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Dear Fellow Sarnoff Alumni,

Dr. Stanley Sarnoff founded this Foundation in 1979 with a vision to inspire young physician-scientists. As Sarnoff Alumni, we represent a **unique group** of individuals whose careers Dr. Sarnoff has shaped in various ways with his gift.

By any measure, his efforts have been a tremendous success. Dr. Sarnoff and his dream have helped cultivate us from wide-eyed medical students into successful leaders—as physicians, scientists, department chairs, entrepreneurs, and CEO’s. We are a diverse group of people representing multiple professions and interests. Yet, what ties us together is a shared experience and an organization that continues its promise of life-long membership and dedication.

Over the past 30 years, the Foundation has grown from a loose arrangement to mentor a medical student to more than 325 Alumni, many of whom connect with each other at the annual Sarnoff Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC. Today, Dr. Sarnoff’s original bequest still funds the primary mission “to engage medical students and young investigators in a personalized research experience.” and to provide opportunities that enhance the professional development of its Fellows.

To that end, the Foundation’s leadership, which includes Alumni, has spent the past few years exploring new ways to foster “the next generation of leaders.” This planning has resulted in the addition of a leadership retreat attended by Alumni in different specialties and stages of their career, educational webinars and a visiting faculty professorship program that encourages Alumni to speak outside their institution and create collaborations.

As we move forward in our careers, we are no longer inexperienced medical students, but we still can benefit from the educational opportunities, professional networking and mentorship provided by the Sarnoff Foundation. However, in order for the Foundation to intensify its commitment to develop programs that provide **lifelong mentoring** for a growing and diversified Alumni group, we need to move our organization beyond Dr. Sarnoff’s initial gift to secure additional resources.

As Alumni, how can we help? We can thank Dr. Sarnoff for the opportunities he has already given us and enjoy the future benefits of the Foundation's exponential growth by supporting the ***Campaign for the Next Generation*** launched in honor of the 30th Anniversary.

All gifts, regardless of size, are important. We hope you will join us in helping to build the Sarnoff Alumni Society as a member of Stan's Circle of Patrons.

Sincerely,

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