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Indian Doctors Association of Houston Establishes Medical Scholarship

Award is association's first at an academic health science center

GALVESTON, Texas—The Indian Doctors Association of Houston has established an endowed scholarship at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to recognize outstanding students who are part of the university's South Asian Medical Student Association. The scholarship is the association's first award created at an academic health science center.

“We are pleased to establish this scholarship at UTMB to reward medical students who have demonstrated a marvelous work ethic as they study to become physicians skilled in compassionate patient care,” said Dr. Jignesh Shah, the association's president. “We look forward to awarding this accolade to its first recipient.”

Dr. Charles P. Mouton, executive vice president, provost and dean of the UTMB School of Medicine, thanked the association for its commitment to the school's educational mission. “The medical students who earn the Indian Doctors Association of Houston scholarship will become skilled physicians dedicated to making new health care innovations,” he said. “We

are very grateful to the association for providing crucial financial assistance to tomorrow's leaders in patient-centered clinical care.”

Founded in 1983, the association is a nonprofit, networking forum for physicians of Indian origin. The association provides support for charity health care in the greater Houston area, raises funds for college scholarships benefiting high school students and offers health education in the community. IDA membership benefits include free continuing medical education events, educational seminars, mentoring programs, volunteering within and outside the United States and social networking opportunities.

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