Lumini of the Medical School of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio have a lot in common regarding their medical education. Perhaps the most common factor, inclusive of all graduates and students (the Classes of 1971–2001) is Dr. Carlos Pestana.

Dr. Pestana, a longtime professor of surgery and associate dean for academic affairs, announced his retirement, effective December 31, 1997. He will remain with the department of surgery on a part-time basis. In recognition of Dr. Pestana’s dedicated teaching at the medical school, including all former and current students, the alumni association established the “Carlos Pestana, MD, PhD, Medical Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.”

The introduction of this fund provides an excellent opportunity to establish a lasting tribute to a man who has dedicated his energies to medicine and education since arriving at the medical school in 1968. Dr. James Young, dean of the medical school, stated “Dr. Pestana represents the crucial link between our graduates and our medical school. Every student has been touched by his teaching excellence and most of our alumni seek him out at reunions.” Dr. Young nominated Pestana for the 1997 Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award, adding “I can think of no faculty member more deserving of this prestigious award. He is truly a dedicated surgeon and scholar exemplar.” Dr. Pestana received one of four national Glaser awards during the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) annual meeting in November 1997.

The Glaser award is the most recent in a long series of awards presented to Dr. Pestana, beginning with his selection as “best teacher” by the sophomore, junior and senior classes (voting independently) in 1970. His legacy of making the complex appear obvious, of student advocacy, and of encouraging a lifelong appreciation of learning, summarize the alumni association’s desire to acknowledge Dr. Pestana’s contributions to the education of all our medical school graduates.

“Pheochromocytoma” was one lecture made famous with Dr. Pestana’s crisp, rolling accent. The memories of former students may also include the immaculately detailed three-dimensional drawings on a blackboard, no slides, no overhead projector, just a concise presentation by this most accomplished surgeon and teacher.

The Medical Alumni Association is pleased to announce that the establishment of the Carlos Pestana, MD, PhD, Medical Alumni Scholarship Fund includes the naming of the Carlos Pestana, MD, PhD, Lecture Hall.

The Pestana Lecture Hall will be utilized primarily by second-year medical students.

Four donor levels have been established. You may pledge your contribution over a one- or two-year period, and may also use your credit card to provide a gift.

- **Up to $499**
- **$500–$999**
- **$1,000–$1,999**
- **$2,000+**

### Carlos Pestana, MD, PhD, Benefactors

**Carlos Pestana, MD, PhD, Benefactors:** will receive all the benefits listed below, plus their name on a special plaque located near the Carlos Pestana, MD, PhD, Lecture Hall.

**Pestana Plaid Jacket Club:** will receive all the benefits listed below, plus their name on a plate affixed to a chair in the Pestana Lecture Hall.

**Pheochromocytoma Club Donors:** will receive all the benefits listed below, plus lifetime membership status in the alumni association. Alumni who already have a lifetime membership will be installed in the “Pheochromocytoma Club” category with a gift of $250 or more.

**Friends and All Donors:** will receive a certificate acknowledging their gift, and will be invited to a special reception with Dr. Pestana in conjunction with reunion activities conducted during Alumni Weekend, June 5–6, 1998.

Share your memories with Dr. Pestana. All former students may have a personal message and/or memory included in a memory book presented to Dr. Pestana during Alumni Weekend. Additionally, while supplies last, alumni who forward their memory page will receive a copy of Dr. Pestana’s *Illustrated Diet Book for Humans*, a somewhat lighthearted approach to dieting including observations from the Pestana family dog. The book features illustrations and humor typical of Dr. Pestana, and is reminiscent of a Pestana lecture.

Through Dr. Pestana, alumni can greatly impact student scholarships. If each alumnus provides a $500 gift, over $2 million would be raised for the endowment, providing over $100,000 annually in student scholarships. Gifts are payable over a one-or two-year period, and donations may be placed on a credit card.
You are invited to join the Medical Alumni Association in a permanent tribute to recognize the outstanding talent and contributions of Dr. Carlos Pestana, the educator of all UTHSCSA medical students. In keeping with Dr. Pestana’s fondness for education and the support of education, two priority areas of giving have been identified.

- **Circle of Scholars**
  Your gift may be added to the Carlos Pestana Medical Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Scholarship awards will be provided annually to students demonstrating academic proficiency, strong potential as a leader in the medical profession and leadership in their community.

- **Circle of Educational Programs**
  Your gift may be added to the Carlos Pestana Medical Alumni Association Educational Programs Fund. This fund has been established to support projects in the Medical School, deemed as “top priority” by Dr. Pestana and the dean. Projects may include computer hardware or software, learning lab supplies or equipment for the Learning Resource Center.

Thank you for your generous support of Dr. Pestana and the Medical Alumni Association’s scholarship program.