Wanda & Tim Hannahs Scholarship

Purpose: The Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) provided funding to create a scholarship endowment to honor Wanda and Tim Hannahs of Vermillion, South Dakota. Wanda was an employee of Sanford Vermillion who experienced a spinal cord injury after a car accident, which left her paralyzed. She spoke regularly to USD's OT & PT students about her life, the accident, and the services she received.

Eligibility: The endowment shall provide scholarships for students accepted and currently enrolled in the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy programs at the University of South Dakota. The scholarship will be awarded to a student from the PT or OT programs on a rotating basis, beginning with OT in 2013.

Selection Criteria:
First-year students who meet the following criteria will be invited to apply for this award.

- Demonstration of high academic achievement.
  - Overall quality of performance in the first year of the Physical/Occupational Therapy Program
  - Minimum GPA of 3.5 in the Physical/Occupational Therapy Program
- Demonstration of leadership
  - Demonstration of leadership within and/or outside of the classroom
- Demonstration of service
  - Summary of service to the community including care of individuals with chronic conditions

Application and Selection Process:
To apply for this award, applicants should submit a cover letter and supporting documentation (including transcript from WebAdvisor) as outlined in the criteria. Students should submit their application either electronically or in hard copy to the Awards and Scholarship Committee Chair. The Awards and Scholarship Committee selects the recipient of this award based on the criteria listed above.

Notification Process:

- The scholarship recipient will be announced by May 1st of each year.
- Notification of the scholarship recipient will be sent from the Awards and Scholarship Committee to the Department Chair, the Dean of the School of Health Sciences, and to Dakota Hospital Foundation Scholarship Program 20 S. Plum Street Vermillion, SD 57069 Email: Cindy.Benzel@sanfordhealth.org or Jennifer.Eli@sanfordhealth.org
- A letter of notification will be sent to the scholarship recipient from the Physical/Occupational Therapy Awards and Scholarship Committee with instructions regarding a return letter to Dakota Hospital Foundation to include a photograph of the student, a short bio, address, email, student ID, and phone number.
  - The recipient will be **strongly encouraged** to attend the Dakota Hospital Foundation Leadership Dinner in May to accept the scholarship.