

UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER *at Fort Worth*

HSC celebrates 32nd Commencement

More than 230 graduates received their degrees from the health science center at its 32nd annual Commencement May 21 at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

The graduating class included 115 from the Texas College of Osteopathic medicine, 24 from the Physician Assistant Studies Program, 37 from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and 60 from the School of Public Health.

Louis Sullivan, MD, founding dean and first president of Morehouse College and former Secretary of Health and Human Services, gave the keynote address at the ceremony. Dr. Sullivan also received an honorary doctor of public service degree from the health science center at the ceremony.

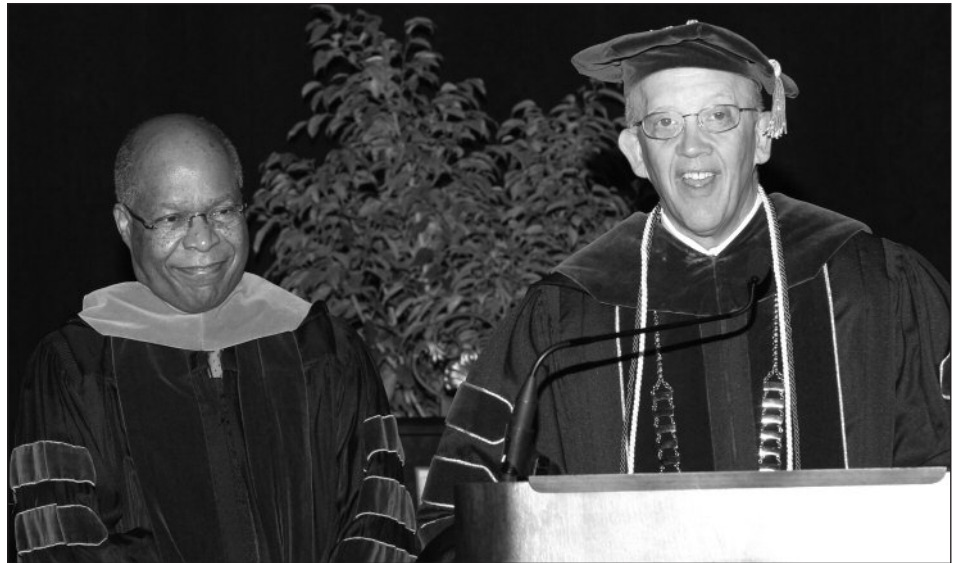
During his address, Dr. Sullivan challenged graduates to continue to lead, to learn and to serve throughout their lifetimes.

“We need leadership,” he said. “We need you, not only as health care professionals, but as guiders of our scientific and social wisdom in our society. In addition to your leadership, we need your continued integrity as individuals and as professionals.”

Dr. Sullivan told the graduates that to be the leaders of society, they must continue to learn.

“You will never know all that you want to know or need to know,” Dr. Sullivan said, “so you must always learn something new every day.”

Dr. Sullivan urged the graduates to do everything in their lives with compassion, integrity and a willingness to serve.



Top: Ronald Blanck, DO, health science center president, introduces keynote speaker Louis Sullivan, MD.

Right: Student speaker Adrian Bradford-Childress emphasized the students' desire to serve.

“Go from this place today and meet your tomorrows,” he said. “They will be better because of you.”

The focus of the ceremony, the graduates and their family members and friends, was emphasized by Ronald Blanck, DO, president of the health science center, when he had the graduates stand and face the audience to express their gratitude with a round of applause.

Dr. Sullivan also encouraged the graduates to think of those who helped them along the way. “This is a day to share with your family and friends. They have sacrificed with you. They have supported you. They have believed in you. And today that belief is indeed fulfilled,” he said.



“It is also a day to congratulate your teachers, your mentors,” he said. “They have shared with you the knowledge

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Hispanic Wellness Fair set for Aug. 6

Bilingual volunteers are needed for the seventh annual Hispanic Wellness Fair, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Amon Carter Exhibits Hall, Will Rogers Memorial Complex.

Volunteers fluent in both English and Spanish are needed at the wellness fair to assist with some of the screening services. Volunteers are also needed to hand out packages, fill out forms, and set-up and breakdown booths. Special volunteers are also needed to entertain children, including clowns, mimes, jugglers, balloon masters and face painters.

Attendance at last year's Hispanic Wellness Fair exceeded 15,000, with people lining the sidewalks of the Will Rogers Convention Center beginning at 6 a.m. to wait for the doors to open. Over 12,000 services were provided last year, including vision exams, prostate

cancer screenings, HIV/AIDS tests, respiratory screenings, dental exams, mammograms, glucose tests and vaccinations. Similar services will be offered at this year's fair.

The wellness fair is sponsored by the health science center, the School of Public Health, the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Telemundo, Pacificare, Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Cook Children's Health Plan, JPS Health Network, Baylor All Saints Medical Center, Tarrant County Medical Alliance, Bank of America, BNSF Railway Co., Univision Radio, Spring Creek Barbeque, Pancho's Mexican Buffet, Fort Worth Public Health Department, Tarrant County Public Health Department, *Diario La Estrella*, *Panorama* newspaper and *El Hispano News*.

For more information about the fair or to volunteer, call ext. 5114. ★

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HSC to provide clinical services for JPS Health Network

Effective Oct. 1, the health science center will provide clinical services to John Peter Smith Hospital and the JPS Health Network, according to an agreement reached with the Tarrant County Hospital District in May.

The clinical services will include community medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedic surgery, and psychiatry. The health science center also has contracts with JPS to provide cardiology services, administrative management of graduate medical education programs and oversight of clinical research activities.

"These clinical services, along with the accompanying academic activities and graduate medical education programs, will be provided by our existing faculty, as well as the current clinicians at John Peter Smith who are members of the North Texas Affiliated Medical Group," said Marc Hahn, DO, dean of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Under the agreement, community medicine will be combined with the

health science center's Department of Family Medicine, chaired by Elizabeth Palmarozzi, DO, and the Department of Psychiatry will continue under its current chair, Alan Podawiltz, DO. David Lichtman, MD, currently chair of orthopedics at JPS, will lead the Department of Orthopedics for both the health science center and JPS Health Network.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the health science center will be chaired by Ralph Anderson, MD, currently chair of obstetrics and gynecology for JPS Health Network, and a search for a chair for obstetrics and gynecology at JPS Health Network will begin soon, Dr. Hahn said.

"I believe this is an important moment for the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of North Texas Health Science Center as we move forward with our new, closer relationship with the Tarrant County Hospital District, John Peter Smith Hospital and our community physician partners," Dr. Hahn

said. "More importantly, I know that this new relationship will add enhanced services to the community and the citizens of Tarrant County."

Negotiations for the contracts had been ongoing for several months. Final agreement on the four clinical services was reached May 27. ★

Tell us about yourselves!

We would like to include more stories in *Campus Connection* like the ones about OMM specialist Russell Gamber (page 6), cardiothoracic surgeon Albert Yurvati (March 2005) and dietitian and Army reservist Joice Carter (November 2004). Let us know about other interesting campus personalities so we can share their stories with the campus community. Send an e-mail to the News Office via GroupWise.

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they have distilled over many years of hard study.

“So this is a day that many of us celebrate, because of what you have achieved,” Dr. Sullivan said.

Adrian Bradford-Childress, who received her master’s degree in physician assistant studies at the ceremony, spoke on behalf of the graduating class.

Addressing the audience of family, friends and teachers, she said, “It is as much your day as ours, because you have taught, encouraged, and supported us.”

Bradford-Childress noted that the underlying motivation to stay focused and working toward the goal of graduation was not just a desire to learn, but also a desire to serve.

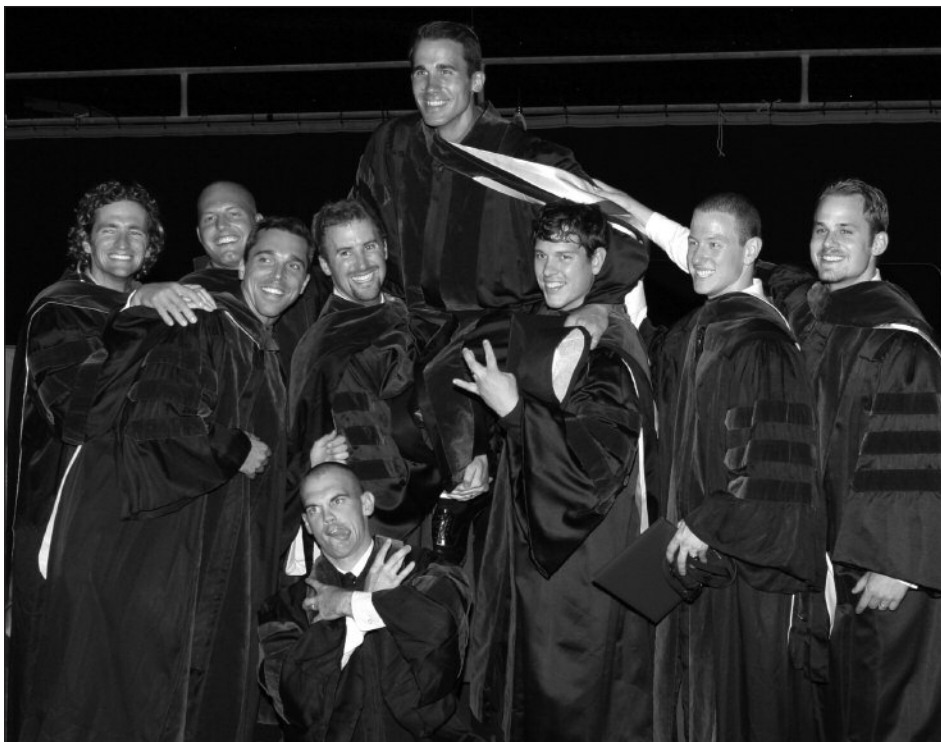
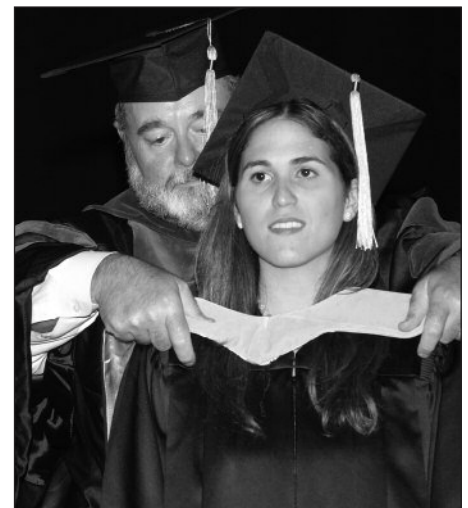
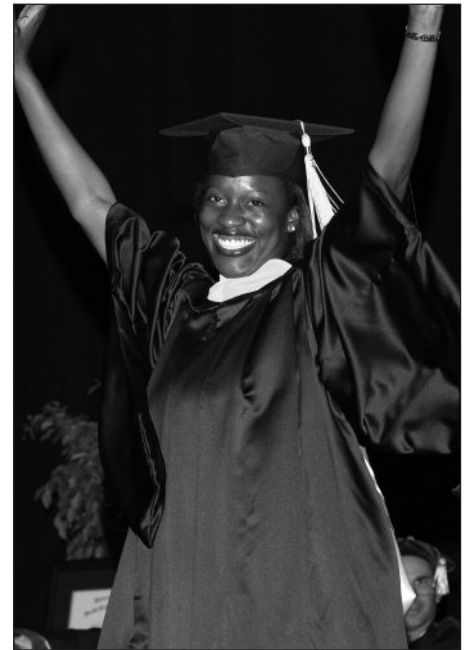
“At some point in time, the pursuit of academia alone was not enough to keep us motivated,” she said. “Whether we were up at 3 a.m. seeing another person with abdominal pain, or conducting the fifth trial of an experiment, or spending another sleepless night writing a thesis or dissertation, we did it because we wanted to serve.

“I am so proud and honored to be a part of this group of future professionals,” she said.



After the main ceremony, Dr. Blanck, former U.S. Army Surgeon General and retired three-star general, presided over a commissioning ceremony for the graduates who will be entering the armed services.

Joshua Latham, DO, will practice family medicine at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida; Jason Smith, DO, will practice emergency medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio; and Jeremy Swain, DO, will practice family medicine at Martin Army Community Hospital in Fort Benning, Ga. ★



Sonny Singh Open raises funds for students

The Second Annual Sonny Singh Open golf tournament took place June 27 at Pecan Valley Golf Course. The four-person scramble began with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Organizers estimate that the tournament raised about \$2,000, and additional funds from T-shirt sales are expected.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit students at the health science center's Institute for Aging and Alzheimer's Disease Research and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

The winning team members were Richard Easom, PhD, associate professor of molecular biology and immunology; Jordan Easom, Dr. Easom's son; Archie Booker, a representative from Miliken & Company; and Billy Sharp, a representative from EMD Biosciences.

The event was organized by Meharvan "Sonny" Singh, PhD, assistant professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, and his wife, Preeti Singhnarula, in conjunction with the co-sponsors for this year's tournament, VWR International and various distributors that they represent.

Dr. Singh said the first Sonny Singh Open, held at Squaw Creek Golf Course, began as a way for friends and colleagues to get together and have fun. The registration fees were just enough to cover the expenses of the tournament,



Tournament organizer Sonny Singh (right), PhD, assistant professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, lines up a putt while team members Steve Daley (left), from EMD Biosciences, and Tom Yorio (center), PhD, dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and vice president for research and biotechnology, look on.

which included a round of golf and a T-shirt with the Sonny Singh Open logo.

"This year, the Sonny Singh Open was larger in terms of participants," Dr. Singh said. "More importantly, the commercial sponsorship of this tournament will enable most of the proceeds to go toward graduate awards and stipends for travel to scientific meetings."

This year's registration fees included a T-shirt, a round of golf and a Mexican food buffet served at the end of the tournament. ★



Kudos to...

Albert Olivencia-Yurvati, DO, professor and vice chair of surgery, on his fifth-place finish in the Masters II (50 and over) age group at the Texas Shredder and WNBF Pro-American Championship, a natural, drug free/tested bodybuilding competition held May 7 in Austin.

Crystal Haak, graduate student, and her husband, Dustin Haak, on the birth of their baby girl, Madeline, May 18.

Sue Yi, MS, doctoral student in pharmacology and neuroscience, and her husband, Brad Graves, on the birth of their daughter, Michaela Ann Graves, June 9. ★

New GLSHN Officers

The new Gay, Lesbian and Straight Health Network officers are:

Monica Ghosh, TCOM 2008, president

Janie Rorick, PA 2007, vice president

Akiko Dohi, GSBS doctoral student, secretary

Ben Adams, TCOM 2007, treasurer

Ashley Joshi, TCOM 2008, director of education



Deanna Dial, pictured above with (left to right) Martin Hernandez, associate director of financial aid; Tomas Garcia, MD, president of the TMA Foundation; and Douglas Shriner, director of financial aid, was presented with the TMA Minority Scholarship at TMA's annual TexMed meeting in May.

TCOM student receives TMA minority scholarship

First-year medical student Deanna Dial received a Texas Medical Association Minority Scholarship for the 2005-2006 school year.

The \$5,000 scholarship was presented at TMA's TexMed 2005 annual meeting May 13 in Grapevine.

"We are very grateful to TMA for their efforts to ease the financial burdens of our medical students," said Martin Hernandez, associate director of financial aid at the health science center.

This is the second time that a Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine student has received the TMA Minority Scholarship.

"TMA is working toward the goal of funding a minority scholarship for each medical school in Texas," said Gail Schatte, director of loan funds administration for TMA. "TMA would then be able to award this scholarship to a TCOM student on an annual basis."

A former student of the health science center, Lekeisha Whitaker, MS, GSBS 2004, also received a TMA Minority Scholarship at the meeting. Whitaker

earned both a post baccalaureate certificate in premedical sciences in 2003 and a master of science degree in science education in 2004 from the health science center. She will be attending Texas A&M Health Science Center in the fall.

"As an alumna, Lekeisha Whitaker winning the TMA Minority Scholarship was a surprise that brought additional honor to our institution," said Doug Shriner, director of financial aid at the health science center. "This was a fact that we were only too happy to expound upon at the TMA scholarship presentation at the TexMed Annual meeting."

The TMA Minority Scholarship Program helps minorities who are underrepresented in Texas medical schools to fund their education and helps increase the number of minorities in the state's physician workforce.

This scholarship program is only one of many for TMA, which has provided a number of scholarships to TCOM students over the years, Hernandez said. TMA also provides low cost loans to students on an annual basis. ★

In the News

The *Star-Telegram* published an article about the **Northside Community Health Center** press conference in its May 6 issue. U.S. Senator John Cornyn was quoted. The *Fort Worth Business Press*, KERA radio 90.1, Telemundo 39, and KTVT-TV also covered the press conference.

Bernard Rubin, DO, MPH, was extensively quoted in the article "Tough to Swallow" that ran in the May issue of *Southwest Airlines Spirit*. The article discusses the problems faced by patients in making decisions about the use of prescription drugs.

Modern Healthcare magazine published a brief story about **An Eye for Detail: the Art of Observation** in its May 9 issue. **Bruce Dubin, DO, JD**, is mentioned.

Thomas Fairchild, PhD, was quoted in the May 10 *Dallas Morning News* in a story about motion sensors as a means for monitoring elderly people at home and ensuring their safety.

Arthur Eisenberg, PhD, was quoted in a May 12 Associated Press story about mistakes in the investigation of the identity of a beheaded girl whose body was found in Kansas City, Mo.

The *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* mentioned the health science center in an article about DNA evidence in a cold case that ran in its May 13 issue.

Johnny Khamphouseng, medical technology student at the health science center, was mentioned in a May 14 *Star-Telegram* article about cultural Laotian music. Khamphouseng was also featured in a photograph that ran with the story.

The *Fort Worth Business Press* reported in its May 16-22 issue that **Rong Ma, PhD**, received the 2005 Young Investigators Award from the American Physiological Society.

The May 23-29 *Fort Worth Business Press* reported that **Louis Sullivan, MD**, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, spoke at the health science center commencement and was awarded an honorary doctorate. ★

OMM doctor treats people, not backs

Although Russell Gamber, DO, MPH, professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine, claims he has never cured a patient, he was nominated as a 2005 Healthcare Hero by the *Fort Worth Business Press*.

That's because he takes a different view of treating patients than many doctors do. "I never cure a patient — ever," Dr. Gamber said. "My job is not to tell them what to do, it's to help them get better."

Dr. Gamber said he was pleased to receive the public acknowledgement of his work, and the local nature of the award was particularly meaningful to him. "It's a public recognition, a Fort Worth recognition," Dr. Gamber said.

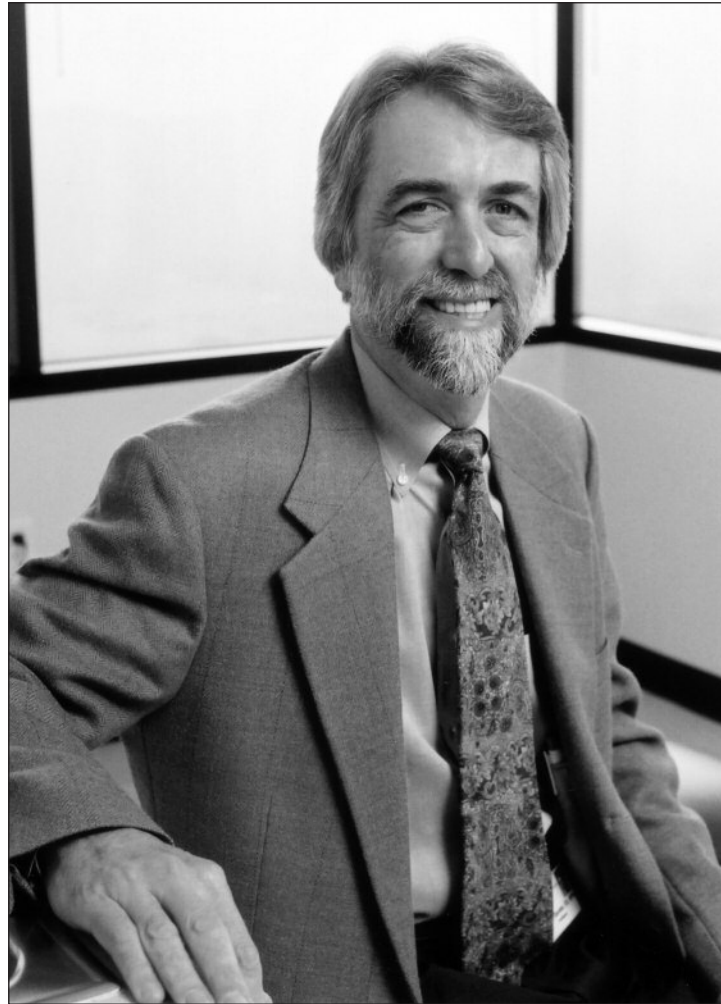
Dr. Gamber worked as a family practice physician for 15 years, but he has been specializing in osteopathic manipulative medicine since 1986. The special understanding of the patient's role in wellness that Dr. Gamber uses today is something that he learned through his early exposure to osteopathic medicine.

"I went to a DO all of my life," Dr. Gamber said. The relationship with his doctor in his hometown, Lancaster, Penn., helped steer Dr. Gamber toward a career in osteopathy. "I never even knew what an MD was," he joked.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Gamber is chair of the admissions committee for the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and has worked on OMM and primary care research projects funded by the American Osteopathic Association, the Health Resources and Services Administration and a health science center Research Award, but he still focuses intently on patient care.

"I see the top of the pyramid, those who are not successfully treated," Dr. Gamber said, "I offer them time, expertise, interest, empathy and most importantly, hope."

Dr. Gamber's Healthcare Hero status is a result of the way that he treats a patient as a complete person — mind,



Russell Gamber, DO, MPH, professor of manipulative medicine

body and spirit. "I've never had patients walk into the office without their heads on their shoulders, and I've never had patients walk in with their heads and their bodies not attached," Dr. Gamber said. "Human beings are a very complex species; consequently, you must treat them as a whole."

Another key aspect of Dr. Gamber's practice is that he does not believe in the ability to provide an instant cure. "Here, take this, this will take care of it is the biggest myth of medicine," Dr. Gamber said.

He said his patient-participation approach to medicine does not initially appeal to some patients. He uses this example to describe the viewpoint of a patient who has just begun treatment in

manipulative medicine:

First visit, "What kind of doctor are you?"

Second visit, "I'm no better."

Third visit, "Where have you been all my life?"

Dr. Gamber takes particular pleasure in working with patients on their first visit. "I enjoy new patients because I need to hear their story," Dr. Gamber said, "That's my job, to hear their story."

When assessing his patients, Dr. Gamber asks questions about what they think the cause of their pain is. "I try to look at where they are in life — spouse, work,

children," Dr. Gamber said.

Although Dr. Gamber says that he has never cured a patient, he has certainly helped guide many along the path to wellness. "The ultimate job of a physician is to give them hope, ideas and direction — not to tell them what to do," Dr. Gamber said.

He has also guided his family toward success in work and in life. Dr. Gamber has passed his insight into what makes a good doctor on to his son, Mark Gamber, DO, a TCOM graduate. Dr. Mark Gamber currently serves as chief resident of emergency medicine at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

He will be moving to north Texas with his wife and daughter to begin

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JAMP helps dreams come true for young Texans

Jose Ochoa wants to be a doctor.

His mother does not speak English, and his father did not graduate from high school.

When he was growing up, the 20-year-old McAllen native said his parents worked all of the time, and no one ever taught him ways to further his education. He sold Coca-Colas in the restaurants of nearby rural towns to help out with the family income.

When Ochoa began to notice the effects of diabetes on the people in his Hispanic community after volunteering at the local hospital, he realized that he could make a difference by becoming a doctor.

However, he had no way to pay for medical school.

"I consider myself as coming from a disadvantaged background," he said. "My parents don't have that kind of money just lying around to pay for me to go."

So he applied for the Joint Admission Medical Program at his university and now is one of 17 pre-med students participating in the program at the health science center.

Created in 2000 by Senate Bill 940 of the 77th Texas Legislature, JAMP was designed to support and encourage economically disadvantaged students to go into medical careers in Texas, said Leila Torres, JAMP program coordinator for the health science center.

After completion of the program, students receive scholarship money to pay

tuition at any of the eight medical schools in Texas upon acceptance. They also receive \$2,000 a year at their universities during the school year and a \$3,000 stipend each summer they attend classes at various medical schools in Texas.

To qualify for JAMP, students must be enrolled at a public or private college or university that participates in the program, present documentation of an economically disadvantaged history and have resident status in Texas.

Torres said that most of the students accepted into the program are minorities.

"This is good because the state wants to develop more minority physicians in the hopes that they will go back to their communities and serve them," she said.

The students must also have a 3.25 grade point average or higher in their first 15 hours of undergraduate courses and at least a 3.0 GPA in science courses.

JAMP faculty directors from participating universities submit two students to the program based on their qualifications and interest in medicine. Each summer, students go to various medical schools in Texas and complete a rigorous curriculum of courses.

Renee DeLaTorre, a Corpus Christi native, also participates in the JAMP program at the health science center. The 19-year-old has a 4.0 GPA and said she is inspired by those who work hard, especially her mother, who never had the chance to pursue higher education.

"I see every class that I take as an opportunity to learn, so I use each opportunity that I can get," she said. "JAMP is a great program, and I know that without it, I would not be as close to getting into medical school as I am."

Within the first week alone at the health science center, JAMP students attend lectures in physiology, learn medical terms and take tours of the various labs on campus. They also receive preparation for the Medical College Admission Test through classes that review the sections that will be included on the exam and a full-length practice test given at the end of the summer.

All JAMP students are required to take the MCAT no later than the spring semester of their junior year.

Weekends are reserved for free time and fun. Students are taken to places such as the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and Texas Rangers baseball games at Ameritrust Field in Arlington.

By the end of the summer, the students are already several steps closer to getting into medical school than many of their peers who are also studying to be doctors.

"I know that without JAMP, it would have been more of a struggle for me to get into medical school," Ochoa said. "I consider myself to be pretty lucky to be able to be a part of this program and meet all of these great doctors and see all of these different medical schools." ★

TOMA names Keehan Student Doctor of 2005

Patrick Keehan, DO, TCOM 2005, was named Student Doctor of the Year by the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.

This is the inaugural year of the award, which is presented to a fourth-year osteopathic medical student from Texas in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in academic achievement, leadership and service to the community and the osteopathic profession.

While a medical student, Dr. Keehan was on the TCOM Dean's List during the spring of 2004 and was

named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* for 2003-2004.

He was also active in the Medical Student Government Association, serving as its first vice president, Elections Committee chair and Curriculum Committee chair. He was vice president of the TCOM Class of 2005 for two years and served as president of the Business and Medicine Club. In addition, Dr. Keehan was the Class of 2005 student representative to TOMA for two years.

As a student member of TOMA, Dr. Keehan served as an ex-officio member of the TOMA Board of Trustees; a

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CORRECTION

In the Relay for Life article in the May issue of *Campus Connection*, Myoung Kim was incorrectly listed as a participant; graduate student Byung-Jin Kim was a participant. In addition, graduate student Jie (Helen) Liu was incorrectly identified as Kim's wife. The errors were introduced in the editing process, not by author Jacklyn Crisp. We regret any inconvenience the errors may have caused.

Pioneering Alzheimer's researcher speaks at aging symposium

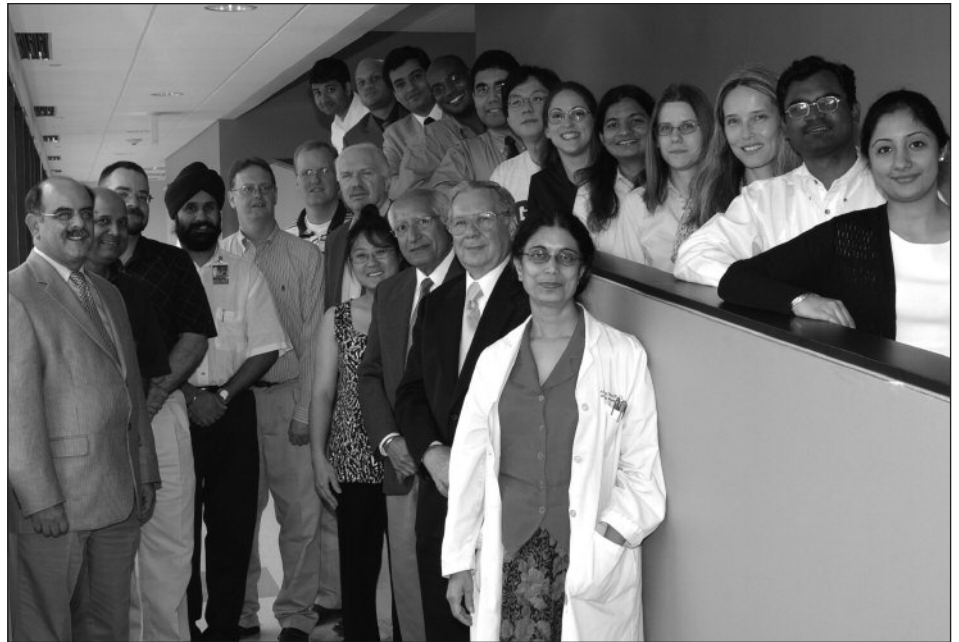
Philip Landfield, PhD, a pioneer in the field of brain aging, presented the keynote address "Harnessing the Power of Gene Microarrays for the Study of Brain Aging and Alzheimer's Disease," at the third annual Neurobiology of Aging Trainee Symposium May 20.

Dr. Landfield leads a team of Alzheimer's researchers at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine that recently received a \$7.5 million National Institutes of Health grant to study how calcium regulation in the brain changes with aging and the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

In his address, he explained how microarrays are revolutionizing the study of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Landfield likens the role of microarrays to the role of integrated circuits and silicon chips in electronics.

The annual symposium provides a forum for neurobiology of aging trainees at the health science center to present their research. Students began their presentations at 8:30 a.m., and poster presentations were on view throughout the day.

"This symposium serves as an integral component of the neurobiology of aging training program," said James Simpkins, PhD, principal investigator



Participants in the third annual Neurobiology of Aging Trainee Symposium held May 20 at the Center for BioHealth.

for the pre-doctoral training grant program. "This training grant is multidisciplinary in scope. We hope to stimulate interest and research on aging in students so that the problems associated with aging today can be alleviated."

In May 2002, the health science center was awarded a pre-doctoral training grant from the National Institute on

Aging to provide financial and scholarly support for students pursuing research in the neurobiology of aging.

Students who become fellows receive a full stipend, funds for tuition and fees, and funding to attend national scientific meetings. Funds have also been made available to support associate fellows. ★

TOMA names Keehan Student Doctor of 2005

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Patrick Keehan, DO, TCOM 2005

student delegate to the TOMA House of Delegates, the policy-making body of the association; a member of the TOMA Governmental Relations Committee; and a member of the DOME Day Committee. Dr. Keehan was also a student coordinator for the TOMA annual convention for 2002-2003.

On the national level, Dr. Keehan was an alternate student delegate to the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates.

While maintaining his academic standing and leadership activities, Dr. Keehan also participated in various community activities. He was a first-

aid volunteer at the Fort Worth Cowtown Marathon, a participant in the "What's in a Doctor's Bag" series at Dunbar Middle School, and a volunteer at community service blood drive programs. He is a member of the Sigma Sigma Phi National Honorary Osteopathic Fraternity.

Dr. Keehan will complete his residency training with a rotating internship at Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth.

The Student Doctor of the Year Award was announced June 4 during TOMA's 106th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar, held June 1-5 in Austin. ★

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Graduates honored for academic achievement

This year's graduating class from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine received awards May 19 at the annual awards reception at the Fort Worth Club.

Frederick Schaller, DO, associate professor of internal medicine and chief of cardiology, received the M.L. Coleman Clinical Faculty of the Year Award, which included a plaque and \$250.

Sam Maroney, DO, received the Scholastic Award for Academic Excellence, which included a plaque and \$1,000. Dr. Maroney also graduated first in the class.

Jason Smith, DO, received the Scholastic Award for Academic Achievement, which included a plaque and \$750. Dr. Smith also graduated second in the class.

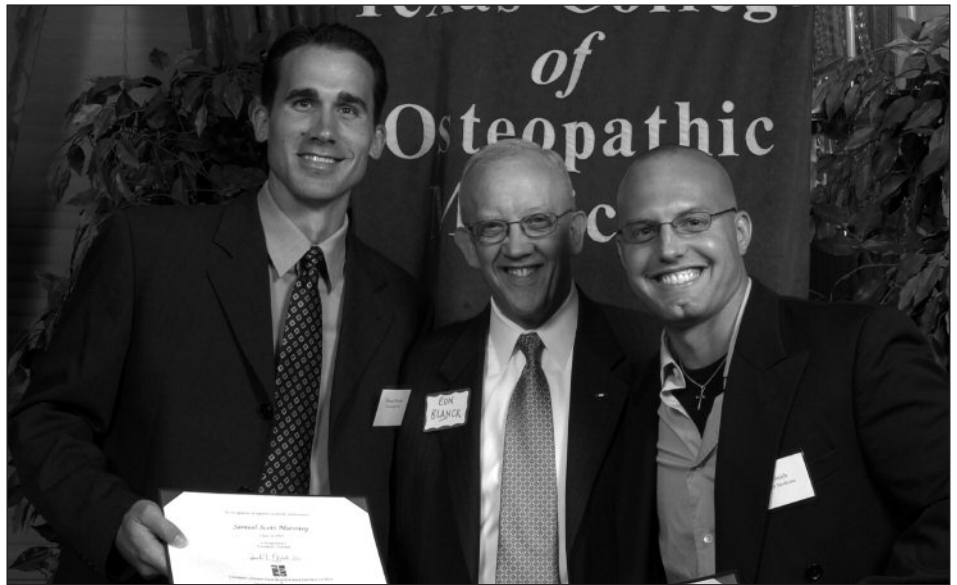
Ira Lehrer, DO, received the TCOM Alumni Association Award for Academic Performance, which included a plaque and \$500, and an award for Excellence in Surgery, which included a plaque and \$250. Dr. Lehrer also graduated third in the class.

Kandace Klein, DO, was the Sigma Sigma Phi Outstanding Senior, and she received a Glasgow-Rubin Memorial Achievement Citation (presented to women who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class). She was also recognized for academic achievement in the family medicine rural track.

Samer Nachawati, DO, won the Arrowsmith Award, which included a plaque and \$1,000.

Carlos Gomez-Meade, DO, won the Benavides Memorial Award, which included a plaque and \$1,000, and he was recognized for academic achievement in the family medicine rural track.

Krystal Castle, DO, won the Chancellor's Award, which included a plaque and \$1,000, and the Excellence in Pediatrics Award, which included a plaque and \$300. She also received a Glasgow-Rubin Memorial Achievement Citation and was recognized for academic achievement in the family medicine rural track.



Left to right: Sam Maroney, DO; Ronald Blanck, DO, health science center president; and Jason Smith, DO, celebrate academic achievement at the TCOM awards reception. Dr. Maroney and Dr. Smith graduated first and second in their class, respectively.



Krystal Castle, DO, pictured above with Lee Jackson, UNT System chancellor, was presented with the Chancellor's Award at the TCOM Awards Reception.

Jeff Beeson, DO, won the President's Award, which included a plaque and \$1,000. He was also recognized for excellence in emergency medicine.

Heath White, DO, MS, won the W.O. Stockseth Award, which included a certificate and \$1,500.

Angela Ferguson, DO, received a Glasgow-Rubin Memorial Achievement Citation, and she was recognized for excellence in obstetrics and gynecology,



Ira Lehrer, DO, received the TCOM Alumni Association Award for Academic Excellence at the awards reception.

which included a plaque and \$250, and internal medicine, which included a plaque and \$500.

Shirley Sheth, DO, received a Glasgow-Rubin Memorial Achievement Citation, and she was recognized for Excellence in pathology, which included a plaque and \$1,000.

Meeta Patel, DO, received a Glasgow-Rubin Memorial Achievement Citation.

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Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

TCOM: Celebrating more than a birthday in 2005

1970. America had just put a man on the moon. President Nixon declared war on cancer.

A hospital room cost about \$81 a day. AIDS, DNA and HMO were just letters.

Here in North Texas, America's seventh osteopathic medical school opened for business, thanks primarily to the vision and hard work of three local DOs: George Luibel, Dan Beyer and Carl Everett.

The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was born on Oct. 1, 1970, appropriately enough, in a hospital. Specifically, in unfinished space on the fifth floor of what was then called Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital.

Present for the long-awaited delivery: 20 idealistic students, five dedicated faculty members, 17 volunteer physicians and a small, devoted staff. The administration building was a renovated clapboard house, and the college's first piece of equipment was an Underwood manual typewriter, purchased new for \$60. The anatomy lab was a garage apartment.

These adventurers defied their skeptics with hard work. They refused to be discouraged by what seemed an impossible task. They grew their dream with grants from local foundations and dollars from the pocketbooks of individual osteopathic physicians across Texas and throughout the United States.

True to the pioneer spirit, these men and women were determined to buck the odds, make history, change the future.

They did. And we still are.

Today TCOM, and the health science center that has grown out of it, has deep roots in an enviable Cultural District hilltop where we create a small skyline of our own within Fort Worth.

Where once there was an old bowling alley — hammered into a one-year-old medical school with the after-hours elbow grease of its own students and teachers — there is now a \$135.7 million, 33-acre complex of dynamic,



Marc Hahn, DO, TCOM dean, at the health science center's exhibit at the TOMA convention in June. Plans for the TCOM birthday gala were announced at the convention.

groundbreaking medical and scientific activity, continuously evolving through a synergistic combination of state, federal and private money.

Where once a daring and creative handful of doctors-to-be relied on borrowed microscopes and their own blood to learn clinical biochemistry, there are now more than 1,000 students and 1,200 faculty and staff learning and working together in four graduate-level schools, eight research centers, 18 community clinics and one of the most advanced medical libraries in the Southwest.

More than 3,000 professionals have learned their craft here, including the first osteopathic physician in the world to perform heart transplants and a scientist on NASA's shuttle Columbia, who conducted some of the most complicated life sciences experiments ever attempted in flight. Our alumni of many disciplines make a difference for individuals and entire communities

every day, across America and around the world, from Lubbock to Lithuania.

David Ray, DO, president of TCOM's first class and now a successful family physician in Bridgeport, succinctly expressed to me what it took for the men and women of TCOM to build a medical school from scratch 35 years ago: "an awesome act of faith."

I agree, and I think it calls for a celebration!

— Marc Hahn, DO
Dean of the Texas College
of Osteopathic Medicine



**See page 10 for information
about the TCOM birthday gala.**

TCOM 35th Birthday Gala

“The Stars at Night are Big and Bright!”

WHEN AND WHERE?

- ★ Saturday, September 24, 2005, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight in the Grand Ballroom of Fort Worth's Renaissance Worthington Hotel.
- ★ It's a Texas-style “denim ‘n’ diamonds” event, where guests are invited to dress up in their best cowboy chic. What's that mean? Boots and black ties, sequins and silver, jeans for the gents, and jewels for the ladies!
- ★ There will be many faculty and leaders from “the early years” in attendance, great entertainment, alumni awards, an exciting live auction (featuring a Carnival cruise and several vacation getaways), a very unusual birthday cake and lots of time to dance, dance, dance.
- ★ The Birthday Gala is just half of a great weekend: An all-class TCOM reunion party will be held on campus Friday night, September 23. Special recognition will be given to the TCOM classes of 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995 both Friday and Saturday nights.

WHO BENEFITS?

- ★ This is a fundraiser, and all gala proceeds will benefit the many activities and programs that are not covered by state allocations. For example, sponsorships and ticket sales will benefit the TCOM Dean's Discretionary Fund, which supports various academic and research endeavors of the medical school, including:
 - Student scholarships and travel awards that enable students to attend professional meetings and medical conventions.
 - Continuous upgrades and maintenance for the new Patient Training Simulation Lab.
 - Research start-up money for projects such as the new Center for Diabetes and Related Metabolic Disorders.
 - Facilities and infrastructure to grow TCOM's class size from 135 to 150, which will help us keep pace with the growth of the allopathic medical schools in Texas.
- ★ Sponsorships and ticket sales will also benefit the UNTHSC President's Progress Fund, which supports institutional areas of greatest need, including:
 - Campus traditions such as Orientation Week, the annual Convocation/White Coat Ceremony and Commencement.
 - Student counseling, tutoring and mentoring programs.
 - Advertising and public relations efforts that build awareness and support for all of our clinics, research institutes and community services.
 - Annual student achievement awards and honors.
 - Exhibits and events at state and national professional conventions, where we have unique opportunities to strengthen our relationships with alumni and peers.
- ★ Gala proceeds will not be directed to the Center for BioHealth building campaign.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

- ★ Sponsor a table for \$3,500, \$7,000 or \$10,000 or purchase individual tickets for \$150 each. Call the Office of Institutional Advancement at ext. 2445 for details. A gala website will be launched in July.
- ★ Tell the Office of Institutional Advancement about potential donors you know, such as your contacts in pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, businesses, vendors, etc.
- ★ Alumni can help find their “lost” classmates and encourage participation in the reunion and the gala.

Physician Assistant Studies

PA Studies celebrates academic achievement

Several physician assistant students received awards at this year's Senior Awards Reception held May 19 at the Fort Worth Club.

Carrie Pederson, PA, received the President's Scholar Award. This award is the highest honor bestowed upon a PA student and is given to the PA student who maintains exceptional academic standards during all phases of the curriculum, has high overall academic achievement, exhibits excellence in the master's project and/or research activities, has recognized excellence during the clinical rotations, participates in student associations and activities, and demonstrates a commitment to the PA profession. Pederson earned a bachelor of science degree in biomedical sciences from Texas A&M University.

Amber Downes, PA, received the Outstanding Achievement in Physician Assistant Studies Academic Phase award. This award recognizes exceptional academic and clinical performance based on participation in related activities. Downes earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Texas Woman's University.

Holly Coker, PA, received the Outstanding Achievement in Physician Assistant Studies Clinical Phase award. This award is given to the student who demonstrates outstanding achievement in all facets of the clinical rotation phase of the curriculum. Coker earned a bachelor of science degree in nutrition from Stephen F. Austin University.



Carrie Pederson, PA, pictured above with Ronald Blanck (left), DO, president of the health science center, and Hank Lemke, PA-C, director of Physician Assistant Studies, received the President's Scholar Award at the Senior Awards Reception May 19.

Jeanine DeSocio, PA, received the Outstanding Master's Project award. This award recognizes outstanding merit in a master's project, including the completion of a project that is relevant to the profession and represents high levels of achievement in research, methods, results and conclusions. DeSocio earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Connecticut.

Jessica Evans, PA, received the Department of Surgery Award for Clinical

Excellence in Surgery. She earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from East Texas Baptist University.

Laurie Channer, PA; Adrian Bradford-Childress, PA; Coker; Downes; and Ryan Williams, PA, received the Master's Project Excellence Award.

Jim Roch, PA-C, assistant professor of Physician Assistant Studies, received the Outstanding Faculty Award, and Sandra Mann, administrative assistant in Physician Assistant Studies, received the Outstanding Staff Award. ★

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Kristel Leubner, DO, received the Haman Memorial Award, which included a plaque and \$1,000.

Clayton Roberts, DO, received the Bunnell Award, which included a plaque and \$500.

Jeremy Swain, DO, received the T. Robert Sharp Award, which included a

plaque and \$1,000.

Arash Bidgoli, DO, was recognized for excellence in sports medicine, which included a plaque and a gift certificate.

Vic Gibson, DO, was recognized for excellence in obstetrics and gynecology.

In addition, Luke Bertorelli, DO; Laurel Blackman, DO; Dishu Chadda,

DO; Matthew Connor, DO; Marissa Garza, DO; Tammy Gregg, DO; Carley Holman, DO; Lindsay McBride, DO; Sarah Severson, DO; Chris Vassiliou, DO; Melinda Wenner, DO; Jonathan Wilson, DO; and Mark Zeller DO, were recognized for academic achievement in the family medicine rural track. ★

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

SMART, McNair students participate in summer research programs

SMART Program

The Summer Multicultural Advanced Research Training Program brings undergraduate students to the health science center campus to participate in a 10-week biomedical sciences research project. Participants become familiar with the varied disciplines and methodology used in biomedical research. At the conclusion of the summer, students present a 10-minute seminar on their research and submit an abstract for presentation at a national conference.

SMART is a program for multicultural students made possible in part by the National Institutes of Health and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. The NIH has designated African Americans, Native Americans, Mexican Americans and Mainland Puerto Ricans as underrepresented populations in the sciences. However, through additional funding provided by our corporate partners, the health science center invites applications from all interested students.

This year's SMART scholars come from colleges and universities from across the nation, including Xavier University, the University of Oklahoma, Alcorn University, the University of Houston, Auburn University, Tuskegee University, Dillard University, Jackson State University, Langston University, North Carolina A&T State University, Baylor University and Southern University.

Selected from sophomore year classes at their undergraduate institutions, SMART participants receive stipends for research programs at the health science center during the summer before their junior year. During the students' junior and senior years, they are considered for acceptance into the McNair program.

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program provides an excellent opportunity for low-income individuals who are first-generation college students and/or belong to traditionally underrepresented groups in graduate education to pursue doctoral study.

The program is named in honor of Ronald E. McNair, PhD, the laser physicist and astronaut killed in the Challenger space shuttle disaster. It is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and supplemented by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Miller Brewing Company.

During the summer, McNair scholars come to the health science center campus and participate in a summer research internship. Twenty students come from schools such as Prairie View A&M University, Texas Southern University, Tuskegee University, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Texas A&M Corpus Christi University, Tarrant County College-Southeast Campus, Texas Christian University, Southern University, Langston University, Kentucky State University, the University of Texas at Arlington, McLennan Community College, and the University of Houston.

Although their presence is more evident in the summer, McNair scholars are actually involved in year-round activities. In November, returning McNair scholars attend the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students to present the research they performed the previous summer. In the spring, scholars present their research at the Texas McNair Conference and attend Research Appreciation Day.

In the summer, scholars are assigned faculty mentors who supervise their laboratory experience and provide guidance in the development of a research project. Scholars attend weekly classes during the summer and receive assistance in preparing for the Graduate Record Examination.

Fifty-seven alumni of the health science center's McNair program have continued their studies at the graduate level in the six-year history of the program — 18 of them at the health science center. Eric Gonzales will be the first health science center McNair alumnus to complete a PhD program. Gonzales was selected for the first health science center McNair class in 1999. He entered the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in the fall of 2000, and he is scheduled to complete his doctoral studies this summer.

McNair/SMART Student Association

Under the leadership of Kimberly James, president, and Desiree McNair, vice president, the SMART and McNair scholars of 2005 will engage in activities outside of their laboratory and classroom works. Activities for the summer include community service at a local church, where scholars donate their time teaching students math, reading and writing to improve test scores.

Other events will enhance the leadership skills and social cohesion of the group. These activities range from volunteering at the Juneteenth Festival June 18-19 to social entertainment, trips to Six Flags, parties and attending church at the Potter House in Dallas.

Members of the Black Graduate Student Associate serve as advisors to the SMART/McNair scholars and assist them with all of their activities. ★

Professional and Continuing Education

Keeping Pace: HSC Volunteer Connie Costen

He woke up one morning in January 2000 and asked himself, “Now what?” After 22 years serving in the Air Force and six more at the Texas Workers Compensation Commission, Constantine Costen had retired.

While Costen, affectionately known as Connie, didn’t know what it was he wanted to do, he knew it had to involve staying busy, giving back to the community and ample opportunities to increase his knowledge.

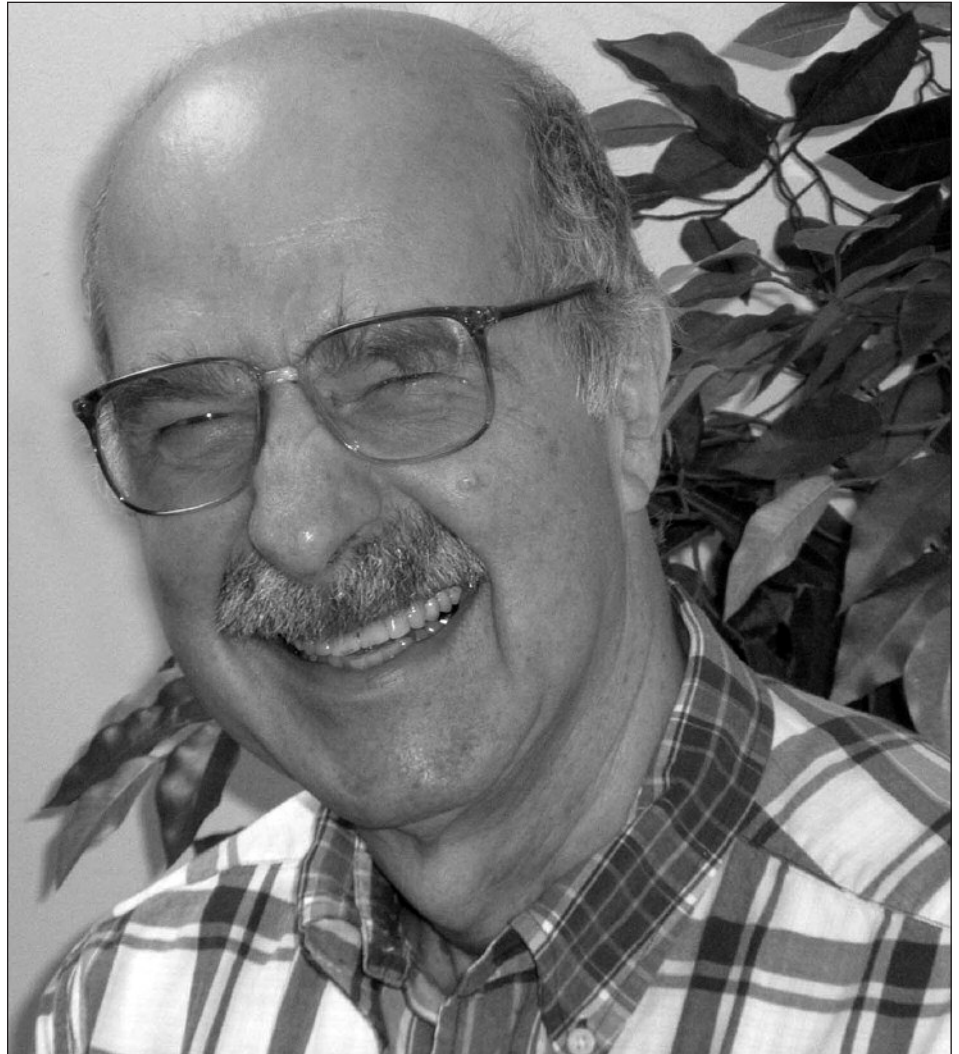
As Costen searched for something to occupy his time, his wife, Chaquita, looked for a new physician to meet their unique health care needs as older Americans. She read an article in the *Star-Telegram* about the head of geriatrics at the health science center, Janice Knebl, DO. In the article, Dr. Knebl discussed the needs of older Americans and how osteopathy could meet them. Costen’s wife showed him the article and made an appointment.

A few days later, Costen read an article about Thomas Fairchild, PhD, associate vice president of institutional planning and director of Special Projects on Aging at the health science center, and his work with the aging population. He wrote Dr. Fairchild a letter expressing an interest in volunteering at the health science center and quickly received a call.

Costen was put to work helping assemble information for a number of projects. When the Office of Professional and Continuing Education needed assistance for its national speaker development program, Dr. Fairchild volunteered him for the task.

“I was amazed,” Costen said. “I’d only been here a couple of weeks, and I was being asked to go to San Francisco to assist with a national program. What could be better?”

Since then, Costen has volunteered in PACE almost every morning. He helps



Retiree Connie Costen says volunteering allows him to continue to be a vital member of the community while providing a valuable service for the health science center.

with research, mail outs, registrations and just about anything else that needs to be completed – all with a smile on his face.

“Connie’s contribution to our operation cannot be measured,” said Pam McFadden, associate vice president of PACE. “He graciously does anything asked of him. It’s always a pleasure to see his face in the mornings, and we definitely miss him when he’s not here.”

Costen said he would love to see an official volunteer program at the health

science center. “In key areas around campus, even a small number of volunteers could add up to a huge savings in personnel or work that is currently outsourced,” he said.

“I feel blessed that I can work around such a great group of people and feel like I contribute to the department’s success,” he said. “We have an entire city of people who want to contribute in the same way, and many just don’t know how or where to start.” ★

Institutional Advancement

Longtime donors honored at appreciation luncheon

About 75 health science center benefactors and many of their beneficiaries attended the Office of Institutional Advancement's donor appreciation luncheon May 3.

The many distinguished guests who joined faculty, staff and students at the Petroleum Club downtown included the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine's only living founder, Carl Everett, DO; several donors from outside Fort Worth who have made annual contributions since the early 1980s; a number of local donors who have just begun to support health science center programs; members of the UNTHSC Foundation's board of directors; directors of two other foundations; individuals who have directed gifts to the health science center in their wills; and a number of alumni who are donors.

Cheryl Kimberling, PhD, vice president for institutional advancement, welcomed the donors and told them they represented the best of philanthropy.

"Many people give when the mood hits them. They give sporadically, in response to a compelling crisis or passing urge," she said. "They are the philanthropic sprinters, quick out of the blocks, but hard to find when the dash is over.

"Today we honor you, our long-distance runners," Dr. Kimberling said. "Your generosity and commitment, and your passionate belief in us, empowers us to accomplish our mission."

The event featured three guest speakers. Donald Dunlap, DO, a graduate of the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and owner of a network of clinics in the Metroplex, spoke on endowing the newest scholarship fund in the Foundation. He described TCOM as "the pinnacle of training in the osteopathic profession."

David Ray, DO, president of the TCOM Class of 1974 and one of the medical school's first 18 graduates, is the owner and medical director of a family practice and ambulatory surgical center in Bridgeport. He talked about the "necessity and privilege of giving back" to his alma mater.

Fourth-year medical student Samuel Maroney, who was just a couple of weeks away from graduating at the time of the luncheon, spoke on behalf of health science center students. He encouraged both students and graduates to look back and lift up those who would follow in their

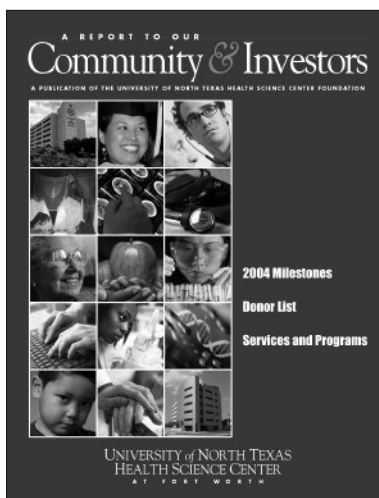


More than \$400,000 in scholarships from the G.W. Tompson Scholarship Fund of the Community Hospital Foundation in Houston has been awarded to TCOM students since 1981. Tompson scholarship benefactors and recipients at the May 3 donor appreciation luncheon (left to right): W.L. Tompson; Kay Tompson Howard; Jeremy Urbanczyk, TCOM 2007; Edythe Tompson; Samuel Maroney, TCOM 2005; and Michelle Shiller, TCOM 2006.

footsteps. "Leave a legacy," he said.

Daniel Perugini, DO, executive vice president, wrapped up the donor recognition event by thanking those present for helping the health science center achieve "yet another milestone year in enrollment, research funding and campus growth."

After reminding the attendees that all gifts, whether of service, time, money or advocacy, were valuable, he quoted the words of Mother Teresa: "We can do no great things, only small things with great love." ★



Advancement releases donor report

About 1,000 copies of "A Report to Our Community & Investors," produced by the Office of Institutional Advancement, were distributed through intradepartmental mail in May. The report was also mailed to health science center alumni, donors and community leaders.

"Promotions like this help build the awareness that must exist before any community fundraising effort will be successful," said Vice President Cheryl Kimberling, PhD.

The report includes the Foundation's 2004 donor list, an overview of health sci-

ence center statistics and achievements of the past year, and a "How to Reach Us" listing of selected departments and phone numbers.

It also highlights both the finished and unfinished portions of the Center for Bio-Health, and it includes a commentary by Fort Worth businessman Ed Bass, as well as "an invitation to invest" from the chair emeritus of Alcon Inc., Tim Sear. Sear is leading the Foundation's community-

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Sejong Bae, PhD, assistant professor of biostatistics, and **Karan Singh, PhD**, professor and chair of biostatistics, authored the papers “A rich family of generalized Poisson regression models with applications,” published in the June issue of *Mathematics and Computers in Simulation*, and “Working with families to prevent obesity: A community campus partnership,” published in the April issue of the *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences*.

Alakananda Basu, PhD, professor of molecular biology and immunology, presented the seminar “Protein kinase C in the midst of murder and suicide” May 16 at St. Louis University. **Dr. Basu** is also senior author of the paper “Involvement of proteolytic activation of PKC-delta in cisplatin-induced apoptosis in human small cell lung cancer H69 cells” published in the June issue of the *International Journal of Cancer*. **Shalini Persaud**, graduate student in molecular biology and immunology, is first author, and **Van Hoang**, former SMART student, and **Jie Huang**, senior research assistant, both of molecular biology and immunology, are co-authors.

Kathryn Cardarelli, PhD, assistant professor of epidemiology, presented “Pathways linking education and health: the role of psychosocial factors” at the Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting in June in Toronto, Calif.

Roberto Cardarelli, DO, MPH, associate professor of family medicine and executive network director of NorTex, is first author of the paper “The North Texas Primary Care Practice-Based Research Network (NorTex): Member Recruitment in Progress,” published in the May issue of *Tarrant County Physician* magazine. **Carol Knisley**, editorial assistant in family medicine, is co-author. **Dr. Cardarelli** is also first author of the paper “The North Texas Primary Care Practice-Based Research Network (NorTex): Creating the Largest Osteopathic Primary Care Research Network” published in the March issue of *Texas DO*. **Knisley** is co-author.

Glenn Dillon, PhD, professor of pharmacology and neuroscience and associate vice president for research and

biotechnology, and **Robert Mallet, PhD**, associate professor of integrative physiology, both members of the American Heart Association Texas Affiliate’s Research Allocations Advisory Committee, participated in the annual meeting May 16 in Austin. The committee determines how the AHA Texas Affiliate’s grant funding will be distributed for the year.

Jeff Hantes, DO, TCOM 1998, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, co-authored the article “Incidence of cyclical bleeding after laparoscopic supracervical hysterectomy,” published in the May/June issue of the *Journal of Minimally Invasive Gynecology*. **Ali Ghomi, MD**, department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University at Bullalo, and **E.C. Lotze, MD**, department of obstetrics and gynecology at the Woman’s Hospital of Texas in Houston, are co-authors.

Ren-Qi Huang, MD, PhD, research assistant professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, was recently awarded a Beginning Grant-in-Aid from the American Heart Association Texas Affiliate for his research project “pH modulates phasic and tonic GABAergic neurotransmission.” The two-year grant totals \$124,000. **Dr. Huang** previously won this award in 2001. In addition, **Dr. Huang** and **Meharvan “Sonny” Singh, PhD**, assistant professor, and **Glenn Dillon, PhD**, professor, both of pharmacology and neuroscience, published the paper “PKC modulation of GABAA receptor endocytosis and function is inhibited by mutation of a dileucine motif within the receptor beta2 subunit” in the February issue of *Neuropharmacology*. **Dina Herring, PhD**, and **Nancy Leidenheimer, PhD**, both of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, are first author and senior author, respectively.

Andras Lacko, PhD, professor of molecular biology and immunology, presented the paper “Advanced Drug Delivery System for Breast Cancer Chemotherapy” at the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program’s “Era of Hope” meeting June 10 in Philadelphia, Pa. **Linda Mooberry**,

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graduate student; **Maya Nair, PhD**, doctoral research assistant professor; **Walter McConathy, PhD**, associate professor of internal medicine; and **Sulabha Paranjape, MS**, research assistant in internal medicine, are co-authors.

Porunelloor Mathew, PhD, associate professor of molecular biology and immunology, is senior author of the paper “An Ets element regulates the transcription of the human 2B4 gene in natural killer cells,” published in the May 1 issue of the journal *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* (BBA). **Swapnil Vaidya**, graduate student in microbiology and immunology, is first author.

Irvine Prather, DO, is author of the article “Brown Recluse Spider Bites: A Complex Problem Wound. A Brief Review and Case Study,” published in the March issue of *Ostomy Wound Management*.

Rustin Reeves, PhD, assistant professor of cell biology and genetics, is first author of the paper “Promoting Graduate Student Interest and Participation in Human Gross Anatomy” published in the May issue of *The Anatomical Record Part B: The New Anatomist*. **Harold Sheedlo, PhD**, assistant professor, and **Rouel Roque, MD**, associate professor, both of cell biology and genetics, are co-authors.

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focused campaign to raise \$3 million to help fund the finish-out of the building.

The publication originally appeared as a special insert in the April 28 edition of the *Fort Worth Business Press*, which prints 10,000 copies for subscribers and newsstands and estimates a total weekly readership of 47,000.

This distribution was the largest ever for an advancement publication. “I call on local donors and prospective donors several times a week,” said Dr. Kimberling. “Most of them have told me that they have seen the report, and they’re impressed with the story that it tells.”

For copies of the publication, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at ext. 2445. ★

John Schetz, PhD, associate professor; **Christina Floresca, PhD**, post-doctoral fellow; and **Shiuhwei Chen, MS**, research technician, all of pharmacology and neuroscience, are co-authors of the paper “Reciprocal mutations in TM2/TM3 in a D2 dopamine receptor background confirms the importance of this microdomain as a selective determinant of para-halogenated 1,4-disubstituted aromatic piperazines,” published online in the *Archives of Pharmazie, Chemistry and Life Sciences* in June. Sandhya Kortagere, PhD, post-doctoral fellow in physiology and biophysics at Weill Medical College of Cornell, is co-author.

Gary Scott, MS, research associate in cell biology and genetics, presented “Topical Oxygen Alters Angiogenic-Related Growth Factor Expression in Chronic Diabetic Foot Ulcers” May 21 at the annual Wound Healing Society conference in Chicago, Ill.

Jens Westhoff, MD, former postdoctoral trainee in the lab of **Peter Koulen, PhD**, associate professor of pharmacology and neuroscience, received an International Young Investigator Award from the American Transplant Congress. The award was published in the May issue of the *American Journal of Transplantation*. Dr. Westhoff is currently a physician researcher at the University of Heidelberg and German Cancer Research Center. ★

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work at the Medical Center of Plano soon. Dr. Gamber’s other son, Colin Gamber, works at a real estate investment trust in New York, and is getting married on top of Aspen Mountain in Colorado this summer.

Dr. Gamber, a recipient of the prestigious George W. Northup, DO, Medical Writing Award and other awards in addition to his Healthcare Hero nomination, is not the only award winner in his family. Jean Gamber, Dr. Gamber’s wife, was nominated for the “Arlington Will Award and Recognize (Educational) Excellence” (AWARE) award for her service as a third grade teacher at Butler Elementary School.

“We are all hard workers,” Dr. Gamber said. “That is why we do well.” ★