

A letter to the Class of 1959 from Dr. Mac DuBose

I regret that a conflict of previously scheduled events prevents me from attending the 50th reunion of the Class of 1959 of The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. I have asked my friend and fellow surgical resident, Dr. Clyde Cox, to read this note to the class at an appropriate time.

In August 2008 my wife and I made a gift of \$1,000,000 to the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine upon the termination of a Charitable Remainder Unitrust to benefit the School of Medicine for a research fund intended to assist Fellows and junior faculty in the School of Medicine to leverage promising inter-departmental research efforts by providing seed funding for ideas that would otherwise not be considered. This fund will be named the Dr. John McNeely DuBose and Lynne Koehler DuBose fellowship fund for Medical Discovery. The creation of this gift is to be announced at the June 2009 50th reunion of the Medical School Class of 1959.

I will always remember the feeling of awe and great challenge I felt in the fall of 1955. The personalities of our teachers – Dr. Allen Grafflin of Anatomy, Dr. Philip Bard of Physiology, Dr. A.R. Rich of Pathology, Dr. Alfred Blalock of Surgery and so many others. That fall of '55, in spite of prior academic success, I must admit that after three weeks of struggling with anatomy, I felt 6 weeks behind. The thrill of learning and the challenge of each new area of our medical school experience was a constant stimulus. We had the great fortune to be exposed to the best medical education in the world.

It is now my privilege to say “thank you” and to give back to this institution which so profoundly affected my life.