School of Medicine alumnus and family establish medical student scholarship endowment

Dr. John V. Anooshian ’88 (general studies/premedical sciences), '93 M.D., and the Anooshian family recently established a medical student scholarship endowment to benefit medical students at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Anooshian is joined by his father, Armen, a retired engineer, and mother, Connie, a former teacher and librarian, in creating the endowment, which will provide scholarship support beginning in the 2012-13 academic year.

“My parents and I recalled that I had received some scholarship money at the University for undergraduate work,” Anooshian says. “This new scholarship was our way of expressing our thanks.”

Anooshian, a 1983 graduate of Incline High School, is in practice as a psychiatrist in Las Vegas with Mojave Adult, Child and Family Services, a nonprofit affiliate of the School of Medicine, with offices in northern and southern Nevada. The organization offers comprehensive community services for adults and children with psychiatric disabilities or serious emotional illness.

“I have been fortunate in many ways as a result of my hard work and the education, training and experience I received at the University of Nevada, Reno,” Anooshian says. “I’ve done really well in my profession, so I figured this scholarship is a good beginning of something I could do.”

Anooshian originally toured other schools, including Stanford University, before selecting the University for both his undergraduate and medical degrees.

“I had a really great experience at Nevada,” he says. “I have to say, with some of the great teachers I had—who I still remember to this day—I don’t think I would have received a better education, whether I was at Harvard or anywhere else.”

Anooshian also recalls the personal attention he received at Nevada, which he attributes to the smaller class sizes and the accessibility of his professors.

“That’s one thing I really liked about the University, particularly in the undergraduate classes,” he says. “Maybe since I was coming from a small high school, the class sizes weren’t so overwhelming that you couldn’t meet with the professors. When it came time for getting letters of reference and recommendation for graduate work, the professors knew who you were and could be a lot more helpful that way.”

—Roseann Keegan

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