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The Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University is pleased to announce a gift of \$2 million from Jim and Nancy Baxter that will provide scholarships to underrepresented students in medicine and support diversity programs at the college. The scholarships, to be named the “Baxter Family Scholarships,” will award full tuition to the Sidney Kimmel Medical College to four students in each of the incoming classes of 2020 and 2021.

This is the second gift Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have given to Jefferson, with a previous being used to establish an endowed fellowship in neonatology. A column in a Jefferson newsletter from the Office of Institutional Advancement about scholarship support helped to motivate Mr. & Mrs. Baxter in making the decision to donate to this specific cause for their second gift.

“Our family is very pleased to support Jefferson’s increased focus on diversity and inclusion within The Sidney Kimmel Medical College,” said Jim Baxter on behalf of himself and his wife. “We’re hopeful our commitment will help to reduce the significant healthcare disparities that exist in our city today.”



Dr. Bernard Lopez, Dr. Traci Trice and SKMC student Peter Salam Beah at a dinner to thank the Baxter family for their donation.

The Chief Diversity Officer at Jefferson, Mr. Joseph Hill, commented on the significance of the Baxter’s gift by saying, “At Jefferson, we believe that a diverse and inclusive environment is fundamental to our mission for the advancement of health and the achievement of health equity. This generous gift from the Baxter Family will ensure that students of diverse backgrounds will be afforded the opportunity to gain their medical education and help to change the landscape of healthcare.”

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