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Local Medical Student Receives First-Ever Foundation Education Award Scholarship

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The first-ever Foundation Education Award Scholarship of \$2,577 was awarded to Anup Bhattacharya. The fund is housed within and administered by The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Anup is a resident of Philadelphia and is currently a fourth-year medical student at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. He is the son of Sara S. Bhattacharya in Springfield, Pa.

In March of 2017, the Foundation received a gift from the Pittsburgh Foundation in the amount of \$2,577 on behalf of the late Dr. Jeanne A. Cooper of Allegheny County. The entirety of the gift is to be used for the purpose of scholarships or grants to medical students. Annual gifts, from this donor advised fund, of a similar amount are expected in perpetuity. Individuals who wish to support medical student scholarships, but are unable to commit to the Foundation's minimum \$50,000 fund balance requirement, are encouraged to support this fund.

Dr. Cooper's gift is a stepping stone for the Foundation Education Award by promoting the example of planned philanthropic giving. Dr. Cooper will be honored as the charter member of establishing this fund and remembered over time as funds continue to grow. The Foundation is extremely grateful for contributors like Dr. Cooper.

Through his clinical experiences, research, and networking, Anup continues to reaffirm his interest and recognition of radiology importance. "Working alongside radiologists showed me how gratifying it was to make the correct diagnosis after piecing together information from the patient history, exam, and imaging. The practice of medicine relies on the radiologist as the master diagnostician to provide accurate and timely reads that have the potential to alter the course of the patient care, and I find tremendous satisfaction in knowing that one day I will have the opportunity to make a difference."

Anup continues to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to become an outstanding radiologist, and he aims to serve his community the best he possibly can in the future. "I will

bring my energy and enthusiasm to my community in order to lead, learn, and teach for the benefit of the patients we serve. As I look forward to the next steps along my professional medical journey, I am humbled by the opportunities that I have had and for those that await me. I am excited to make a positive and meaningful difference in the lives of those around me."

The Foundation, a nonprofit affiliate of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, sustains the future of medicine in Pennsylvania by providing programs that support medical education, physician health and excellence in practice. It has helped finance medical education for more than 63 years.

For more information about this scholarship, or other scholarship opportunities, please visit www.foundationpamedsoc.org. For questions, contact the Foundation's Student Financial Services Director, Deborah Monko at (717) 558-7854.

