



The late Dr. Douglas Passaro, MD, MPH

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At the UIC School of Public Health, we have numerous funds that provide support for our students. These funds range from basic academic scholarships to scholarships targeted for students pursuing specialty fields within public health. One of our newest funds is the Douglas Passaro International Award.

Douglas Passaro earned his Master's in Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley and his M.D. at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Passaro served as an associate professor of Epidemiology at SPH for nearly four years. In that brief time, Dr. Passaro touched the lives of many people and made a lasting impression on faculty, staff, and students alike.

Dr. Passaro's impact reached beyond the UIC SPH. In the months following the World Trade Center attacks, Dr. Passaro served as the bioterrorism coordinator for the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). There, he forged a mutually beneficial relationship between IDPH and the UIC SPH, where faculty and students were called upon to assist in bioterrorism planning.

Dr. Passaro had a great understanding of the importance that community health programs have, not only in the United States, but throughout the world. Much of this came from his experience serving in the Peace Corps in Africa and his infectious disease research in Latin America. While Dr. Passaro knew that many of his students shared his passion, he understood that economic barriers kept many students from seeking similar experiences. For this reason, Dr. Passaro's friends and family established the Douglas Passaro International Award in his honor at the time of his death.

In a letter, Lanny Passaro, Doug's father, and Sherry Nordstrom, Doug's widow, explain that the fund "is intended to enrich students' experience as they pursue the international advances in public health that were interrupted for Doug by his untimely death." The award will help defray the cost of international travel and/or residency costs incurred by students conducting research in Africa and Latin America. Lanny and Sherry have set out to create an endowed fund of at least \$200,000 and have thus far contributed and raised almost the entire amount.

The Douglas Passaro International Award is one of numerous funds that provide support to students at the School of Public Health. Please consider making contributions to one or more of the following:

- **ALAN W. DONALDSON MEMORIAL FUND**
for recognition of academic excellence, quality of leadership and community service.
- **AMUWO MINORITY FELLOWSHIP FUND**
for financial support to students from groups underrepresented in the health professions.
- **DOUGLAS PASSARO INTERNATIONAL AWARD**
for students conducting research in Africa and Latin America.
- **LORETTA PRATT LACEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
for African American students addressing women's health issues in urban communities.
- **PAUL Q. PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**
for graduate/professional students interested in the practical application of public health delivery or research.
- **RODNEY PHILIP MUSSELMAN EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL FUND**
for students in the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Division to participate in and/or provide leadership to public health meetings, symposiums, and conferences.
- **SCRIMSHAW LATINO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
for Latino students pursuing a public health degree.
- **WILLIAM HAENZSEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**
for excellence in research.

For more information on each of these funds, please visit the giving page on the School of Public Health's website at www.uic.edu/sph. Gifts to these funds or to the Annual Fund, which is used for general support, can be made through the secure form on the website or by mailing a check to:

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