

GE — And where does most of the funding for those scholarships come from?

DADA — It comes from the dues check-off. When people pay their annual AIChE dues, they volunteer to pay an additional amount of money to support MAC's activities.

GE — And are you still active with the MAC scholarship program?

DADA — Yes, I'm still the chair — since 1998. Probably it's time for me to go. [laughs]

GE — Well, I know the committee always needs more volunteers. What motivated you to keep administering this program?

DADA — Well, initially, I thought that a \$1,000 scholarship was a small amount. But the story of the students is, what do they use it for? We are very creative in the scholarship program. Even if it is \$1,000, the money goes directly to the student. So, the student can use the money for things that the regular student aid package doesn't cover. So, what I hear from the students is that the \$1,000 helps them a lot — and that's what motivates me, because, we feel we can help students to do well. And not only are we giving them scholarships, we have a mentoring program in which we

that I've been involved in is the MAC Faculty Forum — even though when I got involved I was

GE — I appreciate your comments, and we all appreciate your contributions. Do you have any final words?

DADA — I'm really happy about where AIChE is. Last year we had, for the first time, an African American president of AIChE, Otis Shelton. He was in Nigeria a few weeks ago, and he was recognized and he was honored. His being the first African American president of AIChE was really great for us. It means AIChE is inclusive. AIChE recognizes the contributions of underrepresented minorities. And we are very happy about that.

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