Donor Memorial Ceremony Speech.
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We gather today to respect the selflessness of our donors and to say thank you to their supporting families. It takes uncommon selflessness to donate one’s very body to assist in the future healing of others. That sort of love extends beyond death. The charity that motivated our donors to honor us students with the gift of their bodies is the same love that they expressed to their spouses, friends and families while they were alive.

The biggest impact of working with our donors for me was the realization of how intricately and beautifully each of us is created. To borrow from Psalm 139, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful.” No experience will ever illustrate the words of this passage more to me than the experience of working with our donors.

I want to conclude by expressing gratitude to our donors and our families here. Thank you for not only teaching us about the elegant machinery of the human body, but thank you for the lesson in how preciously created we all are. May it motivate us to grow in love for one another by mirroring their humility in our daily lives.

Thank you.