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Dear Rollan:

Every year, our medical students hold a ceremony in May commemorating all those people who have donated their bodies to the medical school so that students can learn anatomy. Anatomy is one of the first classes the students take when they enter medical school, and a team of four to five students are assigned to each cadaver. The ceremony is beautiful, and the families of the donors are invited to attend and honor their relatives.

This year, the first-year class (our Class of 2000) decided to donate a tree -- to be planted in the medical school quad -- to commemorate those donors. They are contributing \$200 in order to buy the tree. I was touched by the symbolism of a living plant that will honor those who have indicated they want their bodies to be used to further the medical education of a talented group of young people, who will go on to take care of the living.

Thanks for listening.

Cordially,