

AACC's charitable program, the Van Slyke Foundation (VSF), is also *your* Foundation, supporting *your* profession and *your* colleagues. VSF made significant grants to its two constituencies: promising science students and clinical laboratorians from emerging areas, again in 2008, investing to improve clinical laboratory medicine around the world.

Here is a list of what the Foundation's 2008 grants and awards included:

- 21 [International Travel Grants](#), which helped scientists from around the world experience the best and latest science and technology at the AACC Annual Meeting.
- [SYCL Travel Grants](#) for five young laboratorians to attend the 2008 AACC Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.
- A [Past-Presidents' Scholarship](#) to Dr. T. Scott Isbell to study at the University of Washington, St. Louis.
- Four [Student Poster Contest winners](#) and a like number of [Oral Presentation Contest winners](#), thanks to a gift from Genzyme.
- 15 [Student Travel Grant recipients](#), thanks to support from Beckman Coulter.
- Five honorees at the [Intel International Science and Engineering Fair](#), also supported by Genzyme, for projects on biosensors, diabetes, proteomics, and genomic tests for early stage colon cancer.



- The VSF General Research Grant to Dr. Kara Lynch from the University of California, San Francisco for her project, "Pharmacogenomics of Lamotrigine-Induced Hypersensitivity."
- The VSF Critical and Point-of-Care Testing Research Grant to Dr. Subir Kumar Das of Kerala, India, for his project, "Role of Adipocytokines and Inflammatory Processes in Insulin Resistance."

The Foundation also funded 10 five-year AACC memberships for laboratory scientists from Paraguay to Egypt in 2008, thanks to generous gifts from Sandy and Jerry Gallwas and the Wilding Family Foundation.

In addition to donations from individuals and corporations (see the [VSF Honor Roll](#) for a list of our generous contributors), the Foundation also held a FUNdraising event, its Silent Auction & Reception at the historic Arts Club in Washington DC, at which great prizes were had for great prices—all for a great cause. Thanks to generous underwriting from AutoGenom-

ics and PerkinElmer, all ticket and auction sales dollars went directly to grants and awards.

## Ahead in 2009

Have fun and do good at the VSF's Silent Auction & Reception Fundraiser at AACC's Annual Meeting in Chicago. The 2009 event will take place at the elegant Union League Club. Tickets are \$75 each, and again thanks to generous support from AutoGenomics and PerkinElmer, *every dollar you contribute through ticket sales and bidding on auction items will go to Foundation's awards, grants, and scholarships*. You can [buy tickets](#) here or with your Annual Meeting registration; just look for the Silent Auction under special events.

*You* make possible all the Foundation's good works. And we work hard to use every penny wisely—90% of dollars donated go directly to deserving clinical laboratorians and science students through Foundation grants and awards. Your donations and generosity are truly an investment in the future of clinical laboratory medicine.

Every gift, no matter how modest, makes a difference in the life of a clinical laboratory scientist in an emerging area or for a promising science student. With just a few clicks, you can be counted among those who are giving back to their field and their profession. Make a [donation](#) today!

Thank you for your support!