

# **Mercer University School of Medicine**



**At the Heart of Health Care in Georgia**





**O**VER THE PAST TWO DECADES, THE Mercer University School of Medicine has been instrumental in helping Georgia residents access quality health care — wherever they live — by educating students to become primary care physicians in rural and other medically-underserved areas of the State. Today, 304 Mercer Medical School graduates are in practice with 72 percent practicing in Georgia. Of those, nearly half are treating patients who live in federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Areas.

The School's success in meeting the health care needs of Georgia residents has received national recognition. Mercer School of Medicine consistently ranks No. 1 in the country in the percentage of graduates choosing to enter primary care and has received numerous awards for its success in educating and motivating students to pursue careers in family medicine.

As part of the curriculum, Mercer Medical School faculty have established more than 200 preceptor sites throughout the state, where local physicians provide medical students with hands-on training and observation. As teachers, these physicians must stay on the leading edge of new advances in medical treatment — a benefit to our students and to the patients they treat.

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Mercer's success in meeting its mission extends beyond the medical education curriculum and truly places the School at the heart of health care in Georgia. In 1994, the Medical School played an integral role in launching the state's Area Health Education Centers, which bring additional health care to traditionally underserved areas. In addition, the School has created one of the largest medical information networks connecting hospitals and office practices with the most current medical information available.

**Help Mercer continue to meet the health care needs of Georgia.**

Your gift to the annual fund — no matter the amount — will help support Mercer's medical education program. A program dedicated to the lives of Georgians.

**Your gift can help secure Mercer academically and financially.**

In addition to scholarships, your gift provides necessary resources for student support services, as well as library acquisitions, computer facilities, and of course, budget items that are only partially covered by tuition.

**Your gift also shows pride in Mercer University School of Medicine,** whether you are a graduate, a friend or a member of the faculty and staff. In fact, public and private foundations consider alumni and faculty participation when deciding to make a gift to the School.

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