

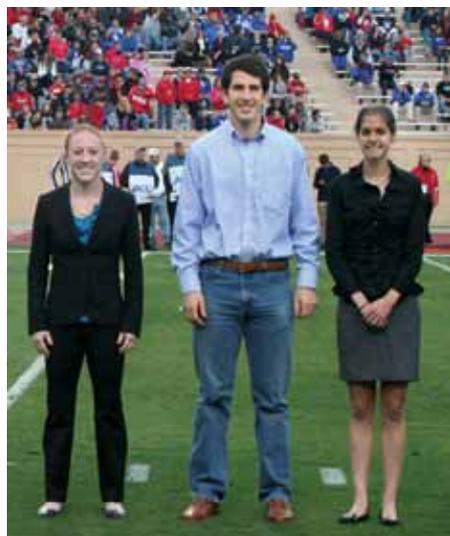


## The Bassett Society Update

The Bassett Society was founded in 1985 by Dr Frank H Bassett III, legendary orthopaedic surgeon at Duke University Medical Center. Dr Bassett served as the team physician for Duke Athletics from 1966 to 1993, but remained a prominent figure within the department even after retirement. He was known for his warmth and charisma, and inspired everyone he came into contact with students, athletes and doctors alike.



Dr Bassett, having played football at the University of Kentucky, had a passion for advancing the opportunities of student-athletes interested in medicine. While creating the society, he developed the acronym 'AMOEBA'—Athlete's Medical Opportunities Endowed By Athletes. The initiative quickly took off and, to date, the Bassett Society has over 230 members.



A person can become a member either by lettering at Duke University as a varsity athlete or cheerleader and enrolling in medical/dental school, or by lettering in a varsity sport at another school and serving on the DUMC faculty. In recent years, the foundation has been able to make a more significant contribution by awarding larger scholarships (\$5,000-\$10,000) to several athletes annually. The award bears the namesake of Dr Claude T. Moorman II, who was instrumental in the development and continued operation of the Bassett Society. Individuals are chosen on the basis of academic excellence, contribution to their team, citizenship and spirit.

Each year the Bassett Society hosts an academic program in the fall to promote scientific teaching and foster continued relationships among the alumni. Last year's meeting had many highlights, including presentations by Dr Bill Mallon, Dr Bill Obremsky and John Danowski, Duke Men's Lacrosse Head Coach. The weekend culminates with a Duke Football game, where the Bassett Scholarship winners receive their awards on the field. Our 2013-2014 scholarship winners were as follows:

- Michael Catalino, former Duke Lacrosse player and current third year medical student at Georgetown University.
- Megan Deakins, former Duke cross country runner and field hockey player and current first year medical student at Stanford University.
- Cassie Ludwig, former Duke pole vaulter and current third year medical student at Stanford University.

More information for the 2014 meeting will be released in the coming months.

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