

When everything went white I thought of you—  
 Your arms and singing and the hyacinth  
 Perfume that stole across my cheek like dew  
 Of contraband delight. It wasn't meant  
 To last, dear mother, no. And now my hand  
 Is swathed in white, white too these phantoms quick  
 Astride my gurney—how they understand  
 The headlong rush and every corridor's trick  
 To usher me into this hospital  
 Heaven. What pity should you choose to keen  
 Beyond an ordinary grief or call  
 In endless protest for what might have been!

Love me no less if less I have to show:  
 In wholeness shattered will my wholeness grow.

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## Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Student Service Project awards, 2004–2005

Begin in 1993 as the Chapter of the Year award, this program was intended to recognize outstanding contributions made by an AΩA chapter. In 1997, the program became the AΩA Chapter Development Awards, aimed at encouraging ongoing original and creative programs being carried out by AΩA chapters. In 2003, the program again changed to the AΩA Medical Student Service Project awards, which became an award available to any student or group of students at a school with an active AΩA chapter.

Funds of up to \$1500 per year, renewable for a second year at \$1000 and a third year at \$500, are available to students to aid in the establishment or expansion of a medical student service project benefiting a school or its local community. One application per year per school is allowed, selected by the school's AΩA councilor and dean from the proposals submitted.

Medical Student Service Projects funded by AΩA during the 2004–2005 school year were:

- *Art in Medicine* at the University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
- *Outreach Clinic at the Shatila Refugee Camp in Beirut* at the American University of Beirut
- *Orange County Skin Cancer Educational Outreach and Evaluation* at the University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine
- *Student Wellness Committee* at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
- *Good Neighbor Clinic* (second year) at Dartmouth Medical School
- *Atlanta Sickle Cell Buddy Program* at Emory University School of Medicine
- *Organ Donor Awareness Initiative* at the University of Florida College of Medicine
- *Celebración de Salud (Hispanic Health Fair)* (second year) at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine
- *Free Clinic in Little Havana area of Miami* at the University of Miami School of Medicine
- *U.R. Well Free Family Health Clinic* at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
- *Real World Lecture Series: Obesity and Diet in the American Population* (second year) at Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine
- *Recovered Medical Equipment for the Developing World (REMEDY)* at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- *AIDS Awareness Week* (second year) at the Washington University School of Medicine