In conjunction with the School’s Centennial, generous alumni have established two new scholarships providing support for students seeking degrees in the Department of Biostatistics. Dennis Dixon (PhD, Statistics, 1974) has endowed the David B. Duncan Endowed Centennial Scholarship Fund. Jeannette Lee (PhD, Biostatistics, 1977) and Linda Pickle (PhD, Biostatistics, 1977) have endowed the Charles Rohde Centennial Scholarship. Both funds will support, in perpetuity, the Department’s ability to continue recruiting outstanding students and providing them with the first-rate experience we aspire to uphold.

David B. Duncan was a beloved faculty member in the Department from 1960-1984, whose achievements include groundbreaking contributions to logistic regression and methodology to address “multiple comparisons.” The Duncan Scholarship particularly seeks to support students from regions with a pressing need for statistical expertise or pursuing studies in global health and education. Charles Rohde joined our Department as a postdoctoral fellow in 1964; this year he is celebrating 50 years on our faculty. Chair from 1981-1996 and an exceptional mentor of faculty and students alike, Jeannette and Linda credit their long, successful careers to the outstanding preparation Dr. Rohde gave them during their studies. Each scholarship is open to further contributions by persons seeking to honor those named by the funds and to increase the level of support the funds provide to our students.

The Duncan and Rohde Centennial Scholarships are two of 25 Centennial Scholarships to be endowed in honor of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Centennial, celebrating the School’s establishment in 2016. Each Centennial Scholarship has been initiated with a $100,000 investment: we are thrilled and grateful for Dennis’, Jeannette’s and Linda’s generosity that has provided a share of these for Biostatistics.

Further giving opportunities also are available through a related, but distinct, initiative: A “Centennial Scholars” fund which will benefit 10-20 students across all the Departments and the MPH program over the next five years. Those interested may find more information here: http://www.jhsp.edu/about/centennial-2016/centennial-scholars/.