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Two Dean’s Scholarships Established

The School is pleased to announce the creation of two new Dean’s Scholarships in memory of W. Edward McGough and John Baxter Taylor. With these scholarships, the School now has 28 endowed Dean’s Scholarships.

W. Edward McGough, an eminent psychiatrist and respected member of the Dog Fancy, was a member of the School’s Board of Overseers for many years. The impetus for establishing the scholarships came from Dr. McGough’s close friends and colleagues, many of whom made gifts to memorialize his strong commitment to the education of young people and the special place he occupied in their lives.

The second scholarship is named for John Baxter Taylor, the second African-American graduate of Penn’s Veterinary School and the first African-American to win an Olympic gold medal. He participated in the 1908 Olympic Games shortly after graduation from Veterinary School; his veterinary career was cut short when he died later that year from typhoid pneumonia. The John Baxter Taylor Dean’s Scholarship is the second Dean’s Scholarship designated for a minority student: the first was created by Alonzo Edmiston, Jr. ’67.

We thank the following donors for their gifts for the W. Edward McGough and John Baxter Taylor Dean’s Scholarships.

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