

Morgan Dana Harrington



Morgan Dana Harrington and her father, Daniel Harrington, M.D., at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine

“Morgan was a shiny, loving, beautiful original. She was very much loved by her family, friends, and her community, which has now expanded to include much of the world. We cherish the time we had with Morgan and are grateful for the breadth and variety of experiences we were able to share in her tragically abbreviated life. Many people have been asking me about remembering Morgan. This new scholarship seems appropriate, since she worked with me at the school for a summer and I believe her experiences with the professional women mentors there changed her life.”

*-Daniel Harrington, M.D.
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The Morgan Dana Harrington Scholarship Fund



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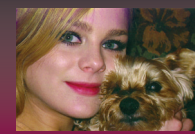
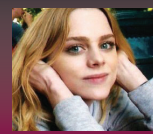
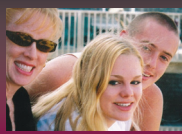
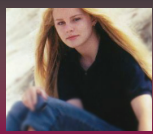
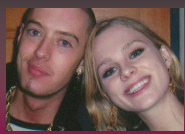
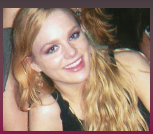
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available upon request.



Honoring a Life, Building a Future





Honoring a Life

Morgan Dana Harrington worked at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine for a summer before returning to Virginia Tech for her senior year of study. In her short time at VTC, Morgan's ebullient laugh and can-do spirit left an indelible imprint on our team. This scholarship was created to honor her memory.

"More than 80 percent of medical students graduate with an educational debt that now averages over \$130,000. In addition to the ethical imperative to relieve this burden, the 'price tag' of medical school discourages college students of high potential but modest means from even considering a medical career. Similarly, the prospect of such a heavy debt load may discourage medical students from choosing less lucrative, but potentially more socially responsible, career paths."
-Excerpt from a 2009 Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation report

The Need

Competition among medical schools to recruit top applicants is intense. The offer of a scholarship can be a deciding factor for these exceptional applicants.

Medical school applicants consider many factors when choosing a particular school. The academic records (grade point average and Medical College Admissions Test scores) of matriculated students at the school are an important factor in this determination because they are a proxy for the academic vigor of the school.

Recruiting and retaining the most competitive students builds a strong foundation, which in turn, attracts top faculty, research funding, and philanthropic support.

In order to attract the best, VTC has an ambitious goal to offer scholarships for all students. While achieving this goal will likely take years, VTC believes that the quality of our students is the key to our success.

By supporting a scholarship, you will help a high-achieving student earn a medical degree without the fear of burdening debt.

The VTC Difference

The Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine is Virginia's newest medical school. We welcomed our charter class in August 2010.

VTC's groundbreaking curriculum integrates basic sciences, clinical sciences and skills, research, and interprofessionalism throughout four years of study.

In addition, our students have the opportunity to learn outside of lectures. A problem-based learning format is used to study real-life patient cases each week. Students work in small groups on these cases with the guidance of a facilitator. At the end of the week, students meet and interact with the actual patient and physician from the case. This approach develops physicians who will make patients the central focus of their professional practice, ultimately improving patient care.

Our curriculum is built around a small class size of 42 students. This gives each student individualized attention and allows for active involvement in an intense and rich educational environment.

*VTC's Mission:
To develop physician thought leaders
through inquiry,
research and discovery.*

Building a Future

There are many ways to honor the life of Morgan Dana Harrington. We ask you to consider giving a donation in her name to help build the future of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

*Tuition and Fees:
\$45,000 per student per year*

While gifts of any size are welcome, we ask for you to consider outright gifts in \$45,000 increments to help us achieve our immediate goal of providing scholarships for all VTC students. This allows for a scholarship to immediately be awarded to a deserving student.

Another gift for consideration is an endowment of \$1 million. This will make \$45,000 per year available to cover tuition and fees for an exceptional VTC student.

By making your gift, you not only demonstrate strong support for education and the medical profession, you also become a founding supporter of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. By giving to the Morgan Dana Harrington Scholarship Fund, your name will be added to a plaque honoring others who gave in memory of Morgan. In addition, gifts large enough to cover a scholarship for a year or more qualify the donor to be part of the VTC Scholarship Society.

We look forward to working with you to honor Morgan's life and to create a unique program that is transforming medical education and improving patient care throughout the commonwealth and the nation.

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