Promising Medical Student Excels with $300,000 Scholarship  
Gift Will Allow Her to Give Back by Working in an Underserved Community

By March 2012, her senior year at Hampton, Mitchell had been accepted into several medical schools. The University of Connecticut School of Medicine offered her a full tuition scholarship, worth about $150,000. And although Howard University was among the schools that accepted Mitchell, the University hadn’t offered her a scholarship upfront. But that didn’t stop Mitchell from making Howard College of Medicine her top choice.

“It felt like home,” Mitchell said of the experience she had at Howard’s campus on Interview Day. “It was the only place students were generally excited to be there every day. The relationships were genuine. It was the place that I could be the most successful. I knew that the money would work out.” And it did. Dr. Ellamae Simmons (M.D. ’59) gifted the Ellamae Simmons Scholarship to her alma mater and Mitchell was selected as the recipient. The $300,000 award covered all her expenses over four years.

“It was humbling,” Mitchell said of her reaction to being selected and of later meeting Simmons in person.

Simmons earned her nursing degree from Hampton in 1940. Because of her ties to both institutions, the scholarship was made available to seniors at Hampton to attend Howard’s College of Medicine.

In 1965, Simmons became the first African-American female physician hired by Kaiser Permanente San Francisco, where she worked as an allergist for more than two decades. Simmons retired as a doctor in 1989 and now lives in Oakland, California.

Because of Simmons’ philanthropy, Mitchell was able to complete medical school with the scholarship funds and was afforded the opportunity to travel abroad to take part in a cultural exchange in Ethiopia during her studies. There, in 2014, she joined attending physicians from Howard University Hospital who taught classes and delivered lectures.

“It was mind-blowing,” Mitchell said. “Ethiopia is beautiful in that it’s a Black country. People assume when they go to Africa that it’s going to be rural. It was nice to see that they have differences in style and access to resources. The level of care that they were able to provide was inspiring.”

Following graduation in May 2016, Mitchell will study obstetrics and gynecology during her medical residency at Eastern Virginia Medical School in her hometown of Norfolk, Virginia. Her ultimate goal is to pursue a fellowship in maternal fetal medicine and serve high-risk mothers in an underserved community, much like the community Howard University Hospital serves.

“The scholarship has given me the opportunity to go where I want,” Mitchell said. “I can choose the community where I’m serving, and not have to worry about paying back student loans.”

With your continued support, students like Leah Mitchell can realize their dreams, aspirations and fulfill their promising destinies.
In memory of her late father, Norris Campbell, who was treated for esophageal cancer at Howard University Hospital, Camille Campbell, her mother Brenda Campbell and uncle Mervyn Campbell, all from Trinidad and Tobago, gave $20,000 to Howard University to establish the Norris Campbell Fund. Additional donations of more than $32,000 have been made, bringing the fund to more than $50,000.

Howard University President Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick treated Norris for three months in 2012. Norris was a “big believer in education,” Camille said. “In these times, with an education, you can be wherever you want,” Camille added. “We didn’t have a choice. To us, [not getting an education] was never really an option.”

Camille said her father was very proud to see Frederick as a successful man who was also from Trinidad and Tobago. Frederick expressed similar sentiments about Norris, whom he said was always very involved in the Trinidad and Tobago community, genuinely cared for and did quite a bit for others. “Mr. Campbell exhibited the excellence that I strive for,” Frederick said.

Norris died in September 2012, but “it wasn’t for a lack of them trying,” Camille noted. “My dad had the best care that [Frederick] could offer,” she said.

Frederick invited the Campbell family to his inauguration, and after learning about different ways to support Howard, the family determined that the fund would be a great way to honor their late father.

“We all decided that, in honor of Dad, [who was] so proud of Wayne, [and] into education, let’s see what we can do to give back to Howard University,” Camille said.

The gift will provide scholarships for students from Trinidad and Tobago who are studying accounting—Norris’ chosen profession—marketing, law and other related majors.

“I hope that we can help some students out there,” Camille said. “It’s a legacy of my dad. If we had to give Howard a thank you in some way, we think that he would appreciate [us establishing the fund]. I wish he was alive and this wasn’t the case...[but] it means education and opportunity for some students from Trinidad and Tobago.”

Howard Giving, our new biannual newsletter, will serve as a better vehicle through which we can communicate with you and share stories that illustrate the fruits of your dollars through our high-achieving student body. Just to give you an idea, the fall 2015 average SAT score for accepted Howard students was 1127, while the national average at that time for African-American students was 855.

When I accepted the role of vice president of Development & Alumni Relations in January, I had two goals in mind for improvement: fundraising and engagement. The heart of the engagement piece of my overall mission is you—our esteemed alumni and donors.

We are also very proud to say that one of our own, political science major Allyson Carpenter, has been awarded a 2016 Truman Scholarship. The scholarship will allow Carpenter up to $30,000 for graduate study. She is one of only 54 students from 47 U.S. colleges and universities across the nation selected for this honor.

Carpenter and others of high academic prowess are the students that your continued dollars go on to support. Giving to Howard is helping to pave the way for future generations and students who are going to make a difference. Howard is an amazing place for students to grow and learn, and go out and change the world.

Excellence in Truth and Service,

Laura H. Jack,
Vice President for Development & Alumni Relations
Retired Urologist Gives $1 Million Toward Scholarships

Dr. David M. Falk, a 101-year-old retired urologist of Palm Springs, California, has included a $1 million gift in his will to benefit students in three schools and colleges at Howard University: College of Medicine, College of Nursing and School of Law. The funds are to be divided equally among the three entities.

“I am sincerely thankful for the gift that Dr. Falk so graciously bestowed upon the students of Howard University,” said Howard University President Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick. “With this gift, many other students will be able to afford to further their education at this great institution.”

Joel Rhone

Falk earned an M.D. in 1943 from Albany Medical College and practiced urology in Bakersfield, California. He had no previous connection with the University. But one interaction inspired Falk and his late wife, Elynor, to support the University. For Falk, who worked as a surveyor of hospitals with the Joint Commission on Accreditation, it was an encounter he had with a young Howard University Hospital executive, in the ’80s, while surveying the hospital. Falk said he was impressed with the executive and the faculty who spoke with him about quality of care. For Falk’s wife, Elynor, who died in 1996, it was her experience meeting two Black nurses, who, despite being qualified, could not get jobs.

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Snapshot of 2015-2016 Scholarship Recipients

RHONE LANDS MARSHALL FUNDING FOR STUDY ABROAD

Joel Rhone was selected as a 2016 Marshall Scholarship winner. The scholarship, which fully finances young Americans' study for a degree in the United Kingdom, allowed Rhone, a senior English major, to study state power, war culture and the ways in which African-American literature has treated the African-American church in a Master's degree program at the University of Manchester.

TWO NAMED RHODES FINALISTS

Stacey Roheman was selected as a 2016 Commonwealth Caribbean Rhodes Scholarship finalist. Roheman, a senior and legal communications major from St. Lucia, is a student-athlete on the University's tennis team with a 3.9 GPA.

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THREE STUDENTS WIN MEDIA AWARDS

Three Howard University students were awarded scholarships at the 2015 White House Correspondents’ Association annual dinner on April 25, 2015. Winners were junior Jourdan Henry, junior Precious Osagie-Erese and sophomore Brandi Hopkins.
Howard University is **#1 in the nation** of undergraduate institutions supplying Black applicants to U.S. medical schools, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

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**JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP SURPASSES GOAL**

The Artishia and Frederick Jordan Scholarship Board established a partnership with Howard University in June 2010. The Board’s initial goal was to provide at least $500,000 by 2016, the 40th anniversary of the founding of the fund, for tuition scholarships for students involved in the religious life of the University, primarily through Rankin Chapel. Students who are selected for the scholarship demonstrate academic potential, good character and a commitment to community service. On April 3, 2016, at the regularly scheduled Rankin Chapel service, the Jordan Board marked a significant milestone—$536,000 for 48 scholarships in just six years.

Bishop Frederick Douglass Jordan (1901-1979) started the scholarship fund for students at Morris Brown College during the 1976 General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in memory of his late wife, Artishia Wilkerson Jordan. Between 1976 and 2008, more than 1,000 scholarships were awarded to Morris Brown and 28 in 2009-2010 to UNCF students. Bishop Jordan attended Howard University as an undergraduate, where he helped to establish Howard’s first college branch of the NAACP. He was also the treasurer of Bishop Jordan attended Howard University as an undergraduate, where he helped to establish Howard’s first college branch of the NAACP. He was also the treasurer of Howard’s first Student Council and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Artishia and the bishop’s sister, Alice, also attended Howard in the 1920s. Elected a bishop of the AME church in 1952, Bishop Jordan made substantial contributions to the nation and the AME church. Both as a pastor and bishop, he was known as a fervent and militant advocate for civil rights and progressive social change.

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