



## The Colby Foundation

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### Colby Cassani Endowed Lectureship Series

The Colby Foundation awards to qualifying schools of medicine, the Colby Cassani Endowed Lectureship Series (CCELS).

The foundation funds the CCELS to create a permanent place in the school's curriculum for full-spectrum learning about organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

Criteria for the CCELS include:

- Frequency: biennial half-day lectureship that a medical student attends twice - once in the first two years and once in the final two years.
- Content: organ and tissue donation's medical and scientific aspects; state-specific and overall legal and logistical complexities; ethical issues; and personal impact.
- Presenters:
  - Colby Foundation Trustee, Colby's mother, and donor family member Starla Cassani
  - Medical professionals, faculty, or scientific researchers specializing in organ and tissue donation or transplantation.
  - Organ Procurement Organization professionals.
  - (optional) Additional organ and/or tissue recipient or donor family representative.
- Format: lecture, small group case-based discussion, Q&A.

To receive funding the school must also promote awareness of organ and tissue donation biennially, during the "off years" when a CCELS does not take place. Schools have hosted such activities as a 5K run, community outreach, or the like.

Medical Schools awarded the CCELS:

Kansas City University of Medical and Biosciences  
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Bradenton  
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Erie  
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine at Seton Hill  
Lincoln Memorial De Busk College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Midwestern University, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences  
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences  
University of Nevada School of Medicine

Over 5500 have attended the Colby Cassani Endowed Lectureship Series.

*For more information: [www.colbyfoundation.org](http://www.colbyfoundation.org)*

Increasing awareness regarding organ and tissue donation in the national community