The Rothwell Scholarship

The Rothwell Scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding student in the Master of Public Administration program at the UNC–Chapel Hill School of Government. As the premier award in the MPA Program, the Rothwell Scholarship funds two full years of tuition and expenses.

In 2005, Doug and Sharon Rothwell began an endowment to support graduate students at the School of Government. Their gift created the largest annual scholarship in the School’s history. The Rothwells are both graduates of the UNC MPA Program, and Doug is a member of the School of Government Foundation board.

Doug Rothwell is president of Detroit Renaissance, a private nonprofit organization led by the city’s major corporate executives that focuses on regional economic development. Previously he was a senior executive for two Fortune 500 companies, and he served in the cabinet of three governors. Sharon Rothwell is vice president of corporate affairs for Masco Corporation, a leading manufacturer of brand-name home and building products and services. She previously served as chief of staff to Michigan Governor John Engler; director of labor relations for the state of Michigan; and state personnel director for the state of Delaware. The Rothwells live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The 2006 Rothwell Scholar is Ryan Ewalt. Prior to entering the MPA Program, Ryan worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers in the company’s Washington Federal Practice. Ryan earned a bachelor’s degree in systems engineering from the University of Virginia. In the summer of 2002, he served as an intern in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.