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**Foundation of Collier County Medical Society Announces
2016 Dr. Lascheid Memorial Scholarship Winner**

Award recognizes medical students who demonstrate excellence in community service

Collier County, FL (May 19, 2016)—The board of directors of the Foundation of Collier County Medical Society (CCMS) is pleased to announce that the winner of their 2016 Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship for Medical Students is Joseph Chen, class of 2020 at the Florida State University College of Medicine.

This \$10,000 award recognizes future physicians who are Florida residents and have demonstrated excellence in community service, in memory of Neighborhood Health Clinic co-founder and CCMS Past President Dr. Lascheid. It is the second year the Foundation has provided this scholarship.

“One of our Foundation’s major goals is to help aspiring medical professionals in our community reach their potential and become compassionate, giving physicians,” said Dr. Rolando Rivera, Foundation Chair. “Joseph is following Dr. Lascheid’s example of community service, and we are honored for the privilege of awarding him this scholarship.”

Joseph, whose parents originally hail from Jamaica, is from Lake Mary, Florida, and is a former medical assistant. He received his undergraduate and master’s degrees at FSU. His community service activities include an Arts in Medicine program where he performed music to help improve the morale of hospital patients, a medical mission to Guyana, and volunteering with numerous community healthcare programs.

“I would like to thank the Foundation for this amazing opportunity,” said Joseph. “There are many stressors associated with entering medical school, the largest of which includes the cost of tuition. This scholarship will help defray the cost of attending medical school and enable me to focus solely on my dream of becoming a patient-centered physician in my home state of Florida.”

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization launched by the Collier County Medical Society in 2012, with the mission to provide support and leadership to programs that address access to healthcare, promote health education and serve the community’s public health needs. The Foundation’s signature fundraiser, the Docs & Duffers Golf Tournament on September 17, 2016, will help raise funds for its scholarship program and local healthcare programs in need. More information is available at www.ccmsfoundation.org.

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