



**SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE**

Dr. Joseph Bell Endowed Scholarship

When Dr. Joseph Bell graduated from UNC Chapel Hill's School of Medicine in 1986, he became the **first Lumbee pediatrician and the first American Indian pediatrician in North Carolina**. For more than 35 years, Dr. Bell has cared for children in Pembroke and beyond. In addition to his clinic, Children's Health of Pembroke, he served as the pediatrician at the Catawba Indian Health Service Unit for 25 years, and worked at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Choctaw Nation Indian Hospital, and Robeson Health Care Corporation.

His advocacy for Native Children brought him to serve on various committees including the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Native American Child Health, the N.C. Pediatric Society, former President of the Association of American Indian Physicians, and the N.C. American Indian Health Board.

Dr. Bell also served as a mentor and supporter of UNC's Medical Education Development (MED) Program, which he graduated from prior to entering medical school. The MED Program is designed to increase opportunities in the health professions for individuals who demonstrate educational promise and commitment to a health career but who have lacked opportunities in the past in moving toward their professional goals.

In honor of Dr. Bell's groundbreaking career and ongoing commitment to the health of Native children in North Carolina, we would like to establish **a scholarship for medical students who identify as American Indian and are interested in pursuing a career in pediatrics**.

In 2023, resident tuition and fees for one year of medical school at UNC exceeded \$35,000, with non-resident tuition and fees totaling more than \$62,000 annually. Scholarships at UNC School of Medicine ease the burden of debt for our students, providing them the freedom to thrive as students and pursue careers reflecting their passions in medicine.

To establish the Dr. Joseph Bell Endowed Scholarship fund, we need **10 individuals** to contribute **at least \$5,000** each.

Gifts can either be made in-full, this year, or in smaller payments over five years.

Once established, the Dr. Joseph Bell Endowed Scholarship Fund will then be open to anyone interested in giving a gift, at any amount, in honor of his outstanding service and career.

Lumbee Tribal Chairman, John Lowery, presented Dr. Bell with a proclamation and beaded Eagle feather for his deep commitment to the health of Native Children.



To learn more, contact **Claire Veazey** at the UNC Health Foundation.

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