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## ***Black Tie White Coat Ball Raises \$700,000 for Autism Research and Treatment***

Nearly 1,000 people partied the night away and helped raise \$700,000 for autism research and treatment at the Drexel University College of Medicine Black Tie White Coat Ball, held March 29 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

The gala was a fun-filled evening of music, dinner, and dancing, with a concert by Village People and a special musical performance by Miss Pennsylvania, Rachel Marie Brooks, an honorary co-chair of the event. Brooks, whose brother Brandon has autism, spoke of her family's personal experience and the improvements Brandon has made since he became a patient of the Drexel Autism Center.

**Proceeds from the fundraiser** will benefit the Drexel Autism Center, a clinical practice led by director Richard Malone, M.D., professor of psychiatry at Drexel University College of Medicine, and a renowned autism researcher. Funds will also help accelerate the pivotal work of the Drexel University College of Medicine Autism Consortium – a unique and highly experienced group of scientists and clinicians from various disciplines, including psychiatry, pediatrics, pharmacology, and biochemistry – all of whom have dedicated their research efforts to solve the autism puzzle.

For more information about autism research and treatment at Drexel University College of Medicine, visit [www.drexelmed.edu/autism](http://www.drexelmed.edu/autism).

The Drexel University College of Medicine Black Tie White Coat Ball is one of the biggest healthcare fundraisers in the Philadelphia region, and has twice been recognized as "Best Event" by the Philadelphia chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.



**College of Medicine chairman Manuel Stamatakis holds the winning number.**

***Black Tie photos on page 5***

## ***NIH Mandates Open Access to Journal Articles***

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently passed a revised policy to enhance public access to archived publications resulting from NIH-funded research, the goal being to advance science and improve human health. As of April 7, 2008, all NIH-funded researchers are required to submit or have submitted for them an electronic copy of their final peer-reviewed manuscript to PubMed Central (PMC), the digital repository maintained by the National Library of Medicine, immediately upon acceptance by a journal. The published versions of these articles will then be made publicly available online within 12 months of the official date of publication. The length of the delay is determined by the copyright holder, which may be the author, the institution, or the publisher.

**This policy applies** to all peer-reviewed articles arising from direct costs funded by NIH that are accepted for publication on or after April 7, 2008. Some journals (see website list at end of article) have agreed to submit final published articles directly to PMC on behalf of authors, with an embargo of 12 months or less. Some publishers, although they do not participate in PMC themselves, will, upon request, send copies of manuscripts to PMC. Authors still have to provide the associated award information, and review and approve the article. The NIH manuscript submission (NIHMS) system notifies authors via e-mail when these actions are needed and includes a link to the NIHMS website. If an author publishes in a journal that does not deposit either the peer-reviewed or the published article, then the author must do it him- or herself.

Institutions and investigators are responsible for ensuring that any publishing or copyright agreements concerning submitted articles fully comply with this policy. NIH provides suggestions

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**Richard V. Homan, M.D.**  
Senior Vice President for Health Affairs  
Annenberg Dean

## College Welcomes New BS/MD Program Partners

Drexel University College of Medicine has entered two new agreements for joint undergraduate and medical degree programs designed to attract highly qualified applicants who want to pursue primary care specialties and have a commitment to practice in their respective states.

These Scholars Articulation Programs ("articulation" is the coordination of

education among programs so that a program at one level serves as the foundation for the next educational level) expand on our successful academic partnerships with Allegheny General Hospital and Saint Peter's University Hospital.

In January, the College signed an agreement with Saint Peter's and Kean University with the goal of training students for careers in family medicine, general internal medicine and general pediatrics who will want to remain in New Jersey. Students accepted into the program will follow a rigorous curriculum in biomedicine at Kean's New Jersey Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics Education, and receive clinical instruction at SPUH, including internships with staff physicians during their junior and senior years.



**Robin Smith, director, Division of Clinical Education, DUCOM; Drs. Dawood Farahi, president; Laura Lorentzen, chair, Department of Science & Technology Education; and Kristie Reilly, dean, Nathan Weiss Graduate College, all of Kean University; Drs. Barbara Schindler, vice dean, DUCOM, and Nayan Kothari, associate dean for Drexel Programs at Saint Peter's, and director of medical education, SPUH.**

Upon successful completion of their bachelor's degrees, the students will enter the first-year class at Drexel University College of Medicine. They will return to Saint Peter's for a clerkship and elective rotations while studying at Drexel University College of Medicine.

In February, the College of Medicine signed a similar agreement with Allegheny General Hospital and Robert Morris University to attract promising students who will ultimately practice medicine



**Front: Dean Homan; Gregory Dell'Omo, president, RMU; Connie Cibrone, CEO, AGH; back: Daniel Benckart, M.D., associate dean for Drexel Programs at Allegheny General, and director of medical education, AGH; Drs. Maria Kalevitch, associate dean, RMU, and Barbara Schindler, vice dean, DUCOM.**

in the Pittsburgh region. The Scholars-Articulation Program will recruit qualified high school seniors to enroll in RMU's pre-medicine program in preparation for attending our medical school. Preference will be given to students from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, and to those who want to pursue careers in family medicine, general internal medicine or general pediatrics.

During their undergraduate careers, students will complete a pre-professional internship at AGH, and they will return to AGH for clinical training during their final two years of medical school.

I am very pleased to build upon our strong academic relationships with Saint Peter's and AGH, and welcome our new affiliations with Kean and RMU. These programs offer a wonderful opportunity to an exceptional group of students and to the communities and regions they will eventually serve.

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## Record Number of Animal Science Students Headed to Vet School

Eleven students in the College's Veterinary Medical Science or Master of Animal Laboratory Science programs have been accepted to veterinary school. Seven students were accepted by the University of Pennsylvania; one each by Colorado State University; the University of Glasgow, Scotland; Tuskegee; and Tufts. The VMS and MLAS programs are administered by the Office of Professional Studies in the Health Sciences (formerly Post-Baccalaureate and Pre-Professional Education). Julian Mesina, DVM, Ph.D., is the director of Animal Science Programs.

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# Match Day

After a toast from the Dean, a raffle, and some heartfelt speeches, the anxiously awaiting class of 2008 tore open their envelopes and rejoiced with faculty, staff, and family members.



Dr. Michael Weingarten, Barbara Schindler, Richard Homan and Janet Smith stand at the head of the class as the raffle winner is chosen.



Igor Sapozhnikov and Dr. Dennis DePace



Dean Homan



Sapna Shah, Raina Sidhu, Gabriel Flaxman, Jacob Miss and Byron Vaughn



Anand Jain and Dr. Samuel Parish



Dr. Howard Miller and Adelaide Adjovu



Sharifa Glass



Chau Che and Nida Chaudhary



**Barbara Frank, M.D.**, clinical professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, was selected as one of the 2008 Outstanding American Gastroenterological Association Women in Science. She will be honored during a celebration at the Digestive Disease Week annual meeting on May 18.



**Simon F. Giszter, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy, recently received a five-year grant of \$1.48 million from the National Institutes of Health to develop and test novel brain-machine-interface neural prostheses to improve locomotion in spinalized rats. The title of the project is "Neurorobotics, Modularity and Function in SCI and Normal Rats."



**Keneshia Haenssen**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Molecular & Cell Biology & Genetics Program was awarded a Predoctoral Traineeship Award from the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program with two years of funding, entitled "Role of Integrin Alpha 5 in ErbB2-Mediated Breast Cancer." Haenssen is doing her thesis work in the lab of Mauricio J. Reginato, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology.



**William Sonis, M.D. (center)**, professor, Department of Psychiatry, received the 2008 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education at a February 11 awards dinner during ACGME's winter board of directors meeting in Rosemont, Ill.

## Attorneys Step Up



**Michael J. Exler**, was appointed general counsel of Drexel University College of Medicine and vice president and general counsel of Drexel University. Exler has been with the Office of the General Counsel since May 2000, and most recently served as vice president of Drexel University College of Medicine, secretary of the board, and a member of the Dean's Executive Committee

and Cabinet. As chief counsel to the college of medicine and the principal transactional lawyer in the Office of the General Counsel, he has been an integral part of the growth of the College and of health sciences programs at Drexel. As general counsel of both corporations, he provides legal advice to the board and to officers, administrators, faculty and staff in all Drexel colleges and schools. Prior to joining Drexel, Exler served as senior counsel for the Johns Hopkins Health System, where he also served as board secretary for four Hopkins-related entities. He previously served as associate general counsel for the Allegheny Health Education and Research Foundation.

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**John R. Gyllenhammer**, was named deputy general counsel, health sciences. He is the chief attorney responsible for all legal matters affecting the College of Medicine in the areas of human resources, medical malpractice and human subject research; and serves as the office's managing attorney for all administrative, financial and personnel matters. As board secretary, he counsels

the board of trustees on governance, legal compliance and other matters. He provides legal counsel and support to senior management, department chairs, faculty and staff in a wide variety of areas, including contracts and business transactions, healthcare law, litigation prevention and management, faculty and student affairs, sponsored research, patient safety, regulatory compliance, real estate and employment law matters. Gyllenhammer has worked in higher education law since 1992, joining the Office of General Counsel in 1997.

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# Black Tie White Coat Ball March 29



# Presentations & Publications



**Dr. Abdelmalek**



**Dr. Stanko**

**Mark Abdelmalek, M.D.**, assistant professor, and **Christine Stanko, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor, both in the Department of Dermatology, published an article entitled "Recurrent

Chondrosarcoma of the Right Skull Base in a Patient with Maffucci Syndrome," in the January/February edition of *American Journal of Clinical Dermatology*.



**Dr. Legido**



**Dr. Katsetos**

**Agustin Legido, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor, and **Christos Katsetos, M.D., Ph.D.**, research associate professor, both in the Department of Pediatrics, and colleagues, published

a study entitled "Class III beta-Tubulin Is Constitutively Coexpressed With Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein and Nestin in Midgestational Human Fetal Astrocytes: Implications for Phenotypic Identity," in the April edition of *Neuropathology & Experimental Neurology*.



**Dr. Giszter**

**Simon F. Giszter, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy, co-authored an article entitled "Individual Premotor Drive Pulses, Not Time-Varying Synergies, Are the Units of Adjustment for Limb Trajectories Constructed in Spinal Cord," in the March 2008 edition of *Neuroscience*.



**Dr. Gracely**

**Edward J. Gracely, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, and colleagues published a study entitled "A Randomized, Double-Masked, Multicenter Comparison of the Safety of Continuous Intrathecal Labor Analgesia Using a 28-Gauge Catheter Versus Continuous Epidural Labor Analgesia," in the February edition of *Anesthesiology*.



**Dr. Grothusen**



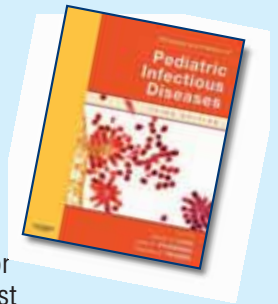
**Dr. Koffler**



**Dr. Schwartzman**

**John Grothusen, Ph.D.**, research assistant professor, Department of Neurology; **Sandra Koffler, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Department of Psychiatry; **Robert Schwartzman, M.D.**, professor and chair, Department of Neurology; and colleagues published a study entitled "Efficacy of Ketamine in Anesthetic Dosage for the Treatment of Refractory Complex Regional Pain Syndrome: An Open-Label Phase II Study," in the February edition of *Pain Medicine*.

**Sarah Long, M.D.**, a professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the College of Medicine, and chief of the Infectious Diseases Section at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, is a co-editor of *Principles and Practice of Pediatric Infectious Disease, 3rd ed.* (Churchill Livingstone, 2008). The previous edition was praised as "an excellent reference for both the budding and practicing generalist and specialist" by the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.



**Dr. Artlett**



**Dr. Katsikis**

**Yvonne M. Mueller, Ph.D.**, assistant professor; **Duc H. Do**, laboratory manager; **Susan R. Altork**, a former research assistant at the College; **Carol M. Artlett, Ph.D.**, associate professor,

all in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology; **Edward J. Gracely, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Family, Community & Preventive Medicine; **Christos D. Katsetos, M.D., Ph.D.**, research professor, Pediatrics; **Agustin Legido, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor, Pediatrics; and **Peter D. Katsikis, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor, Microbiology and Immunology, and colleagues, published an article entitled "IL-15 Treatment during Acute Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV) Infection Increases Viral Set Point and Accelerates Disease Progression despite the Induction of Stronger SIV-Specific CD8+ T Cell Responses," in the January 2008 edition of *Immunology*.



**Dr. Novack**

**Dennis H. Novack**, professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine, and associate dean of Medical Education, was invited to speak at several universities in Tokyo in early February. Novack gave a series of seven lectures at Tokyo University Medical School, Gifu University Medical School, and Tokyo Medical and Dental University. Novack spoke on teaching and assessment of health communication, behavior science curriculum development, and teaching communication along with medical ethics.



**Dr. Núñez**

**Ana Núñez, M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Medicine, and director of the Women's Health Education Program, presented "Holistically Integrating Health into the Lives of Women" at a conference on Women's Health in Orlando, February 13-15.

On March 4, Núñez presented "Healthy Relationships: Balancing Work, Family, and Self-Care" at a conference sponsored

by the American Medical Writers Association, in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Núñez was also the keynote speaker at a conference on midlife sexuality, sponsored by Allegheny General Hospital on March 8. Her address was entitled "Women at Midlife: Changes and Challenges."



**Dr. Pizzutillo**

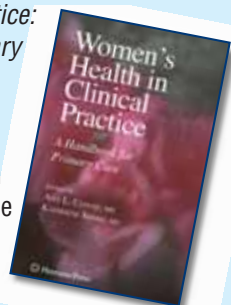
**Peter Pizzutillo, M.D.**, professor, Department of Pediatrics, presented several lectures, "Cervical Spine Trauma," "Septic Arthritis of the Hip," "Necrotizing Fasciitis," "Update on Treatment of Septic Arthritis of the Hip and Its Sequelae," and "Cervical Spine Trauma in the Immature Spine," during the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons 2008 annual meeting, March 5-9, San Francisco, Calif.



**Dr. Sherif**

**Katherine Sherif, M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Internal Medicine, and director of the Drexel Center for Women's Health, is co-editor of *Women's Health in Clinical Practice: A Handbook for Primary Care* (Humana Press, 2008). The book addresses health

problems that present differently in women than in men, such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes, as well as issues that largely affect only women.



**Dr. Schidlow**



**Dr. Morahan**

**Daniel V. Schidlow, M.D.**, professor and chair in the Department of Pediatrics, and **Page S. Morahan, Ph.D.**, professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, published a study entitled

"Effective—and Healthy—Public Speaking," in the March edition of *Academic Physician & Scientist*.

**Evan J. Weiner, M.D.**, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, is a co-author of the chapter "Hepatitis" in *Pediatric Emergency Medicine* by Jill Baren, M.D., and colleagues (Saunders, 2007).

## **SPA™ Surgery a Focus at Laparoendoscopic Surgeons Meeting**

College of Medicine residents joined faculty members in making a trio of presentations on single port access (SPA™) surgery during the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons–Asian American Summit in Honolulu in February.



**Dr. Curcillo**

**Paul G. Curcillo II, M.D., FACS**, associate professor, **Erica Podolsky, M.D.** resident, and **Steven Rottman, M.D.** resident, all in the Department of Surgery, presented "Single Port Access (SPA) Surgery – Moving Minimal Access Surgery into the 21st Century."

Podolsky, Rottman, and Curcillo also presented "Single Port Access (SPA) Surgery – SPA Cholecystectomy."



**Dr. King**

**Stephanie A. King, M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and chief, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, and Rottman presented "Single Port Access (SPA) Surgery – SPA Hysterectomy and Oophorectomy."

### **100th SPA™ Surgery Performed**

Since their first cases in spring 2007, Curcillo and King have performed more than 100 SPA surgeries, including hysterectomies, hernia repairs, removal of gallbladders, ovaries, abdominal masses, spleens and appendixes. The technique has also been used in stomach, bowel, and colon surgeries.



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## '50s

**James S. Furnary, M.D., HU '57**, a retired general surgeon, was named one of the Top 100 People in 2007 by the *Pennsylvania Business Central*. Furnary was in private practice for 35 years in Johnstown, Pa., retiring about 10 years ago. He was the chairman of the Department of Surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital and a member of the board of trustees of Good Samaritan and Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown. Furnary received the 2007 Apollo Award from the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies, which recognizes doctors and their families for their civic contributions. He was also honored by the American Medical Association for the 50-year anniversary of his graduation from Hahnemann Medical College.

## '60s

**Thomas P. McGorry, M.D., HU '69, FAAP**, a pediatrician, retired from his private practice, Pediatric Healthcare, in Loudon County, Va. McGorry has been practicing for over 35 years. He was recently featured in an article in the *Washington Post*, "This 'Giant' Scared No Child."

## '70s

**Edward D. Sivak, M.D., HU '70**, received the Outstanding Clinician of the Year Award from the New York State Thoracic Society (NYSTS). Sivak currently serves as chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care and chief of the Medical ICU at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. He is also a member of the NYSTS Executive Committee.

**Helen Horstmann, M.D., MCP '72**, is the co-author of *Orthopaedic Management in Cerebral Palsy, Second Edition* (MacKeith Press, London, 2007). Horstmann is an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, specializing in neuro-orthopedic surgery in adults.

**Amy Early, M.D., HU '76, FACP**, an oncologist, joined the Titusville Area Hospital in Titusville, Pa. Early has held academic and research fellowships with the University of Buffalo, Dartmouth, Harvard and the National Institutes of Health.

**Dorothy A. Lyons, M.D., HU '79**, a neurologist, has joined the Sentara Medical Group Division of Neurology at Sentara Bayside Hospital in Virginia Beach. Lyons is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

## '80s

**Elena Antonelli, M.D., MCP '81, MPH**, joined the Capital Health System medical staff in Mercer County, central New Jersey, as the new medical director of the Corporate Health Center. Antonelli is board certified in occupational medicine and emergency medicine. She is also an aviation medical examiner and civil surgeon.



**Dr. Spevetz**

**Antoinette Spevetz, M.D., HU '83, FCCM, FACP**, has been elected chancellor of the board of regents of the American College of Critical Care Medicine. She was inducted at the 2008 Annual Congress of the Society of Critical Care Medicine held in Hawaii in February. Spevetz is an associate professor of medicine at Cooper University Hospital,

where she is also associate director, MSICU for Operations; director, Intermediate Care Unit; and associate director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, Section of Critical Care Medicine.

**Thomas Freenock, M.D., HU '84; Resident, HU Orthopedic Surgery '87**, opened SSJ Diagnosis & Rehabilitation, a new medical office in the Clarion Hospital Complex in Clarion, Pa. Freenock treats patients with muscle and joint pain and injuries, specializing in physiatry, sports medicine and electrodiagnostic testing. He has been a member of the Clarion Hospital staff since 1996.

**Chandler Dean Patton, M.D., HU '85**, has been appointed medical director of Care Alternatives Hospice, Cranford, N.J. He will lead the multidisciplinary hospice care team, overseeing patient-care plans in Monmouth and Middlesex counties. Patton is also the director of the adult cystic fibrosis center at Monmouth Medical Center.

**Andrew D. Seidman, M.D., HU '85**, is one of four deputy editors named by *Oncology News International* to its editorial advisory team. He is an attending physician for the Breast Cancer Medicine Service, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and professor of medicine at the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

**Rosaire Verna, M.D., HU '87**, was appointed to serve a four-year term on the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Board of Physicians by Governor Martin O'Malley. Verna is a wound specialist at the Memorial Hospital at Easton in Easton, Md. She is also an assistant professor and former director of clinical competency assessment at Georgetown University.

## '90s

**Jan Crean, M.D., MCP '90**, an obstetrician-gynecologist, joined Bedford County Medical Center in Shelbyville, Tenn.

**Thomas Chesar, Jr., M.D., HU '92**, a board-certified family medicine physician, joined the Titusville Hospital in its Titusville Area Primary Care Center in Titusville, Pa.

**Lisa Scheib, M.D., HU '92**, an internist, has joined Nashua West Adult Medicine. She is associated with Foundation Medical Partners and is on the active staff at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center. She served as a visiting professor at Kyushu University in Japan.

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**Dalton Daniel, M.D., HU '93**, a radiologist, joined the Radiology Department of Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale, Pa.

**Elmer G. Pinzon, M.D., HU '94, MPH**, has accepted an academic appointment at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Rehabilitation. He will also be joining the practice of University PM&R [Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation] Associates, with his private practice - University Spine & Sports Specialists. Pinzon has been a fellowship-trained, board-certified, interventional spine/musculoskeletal PM&R specialist in Knoxville since 2002. He will be participating in his fourth Ironman triathlon this year.

**David S. Kennedy, M.D., HU '95**, a pediatrician, opened his own private office in Pennsburg, Pa. Kennedy treats newborns through college-age children, with special interests in ADD/ADHD, autism, newborn care, obesity and allergy/asthma care.

**Jennifer Yanoschak, M.D., MCP '97**, a stroke specialist, joined the multidisciplinary acute stroke team at Albany Medical Center and was named an associate professor at Albany Medical College.

**Jamie J. Ambrad, M.D., MCPHU '99**, a family practice physician, joined Linden Tree Family Health Center in Portsmouth, R.I.

**Jeremiah Eckhaus, M.D., MCPHU '99**, joined Montpelier Health Center, a Central Vermont Medical Center group practice. He is board certified by the American Board of Family Practice and the American Board of Holistic Medicine. Eckhaus completed his residency in family practice at Marshall University School of Medicine, where he also studied in the International/Wilderness Medicine Program. He completed a tropical medicine rotation in Salvador, Brazil, and studied travel and high-altitude medicine in Kathmandu, Nepal. He completed an expedition to Island Peak

(19,000+ feet), in Khumbu, Nepal, and he was the event physician for the World Whitewater Rafting Championships in West Virginia.

**Mary Ann Wagner, Ph.D., Molecular & Cell Biology, MCPHU '99**, associate professor of biotechnology, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, was one of only 24 applicants across the nation accepted to attend the 2008 American Society of Microbiology/BioQUEST Bioinformatics Institute in Washington, D.C. BioQUEST promotes curriculum innovation by serving as a networking resource for individuals to share, distribute, and enhance cooperation among ongoing and future biology education development projects.

## '00s

**Dante N. Lewis, M.D., CoM '02**, a pediatrician, has joined McLeod Physician Associates at McLeod Pediatrics in Dillon, S.C. Lewis is a former high school educator and an emergency medical technician.

## Former Fellows and Residents

**Christopher S. Jordan, M.D., Fellow, Ophthalmology '06**, joined Northeastern Eye Institute in Honesdale, Pa. He is a cornea specialist.

**Asad Majid, M.D., Resident, Internal Medicine '00, Nephrology '02**, joined the Noyes Dialysis Center and Livingston Health Services in Geneseo, N.Y. Majid serves as the medical director at the Noyes Dialysis Center.

**Ahmed Subhi, M.D., Resident, Internal Medicine '06**, joined the staff of Covenant HealthCare in Michigan.

## Jacob Receives Honorary Degree from USP

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP) conferred an honorary doctorate of science upon Leonard S. Jacob, M.D., MCP '78, Ph.D., on February 21. The degree was awarded "in recognition of Dr. Jacob's entrepreneurial spirit, pharmaceutical industry leadership, and continued dedication to innovation and excellence."

Jacob, who is currently chairman of Life Science Advisors, has been responsible for the development of several drugs and has earned six patents. From 1980 to 1989, he served as worldwide vice president of SmithKline Beecham, and for the past two decades, he has been an entrepreneur, co-founding Genaera Corporation (formerly Magainin Pharmaceuticals), a

biotechnology company, and InKine Pharmaceutical Company, a specialty pharmaceutical company. He also recently served as a non-executive chairman of Bradley Pharmaceuticals.

Jacob received his Bachelor of Science from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (now USP) and his Ph.D. in pharmacology from Temple University School of Medicine.



Leonard Jacob, M.D. '78

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## In Memoriam:

Marvin L. Bierenbaum, M.D., HU '53, January 28, 2008

Nancy Garber, M.D., MCP '83, January 11, 2007

Michael R. Katz, M.D., HU '63, January 18, 2008

Mary Ellen Meiser, M.D., WMC '35, January 5, 2008

Lawrence Eugene Mumie, M.D., HU '82, January 5, 2008

Vito Francis Pakonis, M.D., HU '49, February 9, 2008

Joseph E. Reese, M.D., HU '48, January 5, 2008

Eugene Sneff, M.D., HU '51, December 29, 2007

Francis R. Souder, M.D., HU '44, October 17, 2007

Susan Sheiman Steremberg, M.D., WMC '70, February 27, 2008

Barbara Heywood Tindle, M.D., WMC '61, January 13, 2008



Dr. Makadia

A beloved member of the class of 2005, **Priya Palagummi Makadia, M.D.**, passed away on March 7, 2008, after a sudden illness. She is survived by her husband, Vijay Makadia, Pharm.D., whom she married in 2002, after her first year of medical school; her parents; and her younger brother. Priya was a senior resident in the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins and had been accepted to the cardiology program at the University of California, San Francisco. An announcement to the Johns Hopkins faculty read in part: "She was a

dedicated and skilled physician, and an inspirational colleague. . . . Priya was well loved throughout the hospital for her warm personality, dedication to excellence and caring nature."

At Drexel University College of Medicine, Priya was a winner of the Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation of the American Medical Women's Association, and was the recipient of the Dr. Judith Mausner Award for excellence in community and preventive medicine, and the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology Award for academic excellence in the ob/gyn clerkship. She was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha.

Friends and colleagues at Johns Hopkins have created a blog in Priya's memory that includes family contact information and details on an annual resident's award to be given in her name, [www.inmemoryofPriya.blogspot.com](http://www.inmemoryofPriya.blogspot.com).

## NIH Mandates Open Access to Journal Articles...continued

for amending standard copyright transfer agreements for institutional authors. Drexel University College of Medicine policies and procedures for handling this NIH-mandated policy are under review and will be announced in the near future.

As an additional requirement, as of May 25, 2008, NIH applications, proposals, and progress reports *must* include the PubMed Central reference number when citing an article authored or co-authored by the investigator or arising from the investigator's NIH award.



Pamela Fried

A suggested amendment to the standard copyright transfer agreement is available at the College's Academic Publishing Services website: [www.drexelmed.edu/aps](http://www.drexelmed.edu/aps)

— Pamela Fried  
Director, APS  
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### Open Access Details

Additional details are available at:

Frequently asked questions: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/FAQ.htm>

General information: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/index.htm>

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Journals that will deposit peer-reviewed or published manuscripts for authors: [http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit\\_process\\_journals.htm](http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm)

NIH Manuscript Submission System: <http://www.nihms.nih.gov/>

NIH Public Notice: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-033.html>

Policy details: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/policy.htm>

PubMed Central: <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>

## College Chairman Manuel Stamatakis Honored by Drexel

Drexel University College of Medicine chair Manuel (Manny) Stamatakis was honored for his contributions to the College, the University and the region at a dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Constantine Papadakis on February 12.

The dinner, held in the Anthony J. Drexel Picture Gallery on the University's Main Campus, was attended by local and state dignitaries, including Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell.

A trustee of Drexel University since 1996, Stamatakis was honored for his effort and commitment to stewardship of the University and his decade of visionary and tireless leadership as chairman of the College of Medicine. Stamatakis was a lead negotiator in crafting the agreement that ensured that this great educational institution, combining two venerable medical schools with more than 150 years of tradition, would continue to thrive.

James C. Reynolds, M.D., June F. Klinghoffer Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Medicine and chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, welcomed the guests. President Papadakis, trustee Nicholas De Benedictis '68, '69, Hon.'87, and Dean Richard V. Homan, M.D., also spoke.



Left to right: Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell was among the guests who came to honor Manny Stamatakis at the dinner President and Mrs. Papadakis hosted February 12 in the Anthony J. Drexel Picture Gallery on the University's Main Campus.

"Our chairman is our best booster and a role model for creative energy," said the Dean in his remarks. "Physicians have a reputation for needing less sleep, but it would be hard to compete with Manny."

## Compliance Corner

### The Annual Compliance Audit Cycle and Award of "Unaudited Year" Status



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The compliance audit cycle follows a calendar year schedule. Each year the Corporate Compliance Office updates active clinician rosters and schedules the annual review of 15 to 20 services per clinician for documentation and coding accuracy.

A week of services is usually held for review with a sample drawn from that group for consideration in the audit. The process renders a summary of accuracy found during the review. A passing score moves the clinician onto scheduling for the next annual review the following year. A passing score for two consecutive years is awarded with an unaudited year. Over 175 providers have attained the "unaudited year" status for 2008. A mediocre level of accuracy calls for immediate follow-up and education. A poor score for accuracy in matching coding with documentation will trigger a period of concurrent review and intensive education, with all charges held for review until competency is attained.

The Corporate Compliance Office also currently reviews 100 percent of Allscript's electronic medical record (EMR) outpatient activity for each healthcare provider as they go live on the system. Immediate feedback is provided to the office staff, the provider and Allscript's implementation team to enable the accurate and efficient capture of clinical information and the matching of charge submission to the documentation. The 100 percent review ends when consistent accuracy is noted in the billing code level matching the documentation. To date, the concurrent EMR review has been lasting two to four weeks for most providers.

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## Bulletins:

### Faculty Day on June 6: Addressing Diversity in Medical Education

All faculty members are invited to participate in Faculty Day on Friday, June 6, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Queen Lane Campus. The keynote address, "The History and Future of Addressing Diversity in Medical Education," will be presented by Charles Terrell, Ed.D., chief diversity officer, Association of American Medical Colleges. This will be followed by faculty awards during lunch and a variety of faculty development workshops in the afternoon. Faculty members are invited to submit award nominations. For a description and instructions, please visit [www.drexelmed.edu/facultyawards](http://www.drexelmed.edu/facultyawards).

### 2008 Match Largest Ever; Increase in Family Medicine

The National Resident Matching Program conducted the largest Match in its history, with 28,737 applicants vying for first-year residency positions. Of those applicants, a record-high 15,242 were U.S. medical school seniors. Another record was set by the number of applicants – 20,300 – who were international medical school graduates. Internal medicine accounted for more than 20 percent of the positions available, and 17.4 percent of U.S. medical school seniors matched in internal medicine. The Association of American Medical Colleges noted an increased interest in family medicine, with 7.6 percent of U.S. medical school seniors matching in that specialty. More family medicine positions were offered this year, reversing what had been a significant decline in available positions since 1998. Plastic surgery, orthopedic surgery, dermatology, otolaryngology, diagnostic radiology, radiation oncology, and general surgery continue to be popular and competitive specialties. For more information: [www.nrmp.org/data](http://www.nrmp.org/data)

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## Calendar:

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| <b>April</b>  | <i>National Autism Awareness Month</i>  |
| Apr 28        | <b>Woman One Award Ceremony</b><br>Contact: 215-255-7373 or email <a href="mailto:iwhl@drexelmed.edu">iwhl@drexelmed.edu</a>  |
| Apr 29        | <b>Arnold P. Gold Foundation Lectureship on Humanism in Medicine</b><br>"Professional Responsibility and Humanism in the Age of Genomics"<br>Presented by Donald F. Schwartz, M.D., MPH, MBA, Deputy Mayor of Health and Opportunity, Health Commissioner, City of Philadelphia<br>New College Building, Geary Auditorium, 4 p.m. |
| <b>May</b>    | <i>National Physical Fitness and Sports Month</i>   |
| May 2-4       | <b>Alumni Weekend</b>   |
| May 13        | <b>Senior Formal</b>  |
| May 14-16     | <b>50th Reunion</b>   |
| May 16        | <b>Commencement</b><br>Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 9 a.m.<br>Faculty and students report at 8 a.m.   |
| <b>June</b>   | <i>Clean Air Month</i>  |
| Jun 6         | <b>Faculty Day</b><br>"Addressing Diversity in Medical Education"<br>Queen Lane Campus, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.   |
| Jun 14        | <b>Drexel University Commencement</b>   |
| <b>July</b>   | <i>UV Safety Month</i>  |
| Jul 28        | <b>Manuel N. Stamatakis Golf Classic</b><br>Contact: 215-255-7330   |
| <b>August</b> |   |
| Aug 5         | <b>Class of 2012 Orientation begins</b>   |
| Aug 11        | <b>Class of 2012 White Coat Ceremony</b>  |