved ones for their generous contribution to my education. They served as some of my best teachers during the semester.”

– Prachi Lele, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“As medical students, we spend most of our time tackling the sciences and minute details from biochemical pathways to the anatomy and physiology of our systems. But beneath these details lies a bigger picture; each of these pathways contribute to making us human beings. Your loved ones allowed us to understand this with their willingness to donate. They helped us understand how beautiful and complicated the human body can be, and that beneath the tissues is a human being who lived a life full of love and purpose. Your loved ones continue to live on with the impact they made on our lives because they gave us the gifts of knowledge and understanding that will help us to improve and save the lives of many future patients. Thank you for giving us the honor and opportunity to be able to learn more and grow as future physicians.”

– Daiyajot Grewal, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“Through my experience in anatomy, I had the opportunity to learn from and connect with your loved one. I wanted to express my appreciation for your family’s donation and the bravery of your loved one. Your family member was a rewarding part of our education, and the knowledge they taught us has allowed their legacy to continue in all of us.”

– Taya El-Hayek, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“Thank you so much, for allowing your loved one to make such a generous donation. Such donors have so greatly enriched mine and my peers’ medical school experiences, allowing us to grow and develop into knowledgeable doctors for the future. The experience is additionally one that has humbled me and helped me reconsider the meaning of true selflessness. I truly appreciate this contribution.”  
— *Megha Gupta, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“The generosity of my donor gave me the opportunity to build the foundational knowledge that I will use for the rest of my career. Thank you to my donor for allowing me to learn from them, so that one day I may use that knowledge to care for others.”  
— *Brett Lowden, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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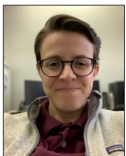
Medicine is a unique profession, requiring the student to learn not only a huge amount of scientific knowledge, but — just as importantly — learn to be a humane caregiver. Over the decade that I’ve been teaching anatomy at NEOMED, this is what I’ve come to view as the greatest gift from your loved ones. With the very first course in medical school, our students immediately experience the intimate relationship between science and humanity that is at the heart of medicine. I thank all of you for your generosity and devotion to helping our students become doctors.  
— *Jesse Young, Associate Professor, Anatomy and Neurobiology*

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“It is difficult to put into words how much we have learned and experienced thanks to both the donor and their family. Your loved one has given us an invaluable foundation and allowed for us the opportunity to appreciate the human body in its entirety. The donations made do not go unnoticed and we are so immensely grateful. Thank you so much for everything that you have done. The memory of your loved one, and the gift they provided us will remain with us for the rest of our lives.”  
— *Sneha Gundavarpu, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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Your loved ones are the first patients our students encounter in a career of practicing medicine. As such, it is a unique and meaningful experience for our students and one they will remember for years to come. As an instructor in the anatomy course, it is a privilege to observe the students realize and appreciate the intersection of medicine and humanity — an understanding that would not be possible without your loved ones. I am incredibly grateful for your generous gift. Thank you.  
— *Erin Franks, Assistant Professor, Anatomy and Neurobiology*



“Thank you so much for the support you have shown the NEOMED community and your loved ones. It was truly an amazing experience that none of us will forget. Most of all, we are so honored and grateful to have received the gift of these experiences and knowledge from your loved ones!”

— Jonathan Fu, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023

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“I cannot express the extent of my gratitude to all donors and their loved ones. It's difficult for me to imagine how hard it must have been for many of the families involved to not have some kind of closure and being unable to say goodbye, especially in these difficult times. I think what all of your family members have done is an incredibly selfless act and shows how they really sought to leave the world in a better place. I hope that myself and my classmates can do a fraction of the good in our lifetimes through the things we have learned off the generosity of the donors and all the families, thank you.”

— Devin Spivey, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023

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“Dear Donor Family, I wanted to write these few statements with whatever small worth they may have to thank not only your loved one, but you as well. They gave all that they owned at death to help the world advance medicine forward and know that their donation was for a good cause. For they were our first true patient and they taught us skills that will mend us into future physicians to better serve the public. Know that with every patient we heal, they will surely be remembered for they helped pave the path for the future of medicine. Thank you.”

— Abdul Jaber, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023

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“Thank you so much for the kindness and support that you and your loved ones have shown through the gift of education. Here at NEOMED, all of us value and appreciate the contributions of your family members. Through these generous contributions, we have been able to gain so much knowledge both of medicine and of the humanities. The education we received is valuable beyond words, and is most appreciated. Again, thank you.”

— Emily Kurth, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023

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“Thank you so much to you and your loved ones for supporting our medical education! My classmates and I are so grateful, and we will make better physicians one day because of your support.”

— Michelle Lin, College of Medicine Student, Class 2023

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“Words will not be able to describe the gratitude we have for your contribution to NEOMED. The knowledge and experience gained from your donation will continue to live on in our practice and beyond. Thank you for making us better doctors and more humble humans.”

— Saimanthra Ganesh, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023

# BODY DONATION MEMORIAL SERVICE

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“To the families, Thank you so much for giving us as students this gift of knowledge. This has been an indescribable experience and I am so grateful to all of you. Thank you again for your support, this was truly an honor.”

– *Joshua Coovert, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“I truly wanted to say thank you so much for the support you have shown for the students here at NEOMED as well as for your loved ones. This was an amazing experience that I will forever be grateful for and it could not have been possible without your support. So again, thank you for contributing to our success and education, it means the world.”

– *Sahar Rehman, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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As a faculty member at NEOMED, I attend the Annual Memorial Service for our donors annually. This event is meaningful for the relatives, the students, and the faculty. It is a place where the NEOMED community can thank the families for their gift and explain how it furthers medical education. This year, it is not possible to have an in-person memorial service. It is not possible for the family members and friends of the deceased to meet the doctors-in-training that have been able to learn and whose early education has been shaped by the experience. Please rest assured that all faculty and students appreciate the gift of the people who donated their bodies and that the experience of learning will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

– *J. G. M. 'Hans' Thewissen, Ingalls-Brown Professor of Anatomy, Anatomy and Neurobiology*

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“Your loved one provided an invaluable gift to our class. We will be better physicians and more humble humans due to their contribution. It was an honor and privilege to learn through the donations of your loved one. I hope you and your loved ones find peace. Thank you so very much.”

– *Alessandro Brunetti, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“There is no finer art, than the act of giving. Giving in this way reaps no reward. The donor doesn't get to see the impact they make on our lives or the precious knowledge they granted us. Their loved ones may never get to know all that we come to appreciate and respect. But I will never forget. I will never forget my first patient and yet, my most powerful teacher. Thank you to the friends and families of our donors, we are grateful you allowed us to be taught by those you loved. This is a gift I will always cherish.”

– *Isabel M. Kiko, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*





“The impact that your loved one’s gift had, and forever will have, on my classmates and me is beyond my ability to articulate. For the duration, the experience granted to us was enlightening not just intellectually but emotionally and spiritually as well. Experiences like this don’t fade from memory but instead we will carry them forward for the rest of our lives. With deepest humility I offer my gratitude and appreciation.”

– Jon Sasse, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“The charity of your gift is so appreciated and a debt that we could never repay. Your loved ones, who became our teachers, will be carried in our hearts as we practice medicine by sharing the lessons learned from them. My deepest gratitude for their teachings.”

– Theresa D'Ettorre, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“As a future physician, I wholeheartedly wish to thank all of our donors and their families for all that they have done for NEOMED and the medical community. Your efforts have offered me and my cohort a unique experience that has been pivotal in guiding us down the path towards becoming compassionate physicians. This irreplaceable experience has been paramount in our medical education and I hope you understand how impactful it has been for us. Again, I would like to thank you so much for all that you have done, for I know that you have made such a positive impact in our community.”

– Bisan Abboud, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“Thank you very much for your loved one’s donation to NEOMED. The amount of valuable information gained from the generous donation enhanced my education tremendously. It was an unforgettable educational experience to be a part of.”

– Andrew Alejo, *College of Graduate Studies Student, Class of 2020*



“The generosity of your loved one is deeply appreciated; it allowed us to have a once in a lifetime experience from which we gained an immense amount of knowledge. Thank you for not only supporting your loved one, but also the students at NEOMED — we are forever grateful.”

– Sonia Kshatri, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“I am so thankful to all of the donors and their loved ones who helped enrich and inspire the education of our class. The profound and meaningful lessons we have been able to learn through this process are a testament to the compassion of each and every one of them. Their kindness will not be forgotten.”

– Nicholas R. Thomas, *College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“NEOMED students deeply appreciate the gift that your loved ones gave us. Their donation has given us invaluable tools in furthering our education. It is through selfless acts like these that medicine continues to advance and flourish.”  
– *Prapti Dalal, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“I want to thank you and your loved ones for the amazing gift that was so generously and lovingly given to us. Words cannot describe its beauty and its great importance to us as persons and future physicians. I am very sorry for your loss and I wish you all comfort and peace.”  
– *Evghenia Rine, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“There truly are no words to express my gratitude for the educational opportunity provided to me by your loved ones. Learning solely in the classroom would not have been as meaningful of an experience. I hope you are at peace with the awareness that your loved ones made a real and lasting impact in our lives as medical students and beyond. Thank you for the bravery, support and selflessness of you and your loved ones. Bless you all!”  
– *Jerika Schirf, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“The highlight of my medical school training will forever be our Human Anatomy course. I learned amazing things and it was only possible because there are people who willingly donate, allowing me to learn in a firsthand manner. I am so grateful. I want you to know that the gifts you have given were worth it and were not taken for granted.”  
– *Levi Franson, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“After several attempts at expressing my gratitude to you in words, I have realized that my gratitude goes far beyond what I can put into words. The donation made by your loved-one has provided a priceless educational experience for me and my classmates. The knowledge that I gained from your loved-one goes far beyond what a textbook or lecture could ever teach, and I will carry that knowledge with me wherever I go. As hard as it is to accept the passing of someone who you held so close to your heart, know that their passing was not in vain – they have provided our entire class of physicians in training with knowledge and experience that will become vital to the treatment of all of our future patients. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.”  
– *Derek Teeling, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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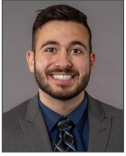
“We cannot thank you and your loved ones enough for this learning opportunity that we’ll never forget. Your loved ones will always be one of our first and best teachers in medical school.”  
– *Pujja Mohan, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



“I want to express my sincerest thanks for the incredible donation you made. Your loved ones bestowed upon us the gift of immense and invaluable knowledge which we hope to use for the rest of our lives. It is hard to put into words how much your generosity truly means to us, but I know it will serve as a reminder for all of us to strive to be the best physicians we possibly can. Thank you.”

– *Sanjay Jinka, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“Thank you for donating your loved one to our medical school. Your loved one was an amazing anatomy teacher for our group, and we are grateful for his generosity in our journey to become physicians.”

– *Dominic Bucci, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“I want to thank you and express my sincere gratitude that was bestowed upon us as students. Thank you very much for your support in our continued medical education. Your support is greatly valued and appreciated. The impact that you have left on us, as students, is immeasurable and the knowledge gained is a gift that we will forever appreciate. Thank you very much.”

– *Payas Shah, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

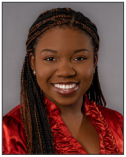
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“Thank you for contributing to the improvement of, not only my medical knowledge, but also my character by choosing to donate. I will forever be grateful to you and the souls who entrusted themselves to the betterment of education.”

– *Mandip Bassi, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

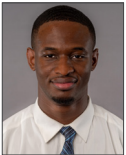
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“Words cannot express how grateful the NEOMED community and I appreciate your support. The experience and knowledge that has been gained during this journey is unmatched. Thank you and your loved ones for helping the next generation of physicians be the best physicians we can be and being a big part of our journey as this is a moment my peers and I will never forget.”

– *Ada Dibor, Medical Student, Class of 2023*

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“No words can properly describe the nobility of the service that your loved ones have given to the advancement of medicine. But I want to say that I am truly honored and humbled to have been able to learn this craft through the donation made by your loved ones and I believe there is something quite transcendent in being able to still positively affect the world even in death. Thank you.

– *Timilehin Ogunjana, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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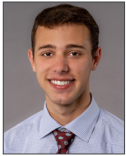
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“Thank you for your generous gift of not only knowledge and understanding, but of selflessness, strength, love and courage. Thanks to you I have learned more about human anatomy, as well as humanity and what it truly means to be human. Thank you for your contribution that will help bring healing to countless others in the future.

– *Tanner McGuire, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“Thank you for the gift you have given. It means more than can be put into words and has been felt by the entire class of 2023. The lessons we have learned will follow us all long into our practice as physicians and will influence the care we give to all our patients. Thank you.”

– *Justin Jickess, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“I would like to thank all of the donors for an amazing, selfless contribution to the education of the students of medicine. Through such a generous act, a vast amount of experience and knowledge was imparted on us that we are so humbly grateful to have received. Thank you.”

– *Kyle Meyer, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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“Anatomy has been a little bit different for me than for others, because my grandfather was also a donor. He passed away when I was really young, so it was amazing after all this time to see firsthand the kind of impact that all donors truly have on medical education. It takes an incredible amount of selflessness to provide us students such an invaluable medium through which we are able to learn the foundations of medicine. Your family member has provided us with knowledge and experience that would have been impossible to obtain without their generous donation, and for that I have nothing but the most profound admiration and respect for each of them. There is truly no greater gift in medicine. I hope it is comforting to think about how your family member has influenced so many of us students, in ways that are honestly impossible to fully put into words. Thank you to all donors and their families for placing such great value on our medical education. I hope to use all I have learned from this experience in a way that can shape someone else's life in the way your loved one has helped to shape mine.”

– *Natalie Menassa, Medical Student, Class of 2023*

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“Thank you for the supporting my education and the NEOMED community. Your loved one's donation is a reminder to me of the selfless individuals I will be caring for in the future, and I am very grateful for this experience. I hope to always provide my best effort and realize that my knowledge and the opportunities that I have been given are products of the generous acts of others.”

– *Zeynep Ozgur, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*



"I am so grateful for your loved one's truly selfless act, which has laid the foundation for my medical education, and career. Because of them, I will be better equipped to serve all of my future patients. I cannot express my gratitude enough, but I will say it again regardless, thank you!"

— *Sophie Bell, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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"Thank you so much for the support you and your family have given to our school. It was an invaluable experience for me to have learned, and I will be forever grateful for this opportunity."

— *Jessica Chang, College of Medicine Student, Class of 2023*

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"To the loved ones of my selfless donor, no words can adequately express my gratitude and respect for your loved one's donation to the scientific community. Because of his gift, I, alongside many soon-to-be doctors, were given the opportunity to learn the incredible intricacies of the human body, which will inevitably enable us all to save countless lives one day. Your loved one's donation, along with your own, has provided an invaluable educational experience to us all — one that pictures or computer simulations could never do justice. I hope you find peace knowing that your loved one's contribution made this world a better and healthier place for everyone."

— *Molly Bannan, College of Graduate Studies Student, Class of 2020*

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On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), I thank your loved one for their generous donation. The educational experience that they gave to our students is fundamental to their training as a physician.

I am sad that we are unable to hold our Memorial Service, so that I could express my gratitude to you in person. We are deeply appreciative.

— *Jeffrey J. Wenstrup, Professor and Chair, Anatomy and Neurobiology*

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Your loved ones "Gave in Death for Those in Life." While we are unable to gather together as a community to pay tribute to their lives, let us remember we are a community, transformed by their selflessness and their sense of purpose to train future physicians to care for patients and to advance medical science. We honor and respect those who have given so much.

— *Elisabeth H. Young, M.D. ('85), Dean of the College of Medicine, Vice President for Health Affairs*



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*"Gone from my Sight" – Rev. Luther Beecher*

I am standing upon the seashore.

A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze,  
and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength,  
and I stand and watch her until she hangs like a speck of white cloud  
just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says: "There! She's gone!"

Gone where? Gone from my sight — that is all.

She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side,  
and just as able to bear her load of living freight  
to the place of her destination.

Her diminished size is in me, and not in her.

And just at the moment

when someone at my side says: "There! She's gone!"  
there are other eyes that are watching for her coming;  
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout:

"There she comes!"  
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