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JAMA Editor-in-Chief Catherine DeAngelis, M.D., MPH, to deliver Commencement Address

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Catherine D. DeAngelis, M.D., MPH, Editor-in-Chief of the prestigious *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* and an accomplished clinician, researcher and educator, will deliver the keynote address at the Drexel University College of Medicine Commencement ceremonies on May 20.

When Dr. DeAngelis became a physician in 1969, few women were practicing medicine. At the tender age of 4, she met her first challenge in her quest to become a doctor.

"I kept asking my parents for a doctor's kit, but I kept getting nurse's kits," recalls Dr. DeAngelis, a native of Old Forge, Pa. "Later, I attended nursing school when I figured out that the cost of medical school was too steep for my family."

Never taking her eye off her ultimate ambition, Dr. DeAngelis accepted a nursing position at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, drawn there because of its location near the Maryknoll Missions. She had long considered becoming a medical

missionary before she was finally able to attend medical school.

Dr. DeAngelis was one of only seven women who graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1969 and the only woman

in her residency class at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She gave up a residency in pediatric transplant surgery when she

fell in love with general pediatrics.

"This job has enabled me to address issues I consider critical in medicine today."

"Children are wonderful," says

Dr. DeAngelis. "They keep you from getting too serious or impressed with yourself. Sometimes you try to charm them and instead they scream bloody murder or vomit on you. Frequently, you have to get down on the floor with them to accomplish what you want. You can't be high and mighty when you're crawling on the floor with kids."

During her residency, she was troubled by the number of children who came to the ER with minor complaints because it was their only access to health care. Determined to change the situation, she studied health law and economics at Harvard Graduate School of Public Health, earning a master's degree in public health.

While pursuing her MPH, Dr. DeAngelis worked at a neighborhood health center in an underserved area of Boston and developed a new nurse practitioner program that would enable clinics to meet the needs of more children. "One key component was missing from the program – a textbook," she relates. "So I wrote one." It was the first of many she has authored.

Next, she made a triumphant return to Columbia-Presbyterian as a pediatrician. "Now I wasn't just watching doctors make rounds and wishing I could do the same," she remembers. "I was actually doing it." While at Columbia and, later, at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals, she developed and implemented pediatric nurse practitioner programs and health delivery systems for underserved areas.



Dr. DeAngelis

Dr. Bill Stephenson to Be Honored at Hepatitis B Foundation Crystal Ball



Dr. Stephenson

Leonard M. (Bill) Stephenson, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Policy for Drexel University and the College of Medicine, will receive the Hepatitis B Foundation's Distinguished Founders Award on April 30 at the annual Crystal Ball. Dr. Stephenson is being honored for his outstanding contributions to Hepatitis B research.

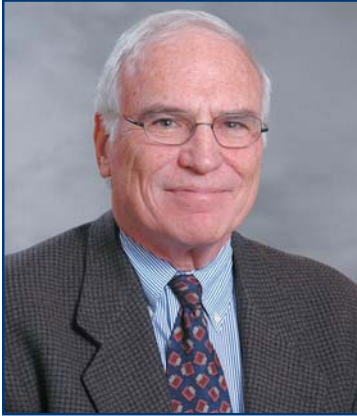
Occasions at Union Square, in New Hope, Pa., is the setting for the ball. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$275 per couple. For further information, contact Peggy Farley at the Hepatitis B Foundation, **215-489-4900**.

The Hepatitis B Foundation, incorporated in 1991, was co-founded by Timothy Block, Ph.D., a Professor of Biotechnology and Virology in the College, and President of the Drexel Institute for Biotechnology and Virology Research in Doylestown, Pa.

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Joseph D. Bloom, M.D.
Dean
Drexel University College of Medicine

A Vibrant Culture in Medical Education

March 23 concluded the site visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the accrediting authority for medical education programs leading to the M.D. degree. I am very pleased to tell you that the visit went very well, with many positive remarks about our education program. We will receive the official report from the full LCME later this year.

In their exit interview with us, the LCME team noted many areas of strength, among them the exceptional concentration of dedicated faculty; leadership that fosters a unique, vibrant culture in medical education; a parent University that offers mutually beneficial collaboration and resources; the conduct of Student Affairs and academic counseling, praised as an exceptional system despite low staffing; and the competitive, exciting research environment.

I want to thank everyone who played a part for their hard work and significant contributions to the accreditation process.

Several groups and individuals deserve special recognition for their specific LCME efforts over the past year and a half:

Dr. Barbara Schindler

Vice Dean for Educational and Academic Affairs

Dr. Akhil Vaidya

Chair, LCME Self-Study Task Force

Robin Smith

Academic Director, Division of Clinical Education

Frank Pizzulo

Senior Associate Vice President for Facilities Management

Student LCME Self-Study Committee

LCME Self-Study Task Force

Environmental Services at Queen Lane

The re-accreditation process is difficult, but it helps to remind us of our core mission and fine-tune our focus. The affirmative feedback provided by the site visitors is strong encouragement to keep striving for further improvements in our programs.

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Woman One Ceremony April 28 to Honor Dawn Staley and Scholarship Recipients

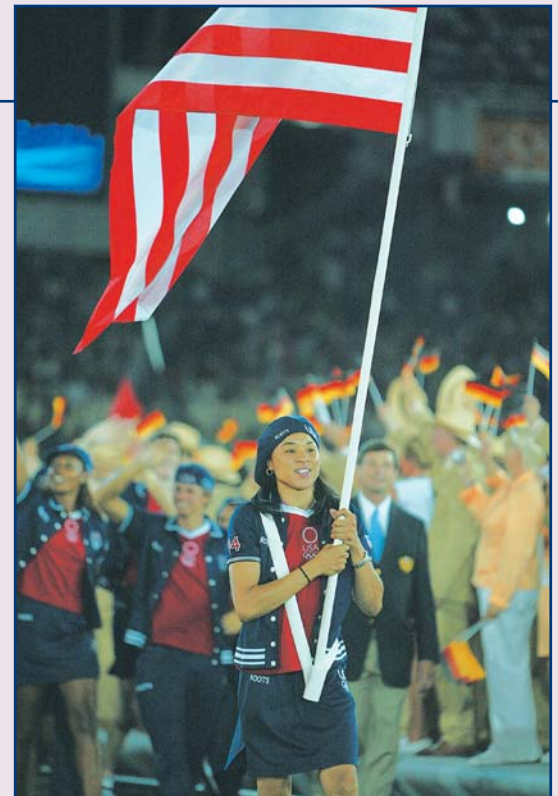
The third annual Woman One Award will be presented to Dawn Staley, Philadelphia's own Olympic gold medalist in basketball. Staley is being honored for her "continuous gold medal performance—as an athlete, as a coach, as an innovator in the positive development of young people through unique after-school programs she initiated," says Lynn Yeakel, Director of the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, which sponsors the award.

The Woman One event raises funds for two new scholarships annually, each worth \$60,000 over four years, for underrepresented minority women who want to enroll as medical students at Drexel University College of Medicine. This year, three scholarship recipients will be announced at the ceremony, thanks to a grant from the Suzanne F. Roberts Cultural Development Fund.

Staley, who plays for the WNBA Charlotte Sting and is head coach for women's basketball at Temple, won the gold with her teammates in the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Olympics.

The ceremony and reception are set for 5 o'clock on April 28 at the Double Tree Hotel in Philadelphia. Contact: **215-842-7041** or iwhl@drexel.edu.

Basketball gold medalist Dawn Staley will receive the Woman One Award April 28 at a ceremony honoring her and three new medical school scholarship recipients.



Ob/Gyn Interim Chair Announced



Dr. Montgomery
Ob/Gyn Interim Chair

As he enthusiastically tackles his new job as interim Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Owen Montgomery, M.D., always keeps the department's three missions – academic, research and clinical – foremost in his mind.

“My goal is to continue the department's growth and development along the path we've set, which is to strive for excellence in all three aspects,” he says, “and I want to thank Dr. Wapner [departing chairman

Ronald Wapner, M.D.] for his vision and his leadership.”

An Associate Professor in the department, Dr. Montgomery came to the College in 2003 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He previously held positions at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and State University of New York at Stony Brook.

In his first administrative acts, Dr. Montgomery appointed Amy Levine, M.D., as Vice Chair of Education, and Anthony Sciscione, D.O., as Vice Chair and Director of Research – which he calls “a really strong research division.”

Describing his general good feeling about the faculty and the optimistic future of the department, Dr. Montgomery cites the “phenomenally positive match” in this year's National Residency Matching Program: Not only did the department match six excellent candidates for its own program, but at a time when upcoming physicians are shying away from obstetrics, 12 of the College's graduating medical students have chosen to pursue OB.

“They see great faculty practicing quality medicine and providing excellent teaching,” Dr. Montgomery says, “and they say ‘I want to do that.’” To the department's further credit, seven of those students matched their first choice.

Dr. Montgomery is Director of Female Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery, with emphasis on areas such as treatment of urinary incontinence, genital prolapse and recto-vaginal fistulas.

In his career, he has explored a range of concerns, including the provision of care to underserved women, issues of gender education, and the prevention of sexual assault, especially in teenagers. The use of technology in women's health is one of his current interests.

Dr. Montgomery earned his medical degree from Hahnemann University in 1981, after receiving his bachelor's degree at Yale. He completed his residency at Jefferson Medical College and became board-certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1987. He is a past President of the Philadelphia Obstetrical Society and is actively involved in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, currently serving as vice-chairman of ACOG District III (Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware).

Contact: 215-762-1503

March of Dimes WalkAmerica – You Can Walk or Sponsor a Walker

WalkAmerica, the March of Dimes biggest fundraiser, will take place around the country the end of this month. Now in its 35th year, the event supports research and programs to prevent premature birth and to resolve the health problems of the nearly 500,000 preterm babies born each year in the United States. In central Philadelphia, the 6-mile walk is April 24, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Philadelphia Art Museum (visit <http://www.walkamerica.org> to register or to find dates and times for other locations).



Seven-year-old Navy Anderson, the 2005 National Ambassador for the March of Dimes, on a recent visit to Philadelphia with her mother, Jamie, met with supporters Drexel University student David Zoltowski and President Constantine Papadakis. Zoltowski, a pre-junior in the College of Engineering, is Philanthropy and Community Service Chair of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, which raises money for the March of Dimes throughout the year and helps put on the Philadelphia WalkAmerica.

Licensing Agreement Completed for Cancer Vaccine Technology Developed at College of Medicine

Drexel University has completed a licensing agreement with NewLink Genetics Corporation for a vaccine technology developed at the College of Medicine for use with cancer and other viral diseases.

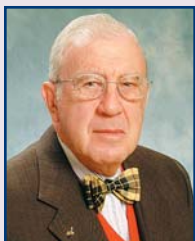
This unique vaccination method exploits the most prevalent natural antibody in humans, known as anti-Gal, to enhance the body's immunologic response. Binding the anti-Gal antibody to a carbohydrate structure known as alpha-galactosyl epitopes, which is found on tumor cell membranes, has been shown to increase processing and presentation of tumor antigens, which stimulate the production of antibodies that cause the tumor cells' death.

NewLink Genetics, a biopharmaceutical company based in Ames, Iowa, is currently running clinical trials at the National Cancer Institute and other clinical centers for vaccines based on this methodology and targeting breast, lung and prostate cancer, and melanoma. NewLink also plans to target pancreatic cancer with this technology.



Dr. Alvarez

Daniel Alvarez, M.D., Director, Antiviral Research, and Acting Division Chief, Division of HIV/AIDS Medicine, presented "HIV and Hepatitis B and C Co-infections" at the National Conference for African Americans and AIDS on Feb 28.



Dr. Eskin

Bernard A. Eskin, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Reproductive Endocrinology, presented Clinical Grand Rounds at the Moffitt Cancer Center of the University of Southern Florida on March 4. The subject matter was "What Is Iodine Doing in Breast Cancer?" Dr. Eskin also presented a program on March 7 to the OB/GYN faculty and staff entitled "Geripause: The Endocrinology and Management of the Late Menopause."



Dr. Ezekowitz

Michael Ezekowitz, M.D., Ph.D., June F. Klinghoffer Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, was recently Chair of the 2005 Young Investigator Award Competition at the American College of Cardiology Meeting in Orlando, Fla., on March 7, 2005. Dr. Ezekowitz also co-chaired a "Meet the Experts Session" on Long-Term Oral Antithrombin on March 8.



Dr. Morahan

Page S. Morahan, Ph.D., Co-Director of ELAM, co-directed a five-day Leadership Workshop in Fortaleza, Brazil, for approximately 50 medical educators from 18 medical schools in Brazil and two in Argentina. The workshop was sponsored by Henry Campos, M.D., Dean, Universidad Federal do Ceara Medical School, and the Foundation for the International Advancement of Medical Education and Research.



Dr. Richman

Rosalyn C. Richman, M.A., Co-Director, ELAM, attended the annual meeting of the American Dental Education Association in Baltimore, Md., where she presented an educational poster entitled "Weaving a Web of Inclusion: Collaboration, Cooperation and Relational Practice in Advancing Women and Academic Health Centers."



Dr. Sklar

Peter Sklar, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Public Health in the Division of HIV/AIDS, was recently notified that his work entitled "Pravastatin Does Not Have a Consistent Antiviral Effect in Chronically HIV-Infected Individuals on Antiretroviral Therapy" has been accepted for publication in the next issue of *AIDS*.

Renee Turchi, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Co-Director of the Center for Children with Special Health Needs at St. Christopher's Hospital, co-authored "Gambling and Children: Betting Against the Future of Young Lives," which appeared in the January 2005 issue of *Contemporary Pediatrics*.

Arnold P. Gold Lectureship



Dr. Patricia Hale (right) talks with some Medical Science Program students following the Arnold P. Gold Foundation lecture.

The Medical Science Programs of Drexel University College of Medicine presented its annual Arnold P. Gold Foundation Lectureship on Humanism in Medicine on March 1. "Rural Practice Challenges and Rewards" was presented by Patricia L. Hale, Ph.D., M.D., F.A.C.P. Dr. Hale completed her training in internal medicine, and obtained a Ph.D. in molecular biology at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and has practiced primary care for over 15 years in a rural area of the Adirondacks in upstate New York. Dr. Hale has a special interest in osteoporosis and has recently taken on the role of Chief Medical Informatics Officer for the regional hospital in Glens Falls. Dr. Hale helped organize the Glens Falls Medical Mission Foundation, which leads medical mission trips to rural Guatemala twice a year.

Fulfilling a Global Responsibility: Caring for Tsunami Victims

In a makeshift clinic in the tsunami-ravaged village of Sonankuppam, India, two frightened little girls clung to the skirts of Manjula Balasubramanian, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Pathology, at Drexel University College of Medicine. It is one of many images from a month of service in the tsunami region that Dr. Bala, as she is called, cannot forget.

“These little girls had seen the tsunami coming and began to run to shore,” Dr. Bala explains. “One tried to save her friend as they ran from the waves, but her friend’s hand slipped away and she was swept out to sea. The little girl said, ‘What could I do? I had to let her go because I couldn’t run away otherwise.’”

Now the little ones were upset because someone they knew was walking on the beach and they were afraid that the tsunami wave would return and take that person as well. “They wouldn’t let go of me,” Dr. Bala recalls.

But she had to return to caring for a long line of patients waiting at the temporary clinic that she and her husband, an orthopedic surgeon, were running with medical supplies they had brought to the village. During a month long trip to their native India this

“What we did was just a drop in the ocean, so much more help is needed.”

winter, the two cared for well over 500 patients at clinics they set up in an abandoned building in one

village and on the outdoor terrace of an orphanage in another. They also continued their annual tradition of volunteering at a charity hospital in Gujarat.

At the clinics, Dr. Bala and her husband saw many patients with physical pain from the body trauma they experienced during the tsunami. Others had ingested large volumes of water and were suffering the aftereffects in their noses, mouths, sinuses and lungs. Many had a viral skin rash. Some came with general medical complaints.

“I worry most about the problems I couldn’t treat,” says Dr. Bala. “We saw little children who were waking up in the middle of the



Manjula Balasubramanian, M.D., right, examines one of the more than 500 tsunami victims she saw during a month of service in India.

night screaming from fear. I was not qualified to provide the psychological help they needed to cope with the tragedy. The people continue to have a great need for this kind of help. One fisherman told me, ‘We slept with the sea and she turned on us.’ They feel a great sense of betrayal.”

Dr. Bala says one of the most frustrating aspects of their trip was the amount of time they spent traveling from one village to the next. “The roads are very bad and you share them with animals like elephants and camels as well as other cars,” she says. “It’s normal for a 120-mile trip to take five hours. That was time we wish we could have spent caring for patients.”

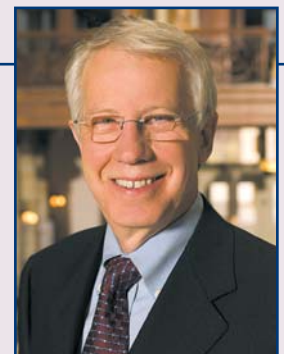
When it was time to leave India, Dr. Bala felt overwhelmed by how much work still needed to be done. “What we did was just a drop in the ocean,” she reflects. “So much more help is needed. As health care professionals, I believe we have a global responsibility to offer our services wherever they are needed. I encourage others to volunteer their time to help in whatever ways they can.”

Drexel University Names Dr. Stephen W. Director Provost

After a national search, Drexel University has appointed Dr. Stephen W. Director as Provost. Dr. Director will join Drexel on July 1 from the University of Michigan, where he has been the Robert J. Vlasic Dean of Engineering and a professor of electrical engineering and computer science since 1996.

Dr. Director received his bachelor’s degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and master’s and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to joining the University of Michigan, he was Dean of the College of Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.

Dr. Ali M. Houshmand, who has been Drexel’s interim Provost since December 2003, will return to his previous position as Dean of Drexel’s Goodwin College of Professional Studies.



Dr. Stephen W. Director
Provost



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

'50s

Renee Bennett O'Sullivan, M.D., WMC '55, has been honored by the Massachusetts Medical Society with the 2004 Special Award for Excellence in Medical Service. She is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and was the first female plastic surgeon in New England.

'70s

Helen Horstmann, M.D., WMC '72, and her husband, John, were the recipients of Rosemont College's 2005 Cresset Award. The award is given annually to outstanding individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to promoting values and to supporting education for all people. Dr. Horstmann is an Associate Professor of orthopedic surgery at Drexel University College of Medicine.



Helen Horstmann, M.D., (center), and her husband, John F. Horstmann, Esq., are pictured with Rosemont College President Ann Amore.

P. Christopher Metzger, M.D., HU '75, has been named President of the Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society. He is a surgeon with Scranton Orthopaedic Specialists and Team Physician for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons.

Paul M. Peindl, M.D., HU '75, has been elected to serve as an officer at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia, N.C. He is an emergency physician with Emergency and Acute Care Specialists of Gastonia.

'80s

JoEllen Habas, M.D., MCP '81, has joined Presbyterian Medical Group in Albuquerque, N.M., as an endocrinologist. She previously worked as a physician in Oklahoma.

Wanda D. Filer, M.D., HU '83, has been named President of the American Cancer Society's Pennsylvania Division Board. She is the President and founder of Strategic Health Institute in York, Pa., and a physician with the York Health System Medical Group.

Jonathan P. Hosey, M.D., HU '83, has been appointed to the National Stroke Volunteer Forum of the American Stroke Association and elected to the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association's Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter. He is currently the Director of Neurological Services at Geisinger Health System in Danville, Pa.

Daniel K. O'Rourke, M.D., MCP '88, has joined the Allen Neurosurgical Associates practice, part of the St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network in Allentown, Pa. He is a neurological surgeon and a Diplomate of the American Board of Neurosurgeons.

'90s

Daniel V. Loesch, M.D., MCP '91, has been named as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He practices at the Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pa.

Lee A. Surkin, M.D., HU '91, has opened Cardiac Wellness Specialists, a proactive medical practice that provides a "new multi-therapeutic approach to cardiac care." The practice has offices in both Greenville and Williamston, N.C.

Swati Kulkarni, M.D., MCP '95, was recently appointed to Roswell Park's Breast and Soft Tissue Surgery Department. She will be joining Roswell Park's Cancer Prevention and Epidemiology and Clinical Genetics groups in upstate New York to study breast cancer risk and prevention.

Ryan L. Tenzer, M.D., HU '97, has joined Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network in the Department of Emergency Medicine. He practices at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest & I-78 in Allentown, Pa.

John C. Chang, M.D., HU '98, has joined Franklin County ENT, a Chambersburg, Pa., medical practice that specializes in disorders of the ear, nose, and throat. He had most recently been practicing in Wisconsin.

Michael Guo, Ph.D., MCP '98, has joined Southampton Hospital in New York as an attending neurologist. He also practices with South Shore Neurologic Associates of Bay Shore and Southampton.

Jonathan Steinfeld, M.D., MCP '98, has joined the consulting staff, department of pediatrics/pediatric pulmonology at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pa.

In Memoriam

'40s

Joseph J. Pendola, M.D., HU '40
LeRoy R. Kimble, M.D., HU '42
Albert W. Hill, M.D., HU '46

'50s

Charles M. Baney, Jr., M.D., HU '55

'60s

John L. Morris, M.D., HU '60



Alumni Connect With Receptions at Medical Meetings

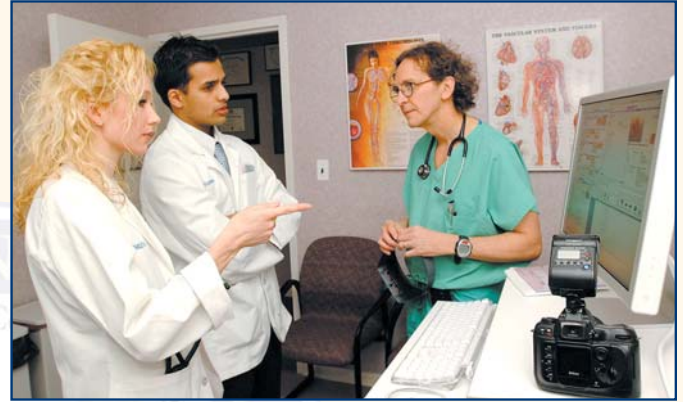
The Office of Alumni Relations hosted alumni receptions in Washington, D.C., in February, at the annual meeting of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and in Orlando, Fla., in March at the American College of Cardiology.

These events give alumni attending the meetings an opportunity to socialize with colleagues from their specialties and with local alumni who are also invited to attend. Attendees have the opportunity to speak to department heads, faculty members and representatives from the College of Medicine and learn about the school's educational opportunities, its future challenges, and the past year's great achievements.



(l-r) Norman A. Johanson, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgery Chair, welcomes Michael Roach, M.D., MCP '79, Sandra Abda, M.D., MCP '73, Joseph J. King, and Helen Horstmann, M.D., MCP '72, to the alumni reception held in conjunction with the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons annual meeting.

Doc Loves His Paperless Practice



His wireless, paperless practice earned Stephen Harlin, M.D., HU '86 (above right, with two students), a feature in Apple Computer's Small Business profiles (www.apple.com/business/profiles/harlin). A reconstructive plastic surgeon, Dr. Harlin is a Clinical Senior Instructor in the Department of Surgery, and Medical Director of the Wound Clinic in Broomall, Pa. Most of his patients have difficult wounds and multiple medical problems. "To put it mildly, they're a very data intensive group," he says. The database Dr. Harlin adopted to store, organize and analyze that data helped drive his paperless revolution. For example, he developed a structured questionnaire using a wireless tablet with a series of yes-or-no questions to automate the history-taking process. Currently, Dr. Harlin has five Drexel University College of Medicine students rotating with him for the Introduction to Clinical Medicine course. "They're great," he says, "a good group, and I feel absolutely privileged."

On the Ground in Iraq

Andy Vaughn, a 1996 graduate of Hahnemann University, is a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Forward Deployable Preventive Medicine Unit based on Marine Corps Air Station Al Asad, Iraq.

On February 26, he e-mailed a note along with this photograph. "My unit functions essentially as a mobile public health laboratory," he writes, "protecting the health of marines, sailors, soldiers and airmen in the Al Anbar province of Iraq.

"I had the great pleasure of meeting up with Lt. Cmdr. Sarah Arnold, a Navy flight surgeon and 1995 grad of Hahnemann. Sarah is just finishing up her tour here as the 16th Marine Air Group Surgeon, responsible for providing care and coordinating health services for over 2,500 Marines in the field."



Alumni Lt. Cmdr. A.F. Vaughn, M.D., MPH, and Lt. Cmdr. Sarah Arnold, M.D., have a reunion in Iraq.

Upcoming CME Programs

APRIL 2005

Apr 28 **Gender Specific Issues in IBD***
Sunanda V. Kane, M.D., MPH
Associate Professor, University of Chicago

Apr 29–
May 1 **3-D Ultrasound Hands-On Workshop**
Marriott Marina del Rey, Marina del Rey, Calif.
Contact: Anthony Seaman – 215-762-3589

MAY 2005

May 4 **Hospital Infections**
Drexel University College of Medicine
245 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia
Contact: Denise Vernier – 215-762-8695

May 5

The Past, Present and Future of Wireless Capsule Endoscopy*
C.P. Swain, M.D., Professor and Consultant
Gastroenterologist, Barts and The London NHS Trust,
The Royal London Hospital

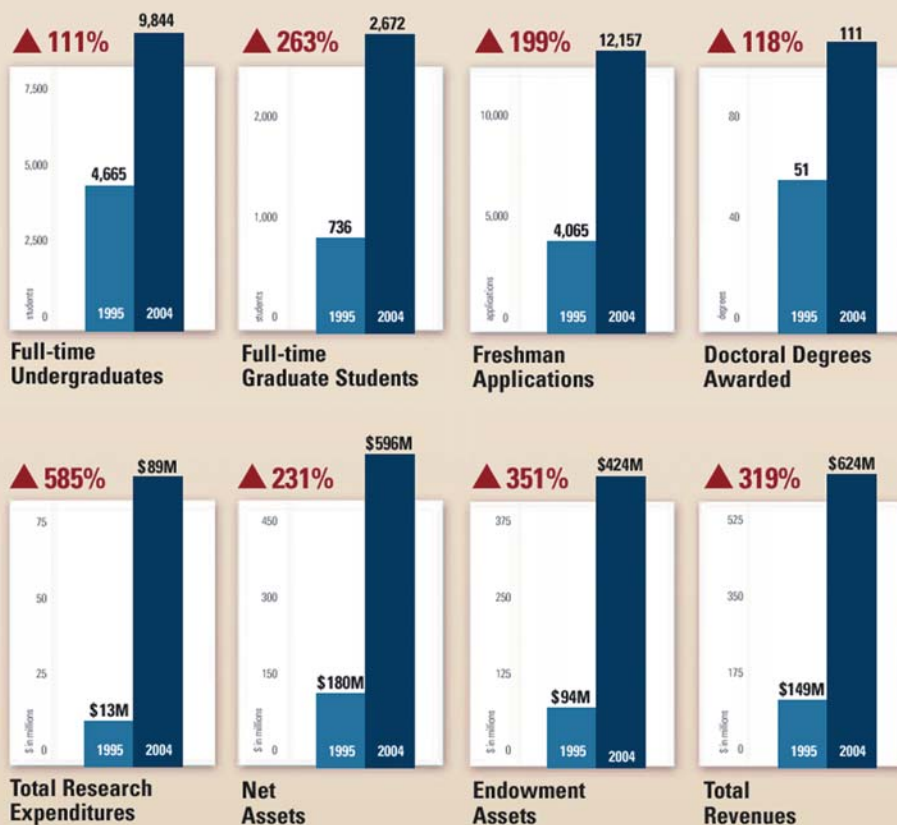
JUNE 2005

June 1–5 **Internal Medicine Board Review Course**
Marriott Courtyard, Philadelphia
Contact: Denise Vernier – 215-762-8695

June 16 **Recent Update on the Diagnosis and Management of Achalasia***

*Centers for Digestive Health Grand Rounds
Drexel University College of Medicine
245 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia
Contact: Jeanne Myers – 215-762-6072

A DECADE OF RAISING THE BAR AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY



Drexel's quantitative and qualitative growth in recent years is unsurpassed. Our success results from our commitment to three core principles: the integration of advanced technology into academics, the importance of experiential learning through our co-op program, and the value of our Philadelphia location as a "living laboratory" for promoting civic engagement among our students.



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Cause for Pride

This advertisement appeared in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on March 4. Manuel Stamatakis, Chairman of the Board of the College of Medicine, forwarded it with the following message: "This is the first in a series of ads designed to inform the higher education community of the record of quantitative and qualitative growth at Drexel University in the past decade. President Papadakis and I are sharing it with you because this record of achievement should be a source of pride for the entire Drexel community, including College of Medicine alumni, students, faculty and staff."



Dr. Frank

Barbara Frank, M.D., FACG, Professor of Medicine, will be awarded the Distinguished Educator Award of the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy in May 2005. Dr. Frank is a Past-President of the society and currently serves as Governor for Eastern Pennsylvania of the American College of Gastroenterology.



Dr. King

Stephanie King, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Gynecologic Oncology, has been named a charter member of the Libris Society of Chestnut Hill College. The charter members are 80 outstanding alumnae selected from all the graduates in the college's 80-year history.



Dr. Morahan

Page Morahan, Ph.D., ELAM Co-Director, was recently honored by the Institute for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Disease, which has named its first graduate scholarship in honor of Dr. Morahan, former chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. The scholarship, to be funded with a minimum of \$25,000, recognizes Dr. Morahan's significant contribution to the education and research missions of the college. The scholarship will support a student for two years beginning with his/her fourth year of graduate training. To date, \$10,000 has been raised.



Dr. Núñez

Ana Núñez, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Center of Excellence in Women's Health, has been awarded the Drexel University 2005 Women in Society Award. The award recognizes significant contributions to women at Drexel University or in the community.

NBME Commends Faculty Contributions

Several faculty members have been commended for their activities on behalf of the National Board of Medical Examiners and the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination:

Joel Betesh, M.D., Internal Medicine
William Burdick, M.D., Emergency Medicine
Amy Levine, M.D., Obstetrics and Gynecology
Cynthia Rabuck, MLS, MA, Education
Rick Rest, Ph.D., Microbiology and Immunology
Barbara Schindler, M.D., Vice Dean, Educational Affairs
Mike Weingarten, M.D., Surgery

Second-Year Resident Wins AMA Foundation Leadership Award



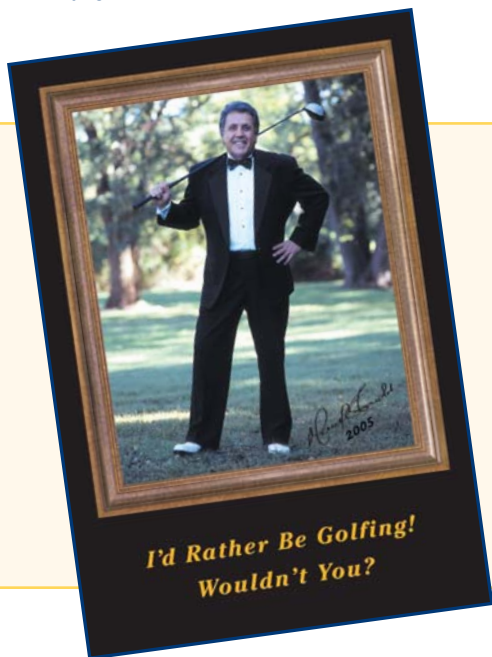
Dr. Wiler

Jennifer Wiler, M.D., a second-year resident in emergency medicine has won a 2005 Leadership Award from the AMA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Medical Association.

The awards, recognizing the contributions of "bright and energetic individuals who show strong non-clinical leadership skills in advocacy, community service or education," are presented annually to

winners at four career stages: medical students; residents and fellows; young physicians; and international medical graduate physicians. Dr. Wiler was one of only 20 residents and fellows selected from all specialties across the country.

"I was so grateful to be selected," Dr. Wiler says, "and humbled by the amazing things other winners had accomplished. I think this is a great honor for our program and the department."



Tee Time: Golf Classic Set for August 8

The gorgeous greens of Philadelphia Country Club will host the fourth annual Manuel Stamatakis Golf Classic for the benefit of Drexel University College of Medicine, on Monday, August 8, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch in the club, golf on the historic Spring Mill Centennial Courses, and a food lover's dinner offer many opportunities for sponsorship. For more information, please contact **Ellen Plower at 215-762-4391**.

HIPAA Requires Clinicians and Researchers to Protect Data



Edward G. Longazel
Chief Compliance Officer

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule becomes effective on April 20, 2005. Clinicians and researchers as well as students and other faculty and staff who create, store or transmit electronic protected health information (e-PHI) are required to protect such information. The e-PHI of concern includes any personal information that could identify a patient or subject (name, birth date, SSN, phone number, date of admission, and so on).

The HIPAA Security Rule requires that e-PHI of any individual (patient/subject) be in a password-protected environment that maintains data accurately and ensures the data is available to those who are authorized and require access to the data.

The Drexel University College of Medicine (DUCOM) Privacy Officer and the DUCOM Security Officer and COM-IT resources are available to assist in reviewing electronic storage resources to ensure HIPAA Security Rule requirements are met. The DUCOM Privacy and Security Program is designed to capitalize on the secure environment provided by COM-IT resources and the recently introduced DUCOM IT infrastructure.

Note that improperly stored and poorly protected e-PHI creates needless risk of data disclosure and corruption, as well as a liability for DUCOM, the department and the clinician or researcher responsible for the data collected, stored, maintained and transmitted in an unprotected manner. Inappropriate disclosure is a breach of a federal right to privacy granted our patients/subjects by HIPAA in April 2003. Personally maintained and unprotected laptop, PDA, and CD databases are of particular risk and concern.

Web-based training is required of all members of the College of Medicine community. It can be found at: <http://webcampus.med.drexel.edu/hipaa>. The site uses the Drexel user ID and password (not the Drexel Med™ e-mail ID and password). The March 2005 Compliance Corner included an outline of training requirements by job function/role.

Compliance, Privacy or HIPAA Questions? Training Needs? Call the Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer at **215-762-2023**.

Confidential Hotline: 215-762-1010

AAMC Supports National Registry for Clinical Trails

The Association of American Medical Colleges has given its support to a proposal to create a single, national, federally sponsored registry for clinical trials. A comprehensive national system would safeguard the interests of researchers, providers and patients in the integrity and reliability of the conduct and reporting of clinical trials, AAMC President Jordan J. Cohen, M.D., said in a statement April 7.

Earlier, the American Medical Association had voted at its 2004 annual meeting to ask the Department of Health and Human Services to create such a registry. The AAMC agreed that the registry's development should be delegated to HHS – with extensive input from the Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, academic and other private sector experts, patients, providers and biopharmaceutical and other relevant industries.

JAMA Editor-in-Chief Catherine DeAngelis, M.D., MPH... continued

In 1978, Dr. DeAngelis returned to Hopkins, becoming the twelfth female professor in the 94-year history of the medical school. She started the hospital's division of general pediatrics, expanding it to include a continuity clinic where residents see patients as private doctors throughout their three years of residency, as well as a teenage clinic and teenage mother/child clinic. Her pediatric program became a national model.

During her tenure at Hopkins, she ultimately advanced to Vice Dean of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty. She is most proud of her key contributions to the school's curriculum and to the advancement of women in medicine. "By 1999, 70 percent of the women who had become professors at Hopkins had done so during my time in the Dean's Office," she notes.

Five years ago, Dr. DeAngelis continued to break new ground when she became the first female editor-in-chief of JAMA. A prolific writer, she acknowledges the power and influence of her current position.

"This job has enabled me to address issues I consider critical in medicine today, such as conflicts of interest," she remarks. "I've critiqued the FDA and the pharmaceutical companies, but I don't publish anything unless I have the data to back it up. This position has given me the opportunity to use all my understanding and experience as a clinical researcher, educator, clinician, administrator and leader to publish information that will ultimately lead to better patient care."

What a Match!

In a record year for the National Residency Matching Program, more than 14,700 U.S. medical school seniors applied for residency positions, the biggest number in nearly two decades. Our graduating group made great matches, as these smiling faces attest. Programs in Pennsylvania attracted 36 percent of the class.



Meghan Burke (left) and Sarah Davis both matched at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.



Kelly Tierney, who matched in dermatology at the Mayo Clinic, celebrates with (l-r) alumna Elizabeth Mitchell, COM '04, an intern in surgery at Walter Reed; grandmother Rose Street; parents William and Cathy Tierney; niece Arielle Street; and uncle Jon Street.



With Erin Wright (green blouse), who matched at Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, are (l-r) Dr. Kirsten Larson, Assistant Professor of Immunology; Sherita Glenn, Minority Affairs; Kevin Wright, Erin's husband; and Dr. Lorraine Gutowicz, Assistant Professor of Medicine.



(l-r) The Reidy family, Bart, Sonia and Ava, heads west for Sonia's residency at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Julia Sherk (Sutter Health Family Practice-Davis) and Ian Logan (internal medicine, UC Davis Medical Center), now newly weds, will be in Sacramento.

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Bulletins:

Netter's Medical Paintings at University of the Sciences

Original medical illustrations by renowned anatomy artist Frank Netter, M.D. (1906-1991) will be on display at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia April 22 to July 21. The exhibition "Human/Humane: The BioArt of Frank Netter, M.D." comprises 47 of Dr. Netter's more than 4,000 works depicting various aspects of illness, trauma, anatomy, development, malformation, pathology, testing and diagnosis, and patient care. Today, the *Atlas of Human Anatomy*, a detailed compendium of his illustrations, is the best-selling anatomy atlas in the medical professions. The free exhibition will be open to the public. Contact: **215-596-8721**.

Faculty Recognition Awards – Call for Nominations

Nominations are open for the five Faculty Recognition Awards that will be presented on June 3 at Faculty Day. The awards are described online at <http://webcampus.med.drexel.edu/facultyday>. Please send nominations to bemilius@drexelmed.edu on or before May 9, 2005.

Nominations should include a short paragraph highlighting the significant contributions of your nominee. Please include a CV or biographical sketch with the nomination.

Faculty Day will focus on updates in the use of technology and its tools in medical education. Presentations will be applicable to the clinical, basic science and research settings. Skill-building workshops for medical educators will fill out the afternoon. Register online at <http://webcampus.med.drexel.edu/facultyday>.

Symposium on Toxic Industrial Chemicals and Materials June 13

A symposium "Toxic Industrial Chemicals/Toxic Industrial Materials: Agents of Opportunity," sponsored by the American College of Medical Toxicology and the Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry, and co-sponsored by the College of Medicine's Department of Emergency Medicine and the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering of Drexel University, will be held June 13 at the University's Main Campus. The audience will be high-level planners and first-responder executives, and public health officials and practitioners from federal, state and local government, as well as physicians, residents and fellows. For more information, e-mail michael.greenberg@drexelmed.edu.

Calendar:

April	National Autism Awareness Month National Donate Life Month Cancer Control Month
Apr 21	Symposium on Chromosome Stability in honor of Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, Mandell Theater, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by the Franklin Institute and Drexel University Office of the Provost. Contact: Jane Clifford 215-762-4446
Apr 26	Drexel University Research Day, Daskalakis Athletic Center, 33rd and Market Streets. Visit: www.research.drexel.edu
Apr 30	Hepatitis B Foundation Crystal Ball, Occasions at Union Square, New Hope, Pa. Contact: Peggy 215-489-4900
May	Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month Mental Health Month Older Americans Month
May 17	Senior Class Formal, Horticultural Center, 7:00 p.m. - midnight
May 18	Alumni Association Induction Luncheon & Graduation Awards Program, 11:30 a.m., Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue. Contact: Marie Hartman 215-991-8219
May 19	Commencement Celebration with family and friends, Queen Lane Campus, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Contact: Marie Hartman 215-991-8219
May 20	Commencement, Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 9:30 a.m. Contact: 215-762-GRAD
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June 3	Faculty Day, visit http://webcampus.med.drexel.edu/facultyday