The Dr. Henry S. Williams Endowed Scholarship Fund, an award for students at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, has been established in honor of Henry S. Williams, M.D., one of the founders of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. The fund has currently raised $20,000 as donations continue to be made.

**About Henry S. Williams, M.D.**

Dr. Williams was a pioneer in the Los Angeles medical community. Born in the Bronx, New York on August 26, 1929; he graduated from City College in 1950 and Howard University in 1955.

In the aftermath of the Watts riots in 1965, Dr. Williams was one of the founders of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in the Watts-Willowbrook area, dedicated to bringing medical training and care to the underserved communities. He served on the Charles Drew University Board of Trustees for a number of years and served as an Interim President from 1989-1991.

Dr. Williams was well-regarded for his even temper, so much so that colleagues cannot ever recall seeing him angry. His gentle manner attracted top talent to the university’s board during his tenure, cementing his role in the institution’s history.

When not involved with university business, Dr. Williams was found Thursdays competing on the tennis court. He played the sport until his health faltered. He was a devoted family man and husband, married to his wife, Fran, for more than 40 years. He also steeped his son, Bart, in the university’s importance. Bart chaired the board until 2010. His legacy will continue to grow through the Henry S. Williams Scholarship Fund that he wished to establish.

**About Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science:**

CDU is a private nonprofit, nonsectarian, minority-serving medical and health sciences institution. Located in the Watts-Willowbrook area of South Los Angeles, CDU has graduated more than 550 medical doctors, 2,500 post-graduate physicians, more than 2,000 physician assistants and hundreds of other health professionals. The only dually designated Historically Black Graduate Institution and Hispanic Serving Health Professions School in the U.S. CDU is recognized as a leader in translational and health inequities research, specifically with respect to heart disease, diabetes, cancer, mental health, and HIV/AIDS. The university is among the top 7 percent of National Institutes of Health-funded institutions and rated one of the top 50 private universities in research in the U.S. Recently, the CDU/UCLA medical program was named the “best performer” in the University of California System with respect to producing outstanding underrepresented minority physicians. For more information, visit [http://www.cdrewu.edu/](http://www.cdrewu.edu/)
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