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## Gift creates new scholarship for UICOMP medical students

**PEORIA** – (Dec.12, 2014) The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria is pleased to announce establishment of the Dr. Pushpa and Paul Joseph Scholarship for Medical Students.

The Josephs generous donation of \$100,000 to the College of Medicine created a scholarship for students in Peoria completing their second year of medical school. Specifically, the scholarship will be awarded to a student, who despite facing unforeseen personal adversity, continues to succeed and maintain a positive, unselfish and empathetic attitude.

“I’m always amazed at the personal adversity some students go through, and yet they manage to persevere – they continue to succeed in their studies and class work, help fellow classmates, and continue to maintain a positive attitude,” said Dr. Joseph. “The passion they exhibit and share is nothing short of amazing.”

It is incredibly rewarding to be able to help our medical students through the creation of this scholarship, the Josephs said.

Dr. Joseph, an Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology and the Associate Curriculum Director for the Department of Pathology, has been a faculty member at UICOMP for more than 10 years. During that time, she has taught, mentored and counseled hundreds of medical students. Previously, Dr. Joseph was the director of the Cytogenetics lab at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. A graduate of St. John’s Medical College in Bangalore, India, she trained under Dr. Ronald Kowalski in the Pathology Residency program formerly offered at OSF. She is highly regarded among the medical students having received the Dr. Raymond B. Allen Golden Apple Award nine times and the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award twice.

Paul Joseph, who holds degrees from the University of Illinois, Carnegie-Mellon University, George Washington University and the Indian Institute of Technology in Engineering, is a retired Caterpillar, Inc. executive, where he held many positions, including President of Cat Logistics for the Americas and the Asia Pacific Region.

The Josephs have been married for 34 years and have two grown children and two grandchildren. Their son, Arun Joseph, is a graduate of the University of Iowa and UICOMP. Elizabeth Joseph Arcot, is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Iowa College of Law.

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