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**PROVIDENCE HOSPITALS AWARDS KATHERINE NEUFFER HINES  
THE PRESTON JONES SCHOLARSHIP**

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Providence Hospitals announced Katherine Neuffer Hines as its 2015 Dr. Preston A. Jones Memorial Scholarship recipient at a ceremony last evening. A fourth year medical student at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Hines will graduate in May 2015 and begin a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wake Forest Baptist Health.

Tommy Suggs, chair of Providence Hospitals Development Foundation Board of Trustees, said, "Katie is an excellent representation of the legacy of Dr. Preston Jones. Her thorough clinical work in the hospital has only been surpassed by the compassionate care and encouragement she extends to patients."

Hines is very involved in both school and community. In school, she: is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society and the Saunder's Humanism Honor Society, has served as founder and leader of the new student-run honor council at the School of Medicine, and was co-president of the American Medical Women's Association. In the community, Hines is the leader of the Alpha Omega Alpha spring service project working with HomeWorks on a Columbia one-day blitz. Hines also served as a mentor for Lower Richland High School students interested in careers in healthcare and as a student volunteer at the Free Medical Clinic.

In addition to her academic achievement and volunteerism, the primary reason she was nominated for this award is her peers' admiration. One nomination letter stated, "From the moment I met Katie, I knew she was someone special. From discussions during Introduction to Clinical Medicine to talking about patients on rounds, Katie was always thinking of the patient's best interest before anyone else's."

To honor the legacy of the late Dr. Preston A. Jones, Providence Hospitals established a scholarship in his name in 2009 through the generous support of donors wishing to continue his legacy of excellence. Hines received the scholarship on April 14, 2015 at a reception held at the Palmetto Club.

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