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Letter from the Chair



James F. Donohue, MD

The ATS Foundation Board of Trustees wishes you and your family happy holidays!

During the holiday season, we take stock of what makes us grateful, we give our gifts and our time to loved ones, and we help others. I hope you will include the ATS Foundation in your giving. The ATS Foundation has joined the #GivingTuesday campaign, a day dedicated to giving back. We encourage you to participate in #GivingTuesday on December 2, and celebrate the joy of giving.

Please give back on December 2, and continue the giving party through the end of the year by making a tax-deductible gift to the ATS Foundation Funds for the Future Campaign in support of:

- Young Investigators Research Program: providing lifeline funding for outstanding early stage-investigators pursuing promising cures and treatments for respiratory patients (*Darrell Kotton, MD, one of our earliest awardees, is featured on page 3*);
- Ziskind Clinical Research Scholars Awards: recognizing the contributions of outstanding clinical researchers and educators (*Learn about nominating a fellow on page 3*);
- MECOR: improving global health through research and education in Africa and Asia;
- Assemblies: supporting ATS assembly projects, activities, and awards.

In addition to making your own gift, I hope you will join me in asking your colleagues, friends, and loved ones for their support, too. Please make this the best giving season ever—**for the sake of our patients!** ■

Opening Early December: Benefit and ATS 2015 Registration!

When you register for the ATS 2015 International Conference in Denver, don't forget to register for the ATS Foundation Research Program Benefit.

The Benefit will honor Marvin Schwarz, MD, a world-renowned interstitial lung disease and pulmonary fibrosis expert. It promises to be a festive evening with food and drinks, music and dancing—and the opportunity to mingle with the best and brightest in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine.

When you make gifts totaling \$1,000-\$2,499 between June 1, 2014, and May 16, 2015, you have the opportunity to access one of the three premium hotels we have blocked for ATS 2015. With gifts totaling \$2,500 or more, you are entitled to receive your first-choice, premium hotel. **Don't wait, as these rooms are snapped up fast! Ensure you get the best hotel opportunity by making a gift before December 31.**

Plus, when you register for the Benefit or make a gift of \$300 or more between June 1, 2014, and May 16, 2015, you'll be granted access to the Donor Appreciation Suite and express registration (no waiting in line!) during ATS 2015. The Donor Appreciation Suite offers breakfast and snacks, Internet and printer usage, and access to special meeting rooms.

It's all our way of saying thank you for your generosity!

Premium hotel and Benefit registration open in early December. Please contact Ally Felix at afelix@thoracic.org or 212-315-6464 for details. ■

SAVE THE DATE! SEVENTH ANNUAL ATS FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM BENEFIT

honoring
Marvin Schwarz, MD

**SATURDAY
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Why I Give



Mark Gladwin, MD

Mark Gladwin, MD, is the chief of pulmonary, allergy and critical care medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and director of the Pittsburgh Heart, Lung, Blood, and Vascular Medicine Institute. His clinical research and expertise focuses on pulmonary hypertension and the pulmonary complications of sickle cell disease.

Dr. Gladwin gives back to the pulmonary community through his dedication to improving patient care, commitment to supporting young researchers, and generous contributions to the ATS Foundation.

What inspires you to give? A central passion of mine is the support of physician-scientists. Many young investigators are struggling in the midst of a sustained federal government/NIH recession. The ATS Foundation supports research in lung diseases, and I think it's really critical that organizations like ATS step into that breach.

What do you think differentiates the ATS Foundation from other groups working on pulmonary diseases? The ATS is the major organization that promotes academic pulmonary medicine. It's the home to serious physician-scientists and academic leaders. The ATS Foundation represents that important leadership group.

What do you do when you aren't working? I'm always working! I have kids that are 9, 11, and 13, and they keep me very busy playing soccer.

What might someone be surprised to know about you? I still play competitive soccer in an over-40 outdoor premier league.

Thank you, Dr. Gladwin, for everything you do for the ATS Foundation! ■

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Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the ATS Foundation!

In 2015, we launch our celebration of 10 years of success supporting the outstanding researchers, clinicians, and educators who are preventing, treating, and curing respiratory diseases worldwide.

Thank you for making these successes possible.
Join the celebration!

Stay tuned for details.

Nominate a Fellow for the 2015 Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award



Michelle Biehl, MD

The Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award is an ATS Foundation award honoring pulmonary and critical care fellows engaged in clinical research and medical education.

The award, launched in 2013, is named for **Morton Ziskind, MD**, a charismatic clinical researcher and educator known for his pioneering

mentorship of his fellows.

Michelle Biehl, MD, chief fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the Mayo Clinic, is the inaugural Ziskind Awardee. Dr. Biehl was honored at the ATS 2014 International Conference.

“We wanted to send a powerful message that this is a prestigious award. And we did that by selecting Dr. Biehl,” say Ziskind mentee **William C. Bailey, MD**, chair of the Ziskind Award review committee and professor of medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Lung Health Center.

To be considered for the Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award, applicants must be nominated by a faculty mentor, division director, program director, or associate program director.

Nominations are due January 12, 2015. For more information on the Ziskind Award, please visit foundation.thoracic.org/Programs/Ziskind.php ■

Research Awardees: Then & Now

Darrell Kotton, MD, received an ATS Foundation research award that was life-changing.

Then: In 2006, he received an ATS/Alpha-1 Partnership grant to study stem-cell based therapy for alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, an inherited disorder that can lead to devastating lung disease.



Darrell Kotton, MD

“The grant set off a chain reaction,” Dr. Kotton says. “From that research, I gathered data for two manuscripts, a NIH RO1 grant, and another Alpha-1 Foundation grant.”

Now: Today, he directs the Boston University Center for Regenerative Medicine with 34 scientists investigating areas that include projects directly related to his ATS research! “By investing early in a person’s career,” Dr. Kotton says, “you get the longest—and biggest—return on your investment.”

ATS Foundation awards to young investigators are astoundingly successful in launching research careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care. Your generous support makes it all possible. Thank you! ■

#GIVINGTUESDAY

There's “Black Friday.” There's “Cyber Monday.” And now there's **#GivingTuesday**—proving the holidays can be about both giving and giving back.

#GivingTuesday is a powerful social movement that culminates with a global day of giving on **December 2, 2014.**

Join us for **#GivingTuesday:**
Support respiratory research. Save lives.

Patient Voices



Maki Inada with daughter Mariko

Maki Inada teaches biology at Ithaca College and is an avid swimmer, biker, hiker, and runner.

After developing a bad cold and persistent cough, Maki visited the doctor, who investigated and found a seven-centimeter mass in her lung.

Not believing that an active and otherwise healthy nonsmoker would have a tumor at age 35, her doctors sent her home with antibiotics. Her

cough continued, and Maki was eventually diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer.

After eight weeks on a targeted therapy with an enzyme inhibitor and four rounds of chemotherapy, her tumor was down to 0.5 centimeters. Maki was now a candidate for surgery and had an upper left lobectomy—and walked a mile the day after surgery!

“If it weren’t for the research of doctors... I don’t think I would still be here today,” Maki says.

Maki Inada’s story, and the stories of so many other patients, is a powerful reminder of the transformative power of research. ■

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Thank you, Maki, for sharing your story!

Make Your Gifts of Stock Before 12/31

Gifts of appreciated securities are an excellent way to give back.

Through your stock gift, you can avoid capital gains taxes, earn a charitable deduction—and help conquer lung diseases.

Questions? Contact Lydia Neumann at lnemann@thoracic.org or 212-315-8622

2014 FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN

Help our patients breathe better!

Only \$120,000 to reach our year-end goal for research!



Honor Your Mentor



Michelle Cloutier, MD

Your mentor has, no doubt, been one of the most influential figures in your life—as well as the lives of many other clinicians, researchers, nurses, and educators in respiratory, critical care, and sleep medicine.

The ATS Foundation **Honor Your Mentor Program** is a wonderful way to recognize this special relationship. Just ask

Michelle Cloutier, MD, professor of pediatrics, University of Connecticut Health Center, about how her mentor Marvin Birnbaum, MD, a critical care and pulmonary physician, inspired her career.

“When I first began studying with Marv, I was not even considering a career in pulmonary medicine,” Dr. Cloutier says. “Marv taught me to think critically and creatively; he imbued in me a great passion for pulmonary physiology. I now teach this subject to my own medical students, and hope I inspire them as much as Marv did me.”

When you make a gift through Honor Your Mentor, your name and your mentor’s will be recognized throughout ATS Foundation publications. We will also let your mentor know of your thoughtful tribute.

Visit foundation.thoracic.org/donate to honor your mentor today! ■