

## OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM TERRE HAUTE INDIANA CAMPUS Presidential Award for Exemplary Achievement



**R**ealizing the needs of young graduates who are interested to pursue their Residency Training in the United States, USTMAAA had encouraged its members to assist these budding alumni by hosting them in their respective practices for a few days to a few weeks at a time to get them more familiar with "American Medicine" before going for their interviews.

The Thomasian medical alumni who are based in Terre Haute, Indiana have taken this a step farther by providing a multi-specialty rotation employing the help of several physicians and the local hospitals. Families have hosted these "observers" during their stint to minimize their financial burden and in the process have practically adopted them as extended members of their families. There are several pleasant and rewarding stories that can be told and they cannot be any prouder of going this extra length to grow the "Thomasian Family".

With 100 % success rate in matching its "graduates", it is indeed a remarkable feat that is worth recognizing if only to entice other alumni or medical communities to pursue similar endeavors.

The fervent hope is that we can plant the seed that will continue to grow in the hearts and minds of our young alumni that when their time comes to be in a similar position to help others, that they would extend the same courtesy and generosity to those who are following behind.

And for those who have participated in the program, there is no prouder moment than when they see their "children" move on to greener pastures imbued with Thomasian grace and hospitality and more ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

