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Dr. David B. Nash, MD, MBA would like to formally acknowledge John P. Whitecar, Jr, MD, for his generous contribution to the Department of Health Policy at Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. Whitecar, a native Philadelphian, graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1964. He is a medical hematologist-oncologist in Columbus, MS. His older daughter, Linnane Batzel, MD, MBA, an emergency room specialist, graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1999. Though she ultimately received her MBA from Penn State, she was in the first class of the Jefferson MD, MBA program. His younger daughter, Colleen Whitecar, is currently a senior at Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. Whitecar has served as a role model and leader for others. At Jefferson Dr. Whitecar was president of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society (1963-64). He established the Medical Oncology Program at Brooke Army Medical Center in Houston, Texas. A solo practitioner since 1970, Dr. Whitecar is a Platinum Member of the Hope Foundation, whose mission is to support clinical cancer research all over the world. He is also a member of the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG), one of the largest of the National Cancer Institute-supported cancer clinical trials cooperative groups in the United States. SWOG's primary mission is clinical research in the prevention and cure of cancer in adults.

Once again, the Department of Health Policy would like to express its gratitude for Dr. Whitecar's gift, which will support ongoing departmental activities such as the Health Policy Newsletter.