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**DEAN MEAD LEADS SCHOLARSHIP EFFORTS AT
UCF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

ORLANDO, Fla., - Dean Mead, a business law firm with offices in Orlando, Viera, and Fort Pierce, has taken a leadership role in the effort to provide scholarships to all 40 students of the University of Central Florida College of Medicine's charter class. Michael Minton, president of Dean Mead, is a founding member of the College's Scholarship Committee, a group of University officials and local professionals whose mission is to raise funds for the scholarships.

It was slightly more than a year ago, at an Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Retreat, that Dean Deborah German shared an innovative vision for the up-and-coming UCF College of Medicine. At the retreat, two business leaders immediately stepped forward and made the first donations. A few months later an organized campaign to raise funds was launched. Dean Mead was one of the first organizations to announce at the retreat that it would fund not only a four-year scholarship, but also committed to endow a scholarship in perpetuity.

Dean Mead continues to assist in the fundraising efforts, including the recent scholarship event it hosted with Fifth Third Bank for members of the local medical

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community. The event resulted in the funding of additional scholarships, bringing the total number of commitments to 30 of the 40 scholarships needed.

Michael Minton, managing shareholder for Dean Mead and Co-Chair of the Charter Class Scholarship Committee, said “The progress made on the scholarships reflect the community’s support for the college and the medical city being developed around the college.”

“We continue to encourage other businesses to step up to the plate and help us fill the college's goal of 40 scholarships for the charter class," Minton said. "This is like priming a pump. We need to invest a little today to assure the positive long term benefits to Central Florida for years to come, resulting from the premier program Dean German will build at the UCF College of Medicine.”

“The scholarships are a critical ingredient to our success in attracting the very best students. I am very thankful to those visionaries in our community like Dean Mead, who have already stepped forward to invest in our future,” German said. “Now is the time to assist us with the last scholarships. We are almost there, this is a chance for us to make history together.”

Recently receiving preliminary accreditation, the college now can begin recruiting students for the class starting fall 2009. Eventually the college will graduate 120 medical students each year. The college, along with its medical library, will be located on 50 acres at the UCF Health Sciences Campus at Lake Nona. The site also will include the UCF Burnett Biomedical Sciences Building and other health science programs and organizations.

For additional information regarding the College of Medicine’s Scholarship Campaign, including how to contribute, please visit www.med.ucf.edu.

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