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Vermont Medical Society Foundation Awards Scholarship to UVM College of Medicine Student

Montpelier, Vt. (Oct. 31, 2018) – The Vermont Medical Society’s Education and Research Foundation (VMSERF) has awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to Robert Lerner, M.D. College of Medicine student **Jennifer Boccia**. Ms. Boccia was honored at the Vermont Medical Society’s 205th annual meeting held October 27th, in Stowe, Vt.

Each year VMSEF awards a scholarship to a medical student or students who are committed to practicing medicine in Vermont and caring for Vermonters. The scholarship program was created to encourage young doctors to return to Vermont after completing their residency training and is named in honor of Dr. Mildred Reardon, a faculty member at the Larner College of Medicine at UVM, who was instrumental in forming the VMSEF Foundation.

A member of the Class of 2020 at the Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, Ms. Boccia earned a master’s degree in nursing at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Goddard College.

Ms. Boccia is a non-traditional M.D. candidate, who has an extensive nursing background and along with her husband, is raising four children in Moretown, VT. She is keen on remaining in Vermont and practicing medicine in this state and hopes to do her residency at either UVM or Dartmouth. Ms. Boccia has a deep connection to raising her family here and cited Vermont’s commitment to public health as a driving force to establish her practice here. She hopes to be able to give back to the state which has enabled her and her family to pursue her dreams.

The scholarship is funded through generous contributions from members of the Vermont Medical Society and the Chittenden County Medical Society.

About the Vermont Medical Society: The Vermont Medical Society is the leading voice of physicians in the state and is dedicated to advancing the practice of medicine by advocating on behalf of Vermont's doctors and the patients and communities they care for. The Society serves its 2,000 members through public policy advocacy on the state and federal levels, as well as by providing legal, administrative and educational support, producing a rich flow of news and information and offering member benefits that increase medical practice effectiveness and efficiency. For more information, visit www.VTMD.org.