



## The Award

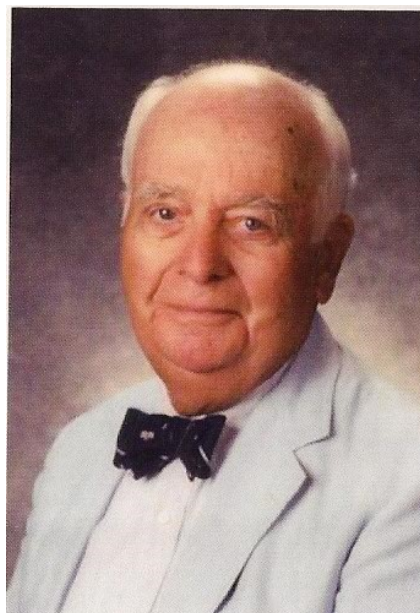
*Dr. Jim Brooks was the 23<sup>rd</sup> President of the STSA, and a life-time supporter of the Association. He was a great mentor to countless residents and students during his career at the Medical College of Virginia. To pay tribute to Dr. Brooks and extend his legacy, his colleagues and STSA created a scholarship in his honor. The Brooks Scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to promising 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year medical students and general surgery residents in and/or outside of the STSA region who are interested in CT surgery. The recipients will receive funding to attend the STSA Annual Meeting and benefit from the guidance of STSA members.*

2010 Brooks Scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Spradlin (center left), with members of the Brooks Family and Dr. Stephen Yang (center right).

***“His dedication to patient care and teaching was the main reason I chose to pursue thoracic surgery as a medical student.”***  
**- Stephen C. Yang, MD**

## The Teacher and the Mentor

James Brooks was an icon at the Medical College of Virginia for over half a century, and under his mentorship trained hundreds of residents and students during his time there. Those of us who remember Dr. Brooks recall warmly that he was a creature of habit. The hat, the backward scrubs, the hanging stethoscope, the Dove soap, the daily Hershey bar, and the green pen. His passion on autumn weekends included many trips for more than 40 years to hail the Washington Redskins. Hence, we "hail" Dr. Brooks not only for being an outstanding teacher, clinician and surgeon, but also for his consummate professionalism - a true southern gentleman, a role model for all to emulate. Perhaps his biggest contribution to medicine is reflected in the countless number of students, residents, and fellows that he trained. Although he dedicated more than half of his life to the teaching and the healing of others, his true passion was his family. His smile, the twinkle in his eyes and his contagious sense of humor delighted his family, friends, patients, and colleagues. And even though he retired from the operating room years ago, he continued to go into work each day to teach and work in the admissions office until the very end.



Join your colleagues in supporting the

## STSA James W. Brooks Scholarship

- YES**, I want to honor Dr. James Brooks' legacy as a dedicated teacher, mentor, and STSA member with a gift to the "STSA Brooks Scholarship Fund" in the amount of:

- \$250                       \$500  
 \$1000                       \$ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to give by check:**

Make checks payable to the STSA Brooks Scholarship Fund and mail to:

STSA  
633 N. Saint Clair St., Suite 2100  
Chicago, IL 60611

- I wish to give by credit card:**

Fax completed form to 773.289.0871 or mail to the STSA address above.

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