The Donald T. McAllister, MD, and Family Endowed Collection in Science

The Donald T. McAllister, MD, and Family Endowed Collection in Science was created by Don McAllister (’60), an orthopedic surgeon and senior member of the Louisville Orthopedic Clinic. He has five children, three of whom are Notre Dame graduates. His wife, Diane, is a registered nurse.

Upon graduating from medical school, Don completed his internship and one year of general surgery at Kings County Hospital in New York City. In 1967, he entered the Air Force with the rank of captain and was assigned to orthopedic service at Fairchild AFB Hospital in Spokane, Washington. Following military service, he completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Yale University and a year-long fellowship in hand surgery in Los Angeles. Currently he is in private practice and is an assistant clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. A past president and chief of staff at Suburban Hospital in Louisville, he is a member of numerous local, state, and national professional organizations.

The McAllister Family Collection ensures that Notre Dame scientists studying the zebrafish, an organism of growing importance in both research and teaching in vertebrate genetics and developmental biology, have the appropriate resources to research the processes of macular degeneration. It provides materials for the study of human parasites, their arthropod vectors, and the human response to infection, and it supports the exploration of solutions to global environmental problems based on an understanding of undisturbed natural habitats and biological diversity.