

# THE CATALYST CAMPAIGN

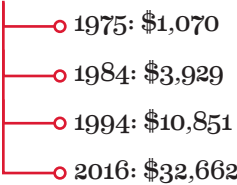
## A CATALYST FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW'S PHYSICIANS

### Funding Priority: Student Scholarships

For more than 210 years, the University of Maryland School of Medicine has provided transformational education for thousands of aspiring medical professionals. Students from all socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds create a rich, stimulating learning environment that better reflects the patient populations these future physicians will one day serve.

Scholarships are important resources that help us offset the high cost of education, keeping it affordable for all qualified students, regardless of background, who wish to pursue a career in medicine. However, in light of the increasing costs of medical education, additional resources are needed.

### Over the years, annual in-state tuition rates\* have increased dramatically:



\*Tuition cost only (no fees included in this figure)

We need your financial support to recruit talented students who represent the diversity of our state and nation, to unlock the mysteries of medical puzzles and affect the lives of many people, and relieve the debt burden our graduates face.

| Annual Costs | Maryland Residents | Non-Maryland Residents |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Tuition      | \$32,662           | \$58,906               |
| Fees         | \$1,898            | \$1,898                |
|              | <b>\$34,560</b>    | <b>\$60,804</b>        |

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## THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

### ◦ *Relieving Financial Burden*

As a teen, **Amy Zheng, MD '18**, and her parents were seriously injured in an accident and spent several weeks recovering at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. The family had health insurance, but even so, medical bills were expensive. Zheng was excited to apply to the School of Medicine, but she was concerned about the cost.

Then a surprise announcement changed everything. Zheng was awarded the **Daniel J. Abramson Scholarship** and the **Elwin & Florence Gottdiener Scholarship**, both created by alumni, which together covered the cost of her tuition. “The day I got the letter about the scholarship, my dad called to tell me,” she says. “He couldn’t believe it. Both of my parents were crying out of joy.”



### *Making Dreams Possible* ◦

Scholarship support helps students, like **Jonathan Danquah, MD '16**, and **Alexandra Simpson, MD '17**, fulfill their lifelong dreams of becoming a physician. “This scholarship allowed me to focus less on the high cost of medical school, and more on what I actually came to school to study — for that I am extremely grateful,” says Dr. Danquah, an alumnus and **Lester Fox Scholar**. Simpson, a **Lloyd & Judith Kramer Scholar** and **Henry Rolando Scholar**, says, “The scholarship alleviated some of the

burden from my loans, allowing me to focus more on my professional development as a student, a leader, and a future healthcare provider.”