Dr. Sidney H. Yarbrough III 59C 63M 64MR 67MR 70MR

to Receive Jake’s Golden Heart Award May 10

To celebrate his enduring Emory legacy, on May 10, 2015 at the Corpus Cordis Aureum induction ceremony during Emory Commencement Weekend Dr. Sidney H. Yarbrough III 59C 63M 64MR 67MR 70MR will be presented with the Judson C. Ward “Jake’s” Golden Heart Award.

The Jake’s Golden Heart award was established by the Emory Alumni Association in May 2010 in honor of its namesake and first recipient. Dr. Judson “Jake” Ward 33C 36G demonstrated values of service, generosity of spirit, and loyalty to the university. Recipients of his namesake award must be eligible members of Corpus Cordis Aureum, comprising alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago from any of Emory’s schools.

This year, the award will be presented to Dr. Sidney Yarbrough III, a Columbus, Georgia native and a man of many talents. After graduating from college in 1959 and medical school in 1963, Dr. Yarbrough completed service in the Air Force. He returned to Emory for residency training in orthopedic surgery. In 1970, he settled in his hometown to open a private orthopedics practice. Known for his outstanding patient care, Dr. Yarbrough’s contributions to the field are widespread.

Four generations of Dr. Yarbrough’s family have ties to the School of Medicine, including his wife Becky's grandfather, James D. DeLamar, who attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, a forerunner of Emory’s medical school in 1902-1903. Yarbrough’s father, Sidney H. Yarbrough, Jr., finished in the class of 1932 at Atlanta Southern Dental College, which also was affiliated with Emory. Finally his son, Robert, earned a medical degree in 2001 from the School of Medicine.

Dr. Yarbrough has made time to deepen his service to the School of Medicine, serving on the board of advisors to lend support to the work and causes in medical education and research, development, and advocacy. In 1998, Mrs. Yarbrough endowed a scholarship in Dr. Yarbrough's honor, the first of the couple's many philanthropic gifts over the years to Emory. The scholarship, a priority cause for the Yarbroughs, has assisted more than 15 medical students with substantial tuition assistance to offset medical education’s rising costs. They sponsored the School of Medicine's 150th anniversary in 2004, and provided funding in 2005 to name one of
the many group-learning rooms in the James Williams Medical Education Building. In addition, Dr. Yarbrough has also supported Emory Orthopedics.

Dr. Yarbrough participates in Emory regional programs and has hosted many events in his home for alumni, friends, and prospective students, including Charter Day celebrations to commemorate the university's founding.

As a patron of the arts, Dr. Yarbrough is also a member of the Board of Advisors for the Michael C. Carlos Museum. He actively serves his community as a member of the Stewart Community Home Board where he was Chairman for three years. He is also a supporter of the Muscogee County Library Foundation, Columbus State University Foundation and First Presbyterian Church. The Columbus Museum has named a gallery in his honor. The Modern American Gardens and the Cultural Landscape Foundation's national calendar also featured the Yarbrough's garden and home.

Dr. Yarbrough will be the Jake's Golden Heart Award's seventh recipient.

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