HAD Announces New Faculty Member

The Department is pleased to announce that Gloria J. Bazzoli, Ph.D., will join the faculty in July 2001. Dr. Bazzoli received both her Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science (Economics) degrees from Cornell University. Currently, she is a faculty member at Northwestern University.

Dr. Bazzoli, a well-published national expert in health economics, has extensive research and speaking experiences. Her research interests are in health plan organization and financing, reimbursement systems, and safety net organizations.

We look forward to Dr. Bazzoli’s arrival and know that the Department’s faculty and students will greatly benefit from this faculty addition.

Stuart D. Ogren Scholarship Fund Grows by $75,000

Thanks to Skip Lamb (MHA’58), First Virginia Reinsurance, and matching funds from the MCV Foundation, the Stuart D. Ogren Scholarship endowment just grew by $75,000.

On the heels of two important alumni/eve events last Fall – dedication of a plaque in honor of Stuart D. Ogren and the Ogren Scholars, and the “Partners in the New Vision” kick-off – Skip Lamb asked the Board of First Virginia Reinsurance to consider a $50,000 contribution to the Stuart D. Ogren Scholarship endowment. In December, the Board approved the contribution and on January 18, 2001, Mr. Lamb officially presented the check. There for the official check ceremony were Stuart Ogren, Skip Lamb, and Mickey Dowdy (MCV-Foundation). Dr. Ken White accepted the check on behalf of the Department. (continued on page 2)
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Mr. Lamb, Chairman of the Board for First Virginia Reinsurance, was instrumental in the establishment of the Stuart D. Ogren Scholarship. In 1989, he led a campaign to raise $250,000. Today, with this latest donation and a $25,000 match from the MCV Foundation, the endowment is at the $500,000 mark, making it the largest scholarship endowment on Virginia Commonwealth University’s MCV campus.

The $25,000 in matching funds was made possible by a recent MCV Foundation endowment incentive program that provides funds on a two-to-one match: for every two dollars, the fund provides one dollar in the incentive match. Matching funds can be used for new, endowed gifts/pledges that would equal $10,000 or more. For example, a donor could give $6,667, which would be matched $3,333 for a total gift of $10,000. The initial donation can be from an individual donor or a group of donors and can be pledged over a maximum of five years. According to Skip Lamb, this incentive program played an important factor in prompting his request for the scholarship funds.

Traditionally, three entering MHA students have been awarded Ogren scholarships – approximately $2,000 per semester their first year in the Program. With these additional funds, the Department will be able to add a fourth Ogren scholar each year. Student scholarships are a primary focus for the "Partners in the New Vision" fundraising campaign, and the Ogren scholarship is the most generous scholarship currently available to MHA students.

Since 1989, approximately $134,000 has been awarded to Ogren scholars. Scholarships are the key to recruiting the most talented students nationally – just one step necessary in moving VCU’s Department of Health Administration to the very top of health administration programs in the nation.

From left to right: Dr. Ken White, Mickey Dowdy (MCV Foundation), Stuart Ogren, and Skip Lamb (MHA’58).

Cardwell Reception

Mark your calendars…

The Department of Health Administration will host the annual Cardwell Reception at the ACHE 2001 Congress on Healthcare Management. Please join us:

Tuesday, March 27, 2001
6:15 p.m.
Palmer House Hilton
Private Dining Room # 18

The Reception will begin with a brief business meeting of the Alumni/ae Association, not to exceed 15 minutes. We hope to see you there!