

Blaisdell Library

The **F. William Blaisdell**, M.D., Medical Library, University of California Davis Health System Center for Education in Sacramento was completed in the winter of 2007. The 13,383 square foot building includes a media center, two rooms for special collections and wired/wireless network connections.

Dr. Blaisdell, San Francisco, CA, inherited the regimental history and surgical tools of his great grandfather, **Solon Greenleaf Blaisdell**, who used them during the Civil War. Solon also wrote a diary of his experiences during that war. These historical artifacts have been given to the library.

A room within the new library has been designated as the Blaisdell Room where the collection will be housed for use by scholars throughout the world.

A graduate of Stanford School of Medicine (1952), as was his father, **Frank E. Blaisdell, Jr.**, and his grandfather, **Frank E. Blaisdell, Sr.**, Dr. F. William Blaisdell is considered the father of the modern trauma center for his work at San Francisco General Hospital, 1966-1978, before he became Professor and Chairman of Surgery at the Univ. of California Davis Health System Center.

He was the recipient of the Stanford School of Medicine's J. E. Wallace Sterling Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002. He is board-certified in these surgical fields: general, thoracic, vascular and critical care. In 2002 he was chief of surgery for the VA Northern California Health Care System, Sacramento.

Interviewed by *Stanford Medicine* magazine, Dr. Blaisdell said, "A general surgeon works hard; the hours are long; the stress can be great...I also enjoy the black box of not knowing what you're going to encounter [in trauma care]...Trauma prepares a surgeon to deal with any part of the body....a chance to use all of [one's] medical training."

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