The Impact of Private Support

- The College’s mission is to develop new physicians to serve in primary care. Alumni support allows the College to continue providing an excellent education to students who can help meet the growing need for primary care providers.

- To provide incentives to keep newly graduated physicians in Florida, the FSU experience must be contemporary and cost-effective to promote service in primary care specialties.

- Donor support is critical for maintaining the professional development and community outreach clubs, as well as creating opportunities for students to provide care to underserved populations.

- Gifts help fund scholarships that attract a diverse student body, as well as nationally prominent faculty members.

- The College continues to add new students, faculty and academic programs. Financial support from the state of Florida may not keep pace with program requirements, making private support crucial.

- Private contributions help fund vital resources, including research opportunities, community assistance programs and extra-curricular involvement in healthcare and medical practice delivery in Florida communities.
The FSU Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine & Law was established to promote cooperation and collaboration between the two fields.

To date, more than 56 percent of the College’s graduates have entered primary care residency programs, consistent with the College’s mission. Two-thirds of graduates who complete residency training are practicing in Florida, with most of those graduates working in primary care.

Six regional campuses have been opened, allowing for one-on-one clinical training in community settings.

Students participate in outreach at Florida high schools as part of the Science Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity Excellence program. The SSTRIDE program connects medical students as mentors to high school students, especially students from rural, minority or disadvantaged backgrounds, who are interested in careers in primary care. The program currently serves more than 400 area students.

The student organization, FSUCares, provides health services, including medical care, education and counseling, to people in underserved and underprivileged populations who would not otherwise have access to care. The program serves both local and international populations and provides interactive, clinical learning for students.

The College of Medicine’s internal medicine residency program opened in summer 2013.

The Clinical Skills and Simulation Center is a state-of-the-art teaching facility that provides students with opportunities to learn and practice patient-centered healthcare skills using tailored training simulators with standardized patient scenarios.

The Florida State University College of Medicine has been granted the maximum eight-year accreditation by the sanctioning body of U.S. medical schools.

In May 2014, the FSU Autism Institute helped develop a website intended to provide Floridians a definitive source of autism information.

Research and scholarly activity is a prominent focus in the college. Selected departmental medical education research projects include:

- High fidelity simulators and standardized patients to develop clinical thinking;
- The post-baccalaureate bridge program, “Student Success”;
- Domestic violence training;
- Characteristics of primary care physicians that graduate from the College of Medicine;
- Medical students and empathy; and
- Obesity, culture and weight loss.