

# PENN STATE MEDICINE

Healing

Hope

Cure

Research

Impact

*radiologists*  
*patient navigator*  
**nurses**  
*care coordinators*

**Surgical oncologists**

pastoral care

financial counselors

social workers

**pathologists**

medical oncologists

radiation oncologists

## Scholarship recipient has high hopes for “Giving Back”



Jacqueline McLatchy, '13, remembers when she learned she would become a Hershey Company Scholar. “I was excited,” she says. “Getting that scholarship afforded me the opportunity to work less and devote more time to my studies.”

Still, McLatchy knows firsthand the challenge of real-world juggling. Growing up in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania, everyday life overflowed with household duties. The eldest of four children, McLatchy helped her siblings with their homework and escorted them to afterschool activities while her mother worked several jobs just to scrape by.

“My mom worked very hard, but despite her best efforts it’s difficult to provide for four kids,” she says. Even so, McLatchy found the time to delve into multiple fields of interest including academic clubs, swim teams, and the Special Olympics.

After graduating from Spring Grove High School, McLatchy went to Rochester Institute of Technology on a full academic scholarship. As a student, she became fascinated by developmental biology and doing research. At the same time, she

worked as a rehabilitation specialist at a residence for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities.

“Over the past several years I’ve seen a lot of young men and women who had mental and physical disabilities that could have been prevented if the mothers had been given better information,” she says. “Something as simple as fetal alcohol syndrome is 100 percent preventable, if women just knew that when they’re pregnant they can’t drink alcohol.”

While balancing a full-time job with a full class load wasn’t easy, it laid the groundwork for her calling in life. After earning a bachelor’s degree in biology and gaining a perspective on the pressing need to reach more women with better information on health-promoting behaviors and reproductive health, McLatchy came to Penn State College of Medicine with an interest in high-risk obstetrics and gynecology.

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“My hope is to work with mothers during their pregnancy, either to help prevent some of these developmental problems, or to provide them with the best treatment possible,” she says. To that end, she plans to pursue a residency in obstetrics and gynecology and a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine.

“I’d like to serve in an underserved or rural area, where women don’t always get the type of prenatal care that they need,” she says. “I think stressing how important it is to see a doctor and have continuous care during pregnancy can really improve the quality of life for children.”

McLatchy is one of many students at the College of Medicine who has benefitted from the generosity of The Hershey Company this year. Established in 2002, The Hershey Company Scholars endowment provides an ongoing source of scholarship support to students with high academic achievement and financial need.

Many student success stories have been made possible thanks to the legacy and support of The Hershey Company. To learn how you can help support students like Jacqueline, call the Office of University Development at 717-531-8492 or online at [pennstatehershey.org/web/development/give/makeagift](http://pennstatehershey.org/web/development/give/makeagift).

— By Paula Rasich ■

## The Hershey Company: A tradition of giving and partnership

If it's true that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give, then Milton S. Hershey's legacy continues to make for an extraordinary life.

Milton S. Hershey is familiar to some who visit the Medical Center bearing his name, and to others who simply enjoy his namesake chocolate candy. But many people probably aren't aware of the far-reaching influence of this businessman, leader, and philanthropist. Taken together, the long history among Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Penn State College of Medicine, and The Hershey Company begins to reveal his wide-ranging impact.

For instance, this unique partnership continues to lead the way locally and nationally, working seamlessly toward a common goal—improving the lives of children and the quality of life in the region. And in the last couple decades the steadfast efforts of dedicated men and women embracing Hershey's vision have left their own imprint. Here are some of the highlights.

Since 1989 the employees of The Hershey Company have volunteered their time to Children's Miracle Network with the sole purpose of raising money for the Children's Hospital. So far, more than \$3 million has been raised to pay for such things as a heart/lung bypass machine for pediatric heart surgeries. According to Jim George, vice president, corporate social responsibility, The Hershey Company, the employees give of their time and talent because they're passionate about saving and improving the lives of children in need.

In 2002, The Hershey Company created an endowment fund of \$500,000 at the College of Medicine. The yearly proceeds fund The Hershey Company Scholars program. Thanks to this gift, certain medical students with financial need now receive scholarship support. "These students are the leaders of tomorrow, and will eventually help heal those in need," George says. "Many students will continue their research and clinical practice at this state-of-the-art facility, providing the community with outstanding medical care, and this in turn, supports The Hershey Company's goal of attracting and retaining talented employees that will enable us to compete in the global marketplace."

This past year, The Hershey Company committed \$1 million to Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital to create a Safety Center, a space dedicated to keeping children injury-free. Unintentional injuries and trauma are the leading cause of admission to the Children's Hospital. The resource center in the new building will help parents and caregivers by providing information, training, and protective devices. Most importantly, those much-needed child safety products, such as safety gates and outlet plugs, will be offered at lower prices.

"Milton S. Hershey and his wife Catherine left a wonderful legacy of helping children in need and giving back to the community, and we are carrying forth that tradition," George says. "We are honored to provide our support to help meet the needs of families and children right here in central Pennsylvania."

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