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## Young USF pharmacy college gets its biggest gift yet



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TAMPA — It's the largest single scholarship gift yet to the University of South Florida's fledgling pharmacy school.

A \$40,000 gift from Bristol-Myers Squibb will fund two years of tuition for a student focusing on research and development.

The company's focus on big data and informatics fits perfectly with the college's goals, said Dr. Kevin Sneed, dean of the College of Pharmacy. The pharmacy college received full accreditation in 2015.

"We are all committed to being leaders in the digital transformation of health care, and our appreciation for the support received from Bristol-Myers Squibb will propel our goal of creating health care leaders of the future," Sneed said in a USF Health statement.

Its first recipient is third-year pharmacy student Christopher Konig, who Sneed called "the ideal future clinical pharmacist."

Konig stays busy. A 2014 USF graduate, he's also pursuing an MBA in health care analytics at the Kate Tiedemann College of Business. He is president of USF's National Community Pharmacists Association and informatics chair for the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy chapter.

"I am deeply humbled by Bristol-Myers Squibb's generous support and profoundly thankful for their strong faith in me," Konig said in the statement. "Through the innovative use of data analytics and business intelligence, together we can collaborate to revolutionize clinical practice and improve the quality of life for our patients."