History of Named Awards
(Revised 12/15)

In early 1994, the AAO Foundation received a gift from the estate of the late Dr. Earl Shepard, thanks to the efforts of Dr. William Schwartz, an AAO member, and his brother, Mr. Robert Schwartz, members of the family and co-executors of Dr. Shepard's estate. The Foundation Board honored the family’s request that there be established in perpetuity, the Willie and Earl Shepard Memorial Fellowship Award. The funds necessary for this include the bequest noted above, a gift received previously from the American Board of Orthodontics and a gift from Dr. Shepard's family so that the total exceeded $125,000. In addition to the Shepard Fellowship, the Board determined that one more Fellowship Award and eight Biomedical Research Awards might also be named by having one or more persons pledging at the Regent level ($25,000) or higher, combine their pledges to create an aggregate of a minimum of $125,000.

Since that time, Drs. Eugene Blair, William DeKock, James Gjerset, T. M. Graber and George Kottemann have combined their pledges and have named the B. F. Dewel Memorial Research Award; Mr. And Mrs. Leo (Linda) Dohn and Drs. Raymond George, Sr., Raymond George, Jr., Hugh Phillips, Perry Opin and Charles Ruff have pooled their pledges and have named the Anthony A. Gianelly Teaching Fellowship Award; Drs. Kolman Apt, Robert Bray, Robert Fry, Ronald Redmond and John Ziegler have combined their pledges to name the Subtelny, Baker, Eastman Teaching Fellowship Award; Drs. Douglas Eversoll, James Kohl, Darrel Moreland, John Pershing and Stephen Roehm have combined their pledges to name the T.M. Graber Teaching Fellowship Award; Drs. Fred Garrett, Anthony Harwell, Larry Mayer, R. Wick Alexander, Larson Keso, Albert Owen, III, Harry Ryburn, William Mardaga, Woodson Tottenham, C. Lynn Davis, John Gerling, James May, Jeff Keeling, Lee Mahlmann and Joel Martinez have combined their pledges to designate the Albert P. Westfall Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award; the Robert E. Gaylord Teaching Fellowship Award, and the Fred F. Schudy Memorial Research Award; Drs. Patrick Dreiling (Founder) and Terry Duncan have combined their pledges to designate the Robert M. Ricketts Sunflower Orthodontics Fellowship Award; Drs. Jeffrey Cavanaugh, Oles Drobocky, Courtney Gorman, Jeff Schauder, Stephen Scott, Jeff Thompson, David Wardlaw, and Robert Waxler have combined their pledges to designate the Michael Matlof Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award; Drs. Richard Albright, Dwight Damon, J. Anthony Quinn, John Robert Smith, and Gilbert Snow have combined their pledges to designate the Orhan C. Tuncay Teaching Fellowship Award; Drs. Robert Boyd, Harry Hatasaka, James Mc Namara, George S. Payne, and Richard Savage have combined their pledges to designate the Eugene E. West Memorial Fellowship Award; Drs. Lawrence Harte, George Scott, David Solomon, and Frederic Sterritt (Fellow) have created the Robert E. Binder Teaching Fellowship Award; Drs. Rick Boyd, Thomas H. Dembinski, Randy Ellis, Rick Fuchs, James Hanigan, Lindsay Durham Limbaugh, Don Mayer and American Orthodontics, have combined their pledges to designate the The Fred and Dianne Garrett Biomedical Research Award, in honor of Dr. Fred Garrett for all he has done for the AAOF and for teaching at UT Houston for more than 50 years; the Robert L. Boyd Biomedical Research Award was established via the support of Tom Prescott, Drs. Bob Bray, Clark Colville, Bob Fry, Bill Gerie, Dave Paquette, Mark Perelmutter, Ron Redmond, and Randy Womack, for Dr. Boyd’s many contributions to orthodontics and the AAO Foundation; and with the combined efforts of Drs. W. Eugene Roberts, Jr., Chris Chang, Charles Coghlan, Gene Dellinger, Jerry R. Hickman, Michael
Marcotte, Anthony Puntillo, Charles Simons and Rodrigo Viecilli, the **Burstone-Indiana Biomechanics Award** has been established with the successful applicant of the award each year being designated as a Burstone Fellow in Biomechanics; and through the efforts of Scott Huge and Arlen Hurt of Specialty Appliances, David Allesee of Allesee Orthodontic Appliances (AOA)/Ormco, Great Lakes Orthodontics, and Reliance Orthodontics have established the **James A. McNamara Orthodontic Faculty Fellowship Award**.

Additionally, the Foundation has available the Center Award designation which may be established when one or more pledges at the Regent level ($25,000) or higher are combined to create an aggregate of a minimum of $250,000. Listed in the order in which these awards were created, the six such awards currently are the **GAC International Corporate Center Award**, the **Ormco/'A' Company Corporate Center Award**, the **3M Unitek Corporate Center Award**, the **Align Technology, Inc. Corporate Center Award**, the **American Orthodontics Corporate Center Award**, and the **T.P. Orthodontics Corporate Center Award**.

In 2014, the Schulman Study Group (headed by the efforts of Drs. Ron Redmond, SSG CEO, and Robert James Bray, SSG member) made a $500,000 pledge, restricted to the Research Initiative, with their support to go to name the **Martin “Bud” Schulman Post-doctoral Fellowship Award**, the one PFA available for naming.

The AAO Foundation Board encourages interested individuals to contact Mr. Robert Hazel, Foundation Executive Vice President, at 800/424-2841, ext. 546, for further information on how Teaching Fellowship, Biomedical Research and Center Awards are named.

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1. At the August 1999 meeting of the AAO Foundation Board of Directors, the directors determined that the number of Teaching Fellowship Named Awards and Biomedical Research Named Awards would be increased from two and six, respectively, to a maximum of twelve each.