

Words cannot begin to describe how grateful I am to the donors of this program. My classmates and I have learned so much from these extremely generous donors. Although, as students, we may get lost in a small, detailed dissection or we may be frustrated at the inability to locate a particular structure, there was not a single day that passed within the lab that we forgot the importance of the individual donors and their gracious contributions. These individuals truly have helped to advance the field of medicine, and I know that I will never forget the days I spent with my first patient. I truly am humbled by all of these donors, as well as their supportive families and friends.

I wanted to tell you how much I appreciate the gift that your family member/friend has given me. Thanks to him I was able to gain so much more than I ever could have learned from just sitting in lectures. I genuinely looked forward to going into the anatomy lab every day because I knew that it was an invaluable part of my anatomy education. Your family member/friend has given me so much and truly furthered my medical education and for that I am incredibly grateful!

Thank you so so much! My education and learning experience in Anatomy would not have been possible without the donation of your loved.

I cannot understate the value of your gracious gift. Your selflessness has enabled me to learn and grow as a physician in training. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

To the families of the donors, Words cannot express how great of a contribution your family members have given to us. Every day I took a moment to say thank you for giving the greatest gift that I will ever receive in my medical education. They taught me more than few others will ever be able to. Thanks to their generosity I have come to know of many of the intricacies of the human anatomy, and I know that this will have a profound impact on my career as a physician. As our course director said, they were our first patients, and we will carry our experiences with them with us for the rest of our lives. Again, my sincerest thanks and condolences. Regards, Anthony Kronfli MS1, Class of 2017 University of Maryland School of Medicine

I want to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the donor for giving me this gift of knowledge. I have learned an incredible amount of invaluable information, all thanks to the generosity and kindness of this person.

I am truly grateful for the gift that each of these donors gave. Although these donors have blessed thousands of people during their lifetimes, I'm sure they will be happy to know that they have also blessed hundreds more people after their deaths. The knowledge and insight that I have gained from working with these anatomic gifts is priceless: I can get it nowhere else. Because of this beautiful sacrifice, many students will now go on to become better doctors. THANK YOU SO MUCH! With much love, a medical student

Thank you so much for you loved one's generous act of selflessness to our medical school student community. I will always remember my time spent in anatomy, and will appreciate how much I learned from the experience. The knowledge and insight I gained during these past 10 weeks will absolutely aid

me during my student and professional career. Without your loved one, I would not be armed with the knowledge of the human body. I will owe so much of my future to your loved one's donation. Thank you.

To the friends and families of donors, Your loved ones' generous gift has meant so much to the University of Maryland School of Medicine Class of 2017. As a class, we have learned so much from each and every individual donor and we are grateful for the opportunity to learn from them. I will always remember these donors to be my first patients. And I simply cannot express the depth of information that I have learned from their generous donations. I am thankful for the opportunity provided by these donors, and will be forever grateful. Thank you.

I would like to extend my deepest consolation and gratitude to you-the family and friends of our particular donor. It goes without saying that he was a phenomenal teacher and a natural giver since that is what he continued to do for us-the students-when no longer living. I pray that peace abounds in you all and him.

Dear son/daughter/husband/wife/brother/sister, You and your loved one made the honorable decision of whole body donation. A way to benefit the world after your loved one's passing. I know that it is not an easy decision and something that many people do not understand, but you did it anyway. I want you to know, that I personally, appreciate and respect what you have done. Your love one provided guidance and education even after his or her spirit had gone. And you offered to trust us with your loved one for an extended amount of time. We treated them with the utmost respect and courtesy and will be ever be indebted to you for the gift of whole body donation that you and your loved one decided on. Regards, Nea

I would like to extend my gratitude to the donors and their loved ones for their incredible generosity. Their gift has provided invaluable service to myself and my future patients, and I will always remember my donor as my first teacher of medicine and the human condition.

I have developed newfound outlook on medicine and on life because of one of the best gifts that I have ever received and I will forever be grateful. Thank you.

It requires great sacrifice to donate one's body to science, but it is a sacrifice immensely appreciated. Over the past two months, I have spent over one hundred hours with the donor generously donated to my lab group. While I don't know who he was--his dreams, struggles, triumphs--in the back of my mind, it always lingers, that the donor I am working with was such a person and that he chose to make an impact on the world long after he passed, by teaching us in the most personal way possible what it means to be a doctor. By donating his body and allowing us to look within, he taught us about the fragility of people. By acting as our "first patient" he taught us respect. By giving of himself, he taught us about the inner workings of the human body. I can't say "thanks" to this person, but I can say thanks to the family behind him. You may not know me and I may not know you, but believe me, even a stranger can feel immensely appreciative for all you have sacrificed in supporting his decision to donate his body. One of these days I am going to be a doctor and I owe this, in part, to your loved one and to you. Thank you.

I wish to provide my utmost respect and gratitude for the donors and their families.

Honestly, I cannot begin to articulate how thankful I am for the gift that our first patients have given to our medical education. I learned so incredibly much from the experience. It was invaluable, and I will never forget it. Sincerely, thank you so, so much.

Thank you so much for your generosity! During these 10 weeks, I have learned so much. I wouldn't have been able to do so well in anatomy if it hadn't been for your generous donation!

I just want to express my sincere gratitude for your loved one's gift to our class. I have always heard of the option to donate your body to medical science and have had many family members choose this option, but never truly understood the importance of this gift until medical school. I would not have learned what I did and I can honestly say that I will be a better doctor because of your loved one. They made a truly selfless decision to donate their body so others could learn, and I am forever grateful to them.

Thank you so much for your loved one's generous gift. I learned so much and the experience will stick with me the rest of my life.

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the gift your family member has provided. It is not an easy gift to give, and I can certainly understand the complication emotions that come with it. However, we did our very best to be respectful to these first patients of ours. Our course director, Dr. Adam Puche, told us that we will remember our first patient even when we are long into our careers. Though I can only speak for myself, I know that I will never forget.

Dear Loved One, I cannot express enough gratitude for the gift that your loved one has given me in my early medical career. I will never forget your loved one's generosity and what he has taught me. His donation has given me knowledge that I will use throughout my medical career to improve the quality of life for others. I hope that you can find peace from his loss in knowing that he has left myself and many others with knowledge that we will use to make this world a better place. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sincerely, Roger

The opportunity to learn from the anatomic gift made to us by a selfless individual was truly a humbling and an invaluable experience. I felt privileged to have this gift and learned an incredible amount of knowledge in the past few months from meticulous work with our lab group. I would like to express my deep gratitude to the individual who donated his body and to his family. I felt extremely privileged to have such an experience in anatomy and my respect and sympathy goes out to this selfless act made by the individual. Thank you so much.

Thank you so much for one of the greatest gifts and miracles - a human body. I have learned so much from him that can't be learned from a textbook. Through working with him, I have gained a greater appreciation for the intricacies and complexity of the human body. I consider him a professor equal to our everyday lecturers. All I can say is thank you for helping us, and may you continue to rest in peace.

Dear families and friends of donors, I cannot express to you how much I appreciate the donors' generosity in giving their bodies up for the study of science. I cannot imagine having learned anatomy without having been able to study the human body in real life, through the donor, the "great teacher." I want you to know that as our first patients, we have only the highest level of respect for them, and based on their altruism in death, I can only imagine their altruism in life. You should be very proud to have known them and I surely hope their passing is made easier by their gift to science, and to the future of medicine.

Thank you for your generous donation. It has been an honor.

I am immensely grateful for the valuable gift given to me and our class by the donors and their families. I and my classmates have learned about the structure of the human body in a way that would not have been possible without this gracious donation. This anatomic gift has contributed to society in a lasting way as our future success as a physicians and the future effectiveness of medicine is significantly a result of our chance to study the body in this way. Thank you for allowing this wonderful learning experience to happen and for giving me knowledge I will carry and apply for the rest of my career.

I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to the family and friends of the donors. Our breadth of knowledge as aspiring physicians is infinitely expanded thanks to these gifts. Our first patients were treated with the care and compassion they deserve. Thanks!!

I would like to first thank the donor of the anatomic gift. It was a tremendous honor to work with him and a tremendous privilege to receive his gift. For his gift reflects upon his character; upon his noble spirit and drive to help make the world a better place. By donating his body, he has granted my team and I something which will continue on in his memory. He has granted us knowledge. He granted us ability. He granted us understanding. That his gift has allowed me to better understand the mysteries of the human body and contributed to my goal to make the world a better place through medicine. I will continue to take this knowledge of this gift with me as I progress through my career, reflecting that I became a doctor not because of myself, but for others. That my desire to make the world better isn't mine any longer; I now share this drive with the donor of the gift. He donated his body with the desire to make the world better, and the privilege to receive his anatomic gift drives me to make sure I never squander or misuse the knowledge I gained from him. Through my future actions as a physician I hope to honor his spirit and ensure that I am following his dream of making the world better. To the family and friends of the donor, I extended my deepest gratitude and thanks. It was through this noble's man gift that I could better understand how the human body work. That his gift has taught me so much and contributed immeasurable tomes of knowledge of the human body to my medical education. I hope to honor his spirit and memory through the good works I do through the knowledge I gained from his anatomic gift. To allow me to receive his gift is the highest honor I can imagine.

I send my deepest thanks and appreciation to those who have donated their bodies to science and to their families. Their gift provided an invaluable resource for our Medical School class. Thank you again.

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to you, the friends and family, of anatomy donors. Anatomy lab is an essential component of the Structure and Development course, and was invaluable in not only converting 2D pictures in a 3D understanding, but also in developing our character as medical students.

I cannot express in words how grateful and thankful I am for your loved one's donation to medical science education. I have incredible admiration for his selflessness and hold a great deal of respect for his willingness to donate his body. I wish I could have gotten to know him, he seems that he would have been a wonderful person. Thank you for your loved one's gift & please know that our lab group treated him with the utmost respect throughout the entire dissection.

I cannot express the value of the anatomical gift your loved one has made. I personally have gained knowledge and an understanding of the human body that would not have been possible without their generosity. It was an honor to have learned with your loved one. I hope that one day I may be as helpful, valuable and generous to someone as they were to me this year.

The anatomic gift not only provided me with the opportunity to learn, but has also helped me develop a deeper appreciation for the wonder of the human body. I will never forget my "first patient," and I am truly grateful for the gift of education that this individual and his family have so generously given me.

Thank you for so selflessly donating your body so that medical students can have such an intimate understanding of the human body as we start our journey towards becoming doctors. With such a solid foundation in anatomy I hope I will make you proud in becoming a knowledgeable and compassionate physician. It has been an honor to work with you and I also thank your friends and family for their support in the gift that you have given me.

Thank you so much for everything! Your anatomical gift will never be forgotten!

I just would like to express my sincere gratitude for our donor. This was an invaluable learning experience and I have been inspired to also become a donor. Thank you.

I would like to express sincere gratitude for the donor donation made to our anatomy education. Additionally, I would like to emphasize how invaluable the experience of hands-on anatomical exploration was in learning the foundations of human anatomy.

I am so appreciative of the donations given to the anatomy lab. I learned more than I ever could have otherwise and it really helped me to connect what we were learning in the classroom with what we would be working with clinically. The experience was a valuable gift that I will forever remember.

I would like to thank our anatomical donor and his family for the gift they have given in the name of our education. Because of this donation I was able to locate and examine thousands of anatomical structures. The time I spent in the lab is something I will never forget and it would not have been possible without the generosity the donors and their families.

Words cannot express how much I appreciate the tremendous choice our donors made and the true selflessness that such an act requires. I have learned a great deal from my first patient, and I will never forget the experience.

I just want to say thank you. There was no other way for me to really learn anatomy than through the use of this woman's body. Without her, my education and understanding of the content of Anatomy would never have been the same. She was absolutely a crucial part of the entire learning experience. I am going to be a better doctor because of her. There is no way for me to express my gratitude about the gift that she gave us. Thank you so much for helping me to reach my goal of becoming a physician; you have no idea how much it means to me.

Words cannot easily express my gratitude for this priceless donation. Without the study of the donor's anatomy, we simply cannot become successful doctors. I sincerely thank you all for giving us the opportunity and resource to learn the skills necessary to become true physician healers.

I truly appreciate the gift that was given to me at the start of my medical career. Anatomical gifts are an extremely integral part of our education and it was an experience I will absolutely never forget. I could not have succeeded in understanding the human body without this amazing gift. I understand how difficult of a decision this is to make and I wish I could tell the donors how much their gifts mean to me. I will be a better doctor because of both the practical and emotional aspects of medicine they taught me.

I wish I could express how appreciative I am for allowing me to learn from your loved one. I can already see how in a few years, when I look back on medical school, anatomy lab will truly be a highlight, because of how interesting, unique, and useful the experience is. Your loved one was a true model to learn from, and I look forward to using the knowledge that I have learned from her in my future studies and career. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart. I wish your family peace and happiness in the future.

Thank you so much for your family member's donation. They provide an invaluable resource for our education. It takes an amazing person to be so selfless. Thank you again,

Thank you so much for what your loved one has provided me with the opportunity to do. I will always remember and appreciate all that she has done for me in allowing me to learn, grow, and develop as a physician in training. I appreciate so much what she has done for science and ensuring the future generations of doctors. I am sorry for your loss and send deep appreciation for all your loved one did during her life and beyond.

I would like to sincerely thank the individual who selflessly donated his body for my and my classmates' medical education. It was the ultimate gift, and I truly cannot express my gratitude enough. This man's body was treated with utmost respect, and gave us the rare opportunity to rigorously study human anatomy in its true form. This experience will be the firm foundation upon which the rest of our medical education will build, and will greatly aid us in our ability to help countless patients in the future. I will never forget this man, nor the precious gift he gave to my colleagues, to me, and by extension to my future patients. I am truly grateful for this opportunity, and again thank this individual and his family.

The experience of donor dissection was immensely useful to my medical education. I was honored to have been given the opportunity to learn in this manner and deeply appreciate the sacrifice that both the donors and their families made to make this possible. Thank you so much for your support.

Thank you so much for your anatomic gift. Your loved one's courageous donation has allowed my classmates and I to learn essential information about the unique nature of the human body. This knowledge will serve as a solid foundation to our overall education and more importantly allow us to help improve the health of countless future patients.

I would like to express my extreme gratitude to the friends/family of the donors. Without them, we would not reach our full potential in our education and future careers. Thank you!

Thank you so much to your mother for allowing me to further my education, so I will better be able to help others in the future. Her contribution is invaluable to the education of future physicians and I truly appreciate all she gave.

Thank you for your contribution to medicine. My donor was a wonderful gift and truly made my educational experience more rich and interesting. I will never forget my donor, as she truly was my first patient. I believe I will be a better doctor because of her donation. Thank you again.

I just wanted to thank the generosity of the donor. Their body has given me a timeless gift, one that I will carry for the rest of my life. She was my first and will probably be my most cherished patient, for she taught me more than any computer screen or textbook could ever do. There are not many words I can say that can show my appreciation but I hope the family knows that she was selfless and generous to give me along with four other medical students one of the greatest opportunities we could have in our education.

I want to thank you for your kind and selfless gift given to the medical school for our education. As a medical student there is nothing more valuable than the opportunity to study the human body first hand, and without your gift that wouldn't be possible. As a future physician, I know I will look back on my time in the anatomy lab as a period of growth and learning that will serve me for the rest of my life. Thank you very much, and know that your gift had a profound impact on the education of countless medical students who will one day be better doctors because of your generosity.

I am truly very grateful for the learning experience I received from the generosity of the anatomic donor. The anatomic donor was amazing person for doing this.

Thanks you so much for donating your loved one's body for our education! We really appreciate it!

I cannot express enough gratitude for the people who so generously donated their bodies for the purposes of instructing and training first year medical students. Much of what we have done these past two month we could not have accomplished without their generosity. I am truly grateful. Thank you!

Thank you so much for the opportunity that this experience allowed me. I think I would have missed out dearly in really understanding the human body if I was not able to see and feel some areas of the body

that typically you only get to hear about never get to see our touch yourself. I thank you and I will always remember the experience that I had in the anatomy lab throughout my career as a physician.

Nearly every day I walked out of anatomy lab, I felt accomplished. They told us at the end that we'd learned something around 1800 anatomical terms. And all of it is due to your family and the individual's sacrifice to have his body made available to us. I and the other four members of our anatomy lab group who studied with your loved one owe a great deal of enjoyment, of education, and of gratitude to him and to you all. Thank you.

Words can't describe how thankful I am to your loved one for providing such a valuable gift. I can't even begin to express just how valuable the time spent in anatomy lab and the knowledge and experience I gained there is to me. Anatomy lab helped me to grow as both a student of medicine and as a person, and I am incredibly thankful that this experience was possible.

I just wanted to express my thanks to the generous individuals who participated in the donor program. I will never forget them and the gift they gave me.

I am deeply thankful for this tremendous donation. I learned so much from this man's gift, and I will never forget the experiences offered from study in the anatomy laboratory. Please know that this incredible donation was greatly appreciated.

To the family and friends of our donor: I wanted to thank you all for the gift of your father or husband or friend, that was given for the furtherance of my education. In handling his body, I came to learn so much and further appreciate the way our bodies were created. It has inspired me to consider donating my body to the cause of science and medical exploration. Once again, thank you, it is truly a blessing to have families who are so sacrificial. Rest assured, our group handled him with great care and respect.

Dear Family/Friends of my anatomic donor, I am so grateful for the generous donation your loved one made to aid me in my medical education. I will always remember him as my first patient and I know I will remember this experience for life. As I write this, it has been four hours since my class and I completed our last exam. It's hard to believe how much we've learned in these few months -- and none of it would've been possible had we not benefited from the generosity of our donors. As I reflect on how big of a decision it is to donate one's body to this cause, I am just awed and entirely grateful. Thank you so much for being a part of this program. Thank you so much for helping me chase my dream to become a physician!

Our first day of anatomy lab, we learned that in Thai cadaver means "great teacher." It was such a privilege to be able to learn anatomy from a great teacher and I am so thankful and amazed by our donor's gift. I know that I will remember my first patient for the rest of my medical career.

It was a blessing to get to learn anatomy so intimately and I feel more equipped to be a wise physician that understands the actual human body not just a paper book.