The School of Medicine Alumni Association of The University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio has established the Carlos Pestana, M.D., Ph.D. Medical Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment Fund. In accordance with criteria as established by the School of Medicine Alumni Association, and in compliance with rules and procedures of The University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio (UTHSCSA), it has been determined that an annual scholarship award will be presented from the endowment earnings. Criteria as outlined in the School of Medicine Alumni Association letter of transmittal to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System are as follows:

“Students ranked among the top 25 of their class at the completion of their third year of medical school are eligible. Nominations, in the form of a letter of recommendation from a member of the faculty, should specifically detail the nominee’s academic talent, clinical skills and high ethical standards. Professional and community activities at a local, state or national level may be considered in recommending students for this recognition. In addition to the letter of recommendation, qualified students must submit a one-page vignette summarizing a personal clinical/medical experience.

Final selection of the recipient will be made by the dean of the School of Medicine. Suggestions regarding the award may be provided to the dean by the associate and assistant deans with one alumni association representative (as designated by the president of the medical alumni association). However, the dean of the School of Medicine shall make the final recommendation regarding the award.”

Nominations are now being sought for this award. Please forward letters of nomination to the Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs no later than Friday, March 13, 2009. The students, who are nominated, if qualified, will be asked to prepare the requested personal statement.

Thank you for your attention to and participation in this nomination process. If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs at 567-4429.