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“The Man Who Changed Medicine” Michael Milken Speaks at Commencement

When *Fortune* magazine put Michael Milken on its cover in 2004, it called him “The Man Who Changed Medicine” in recognition of his three decades of “shaking up the medical establishment and saving lives.” Ever since his mother-in-law’s 1972 breast cancer diagnosis, Milken has been working to remove barriers to progress in research on a wide range of life-threatening diseases.

Although Milken has been incredibly generous with his checkbook – he has given or raised well over one billion dollars for philanthropic causes – it is his personal involvement in rolling up his sleeves and challenging the standard way of doing things that has made him so effective. A 1999 *Business Week* cover story surveyed Milken’s “quest to cure cancer.” It reported that scientists “are convinced they’re close to unraveling [its] biological details. And Milken has done more to advance the cause than anyone.”

This remarkable man, best known for his innovations on Wall Street, conveyed what he has learned in his parallel career as a philanthropist after receiving an honorary degree at the College of Medicine’s Commencement on May 16.

**View the Commencement video at www.drexelmed.edu.
Look for Commencement photos in the next issue.**

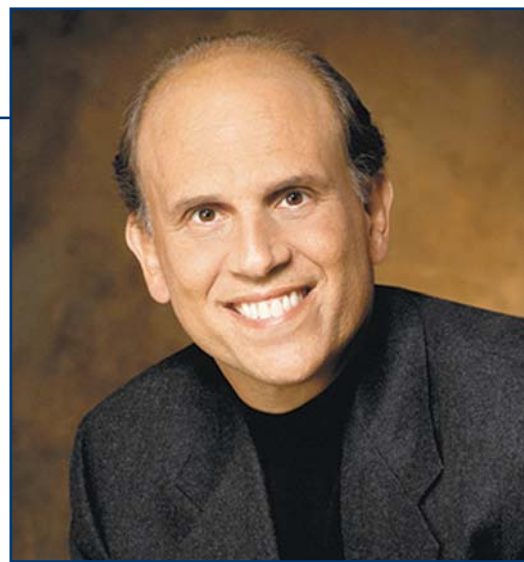
In 1982, Milken formalized his previous philanthropy by co-founding the Milken Family Foundation, which has supported extensive worldwide research on deadly diseases. Milken’s latest medical initiative is FasterCures, a Washington, D.C.–based think tank dedicated to accelerating cures and improved treatment outcomes for all diseases by identifying roadblocks and proposing economic incentives and regulatory efficiencies to accelerate scientific discovery. Through Congressional testimony, seminars, reports and research, it is helping shape public policy on a broad range of health issues. A decade earlier, Milken founded the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), whose competitive research grants to some 1,400 projects worldwide make it the world’s largest philanthropic source of funds for prostate cancer research. Charles Myers, M.D., president of the American Institute for Diseases of the Prostate, says simply, “Milken revolutionized the field.”

In his 2005 book, *Dr. Peter Scardino’s Prostate Book*, the eminent New York surgeon writes, “Through the Herculean efforts of

Michael Milken and his dedicated colleagues at the Prostate Cancer Foundation, private research funding has made great strides... This remarkable organization with Milken at the helm has worked tirelessly and effectively to promote public awareness of the disease.” In the foreword to *A Call to Action*, a book documenting the history of the PCF, the former director of the National Cancer Institute says that “few people have done more to advance the fight against serious diseases than Mike Milken.”

As a financier, Milken is often said to have revolutionized modern capital markets, making them more efficient and democratic by creating a wide range of financing opportunities previously unavailable to most companies. Starting in 1969, he helped finance thousands of companies that created millions of jobs. *The Economist* said Milken’s financial innovations “are credited with fueling much of America’s rampant economic growth by enabling companies with bright ideas to get the money they need to develop them.” These innovations – now taken for granted and taught in every business school – powered job growth in America for a quarter century and are now moving around the world through the efforts of the Milken Institute, an economic think tank.

A *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, where he was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Milken received his master’s degree in business administration from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School. He writes frequently about medical research in major publications. He and his wife, Lori, have three children and two grandchildren and will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this year. Additional details are at www.mikemilken.com.



Michael Milken, Hon. '08, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in honor of his enormous personal involvement in helping medicine battle deadly disease.



Richard V. Homan, M.D.

Senior Vice President for Health Affairs
Annenberg Dean

unsung – who make our school the vibrant place of learning that it is.

The May issue of *Philadelphia Magazine* brought its annual list of the region's "Top Doctors" in various specialties. The following faculty physicians were recognized:

Anthony Coletta, M.D. *Surgery*, Bryn Mawr Hospital (BMH)

Maria Delivoria-Papadopoulos, M.D. *Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine*, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (SCHC)

Mark Dovey, M.D. *Pediatric Pulmonology*, SCHC

Howard Eisen, M.D. *Cardiovascular Disease*, Hahnemann University Hospital (HUH)

Thomas Frazier, M.D. *Surgery*, BMH

Paul Glat, M.D. *Plastic Surgery*, SCHC

Stephanie King, M.D. *Gynecologic Oncology*, HUH

Harold Koller, M.D. *Ophthalmology*, Holy Redeemer Hospital

Lydia Komarnicky, M.D. *Radiation Oncology*, HUH

John Kukora, M.D. *Surgery*, Abington Memorial Hospital (AMH)

Sarah Long, M.D. *Pediatric Infectious Disease*, SCHC

William Meyers, M.D. *Surgery*, HUH

Howard Miller, M.D. *Internal Medicine*, HUH

Paul Nyirjesy, M.D. *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, HUH

Celebrating Drexel Medicine's All Stars

The month of May was rich with rewards given and gained. We welcomed back our alumni. We gave diplomas and honors to the Class of 2008 and wished them well on their future professional journeys. We applauded kudos won by our faculty. As the school year ends, I want to thank and congratulate all those – alumni, students, faculty, and staff – sung and

Christopher Pezzi, M.D. *Surgery*, AMH

David Rose, M.D. *Surgery*, BMH

Robert Sataloff, M.D. *Otolaryngology*, HUH

Marshall Schwartz, M.D. *Pediatric Surgery*, SCHC

Frank Shafer, M.D. *Pediatric Hematology-Oncology*, SCHC

Allan Wulc, M.D. *Ophthalmology*, AMH

Alan Zubrow, M.D. *Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine*, SCHC

Another chance to shine. This year the magazine also published a sidebar "Where to Get the Best Care," selecting the hospitals and medical centers "that deliver the very highest level of expertise." A dozen centers and practices affiliated with Drexel University College of Medicine, Hahnemann University Hospital and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children were included in the list:

Advanced Blood Conservation Program at SCHC

Burn Center at SCHC

Charles C. Wolferth Trauma Center at HUH

Drexel Center for Women's Health, with information about the **Institute for Women's Health & Leadership** and the **Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM)** program

Drexel Vaginitis Center

Heart Care at HUH

Kidney Transplant Program at HUH

Liver Transplant Program at HUH

MDA/ALS Center of Hope

Pediatric Sleep Center at SCHC

Pelvic & Sexual Health Institute

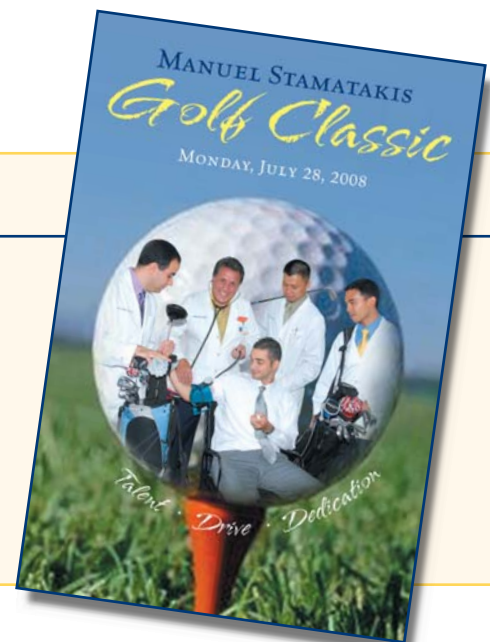
Trauma Center at SCHC

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Golf for a Great Cause, Monday, July 28

Like to golf? Come out and play a beautiful course for a great cause. The annual Manuel Stamatakis Golf Classic takes place on Monday, July 28, at the Philadelphia Country Club. The funds raised from the golf outing will support scholarships for academically talented medical students with demonstrated financial need, through the Manuel N. Stamatakis Medical Education Scholarship Fund at Drexel University College of Medicine. Golfers will enjoy a bountiful buffet lunch followed by the 12:30 shotgun start on one of 27 holes. A cocktail reception and dinner with raffle prizes and awards cap off a perfect summer day. Please join us!

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Institute for Women's Health & Leadership Presents Woman One

It was an energetic gathering of physicians-to-be and friends at the annual Woman One award ceremony and reception April 28 at Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Hotel. The 2008 honoree was Stephanie Naidoff, an attorney and leader in the fields of health and human services, who has just completed four years as commerce director for the City of Philadelphia. In a distinguished career that includes leadership in initiatives for women, Naidoff came into the spotlight as the principal guiding arm in the development of the Kimmel Center, helping to raise nearly \$300 million to build the landmark arts center.

Sponsored by the Drexel University College of Medicine Institute for Women's Health & Leadership, Woman One makes possible scholarship support for minority women studying medicine at the College. Ten such scholars are already receiving \$60,000 grants under the program.

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At the Woman One Event are (front row, l-r) Dr. D. Walter Cohen, chancellor emeritus, Drexel University College of Medicine; Dr. Constantine Papadakis, president, Drexel University; David L. Cohen, Comcast executive; Juliet Goodfriend, president, Bryn Mawr Film Institute; honoree Stephanie Naidoff; Lynn Yeakel, director, Institute for Women's Health and Leadership; and Dr. Richard Homan, dean of the College of Medicine; and (back row, l-r) Woman One Scholars Gisela Vargas, Janielle Hyde, Veronica Ramirez, Emilia Cuneo, Edwina Coleman, Keri Fugarolas, Annette Lopez, LaToia Marks, Sharron Manuel, and Michelle Balleentyne.

College Hosts Prominent Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology



The Third National Forum on Women's Issues in Gastroenterology and Hepatology hosted by Drexel University College of Medicine drew 180 medical professionals from the United States, Canada and Israel. Pictured are (l-r) Traci Thoureen, M.D., associate professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine; Jacqueline Wolf, M.D., associate professor of medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston; co-program director Barbara Frank, M.D., professor; and program director Asyia Ahmad, M.D., assistant professor, both in the Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, DUCOM; and Deborah Proctor, M.D., professor of medicine and medical director, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program, Yale University School of Medicine.

Ribbon Cutting Opens New Animal Facility

The College of Medicine's newly expanded animal facility at Queen Lane officially opened on April 21 with 80 guests attending the ribbon cutting ceremony. The state-of-the-art space features a quarantine suite, six-room behavioral suite with testing rooms, an animal holding room, and a surgery suite. Drexel animal facilities are accredited by the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC, International). Doing the honors are (l-r) Richard B. Huneke, DVM, MPH, executive director, University Laboratory Animal Resources; Kenny J. Simansky, Ph.D., vice dean for research; and Andrea McCurry, MLAS, associate director, ULAR.



Neurology Residents Present at AAN Annual Meeting

Eight residents in the Department of Neurology presented posters and platform talks at the American Academy of Neurology annual meeting, April 12-19 in Chicago: (seated) **Drs. Gonzalo Revuelta** and **Peter Gliebus**; (standing) **Drs. Preetha Muthusamy, Stacey Gruber, Kandan Kulandaivel, and David Irwin**; not pictured are **Michael Katsnelson** and **Archana Narasimha**.



Co-authors included **Drs. Guillermo M. Alexander, Anahita F. Deboo, Jeffrey Deitch, Kirsten L. Erwin, Yue-Song Gong, Dan J. Gzesh, Terry Heiman-Patterson, Marjorie Hepler, Sigmund Jenssen, Robert Koenigsberg, Carol Lippa, Harold Marks, Richard Nowak, Marielle Perreault, B. Lee Peterlin, Andrea Rosso** and **Sabrina Yum**.

Presentation titles:

“Levetiracetam: Seizure Management for Elderly Patients with Cognitive Impairment” (Lippa, Revuelta, Gliebus, Irwin, Hepler, Rosso)

“Intravenous Lidocaine Infusion and Oral Mexilitine Therapy for Dystonia in Corticobasal Degeneration” (Irwin, Revuelta, Lippa)

“In Vivo Evidence That CHIP and HSP70 Levels Correlate with Soluble Phosphorylated Tau Burden” (Nowak, Revuelta, Rosso, Gong, Lippa)

“The Role of Chaperone Proteins in Multiple System Atrophy” (Revuelta, Nowak, Rosso, Lippa)

“Twinkle-Twinkle Little Star to Beethoven: A Reversible Immune-Mediated Dementia” (Gliebus, Rosso, Lippa)

“Vertebral Artery Ostial Stenting as a Safe and Effective Modality for Symptomatic Patients Unresponsive to Medical Therapy” (Katsnelson, Koenigsberg, Gzesh)

“Self-Reported Versus Measured Body Mass Indices in Migraineurs” (Katsnelson, Peterlin, Erwin, Alexander)

“Interleukin 4 in ALS” (Muthusamy, Heiman-Patterson, Deitch, Deboo, Perrault)

“Progranulin and Beta-Amyloid: A New Mechanism for Alzheimer’s Disease?” (Gruber, Rosso, Lippa)

“Risk Factors for Increase in Troponin after Epileptic Seizures in Emergency Room Patients” (Kulandaivel, Jenssen)

“MFN2 Gene Mutations in Young Children with Clinically Sporadic Axonal Sensorimotor Polyneuropathy” (Narasimha, Yum, Marks)



Dr. Abouna

George M. Abouna, M.D., M.S., FRCS, FACS, clinical professor of surgery, is the author of “Organ Shortage Crisis: Problems and Possible Solutions,” published in *Transplantation Proceedings*, January 2008.

He is also the author of the chapter “Islamic Views and Perspectives on Organ Donation and Transplantation,” in *Organ Transplantation: Ethical, Legal and Psychosocial Aspects: Towards a Common European Policy*, edited by W. Weimar, M.A. Bos, and J.J. Busschback (Pabst Science Publishers, Lengerich, Germany, 2008).



Dr. DiPalma



Dr. Kutalek



Dr. Eisen



Dr. Kresh



Dr. Pelleg

Drs. Joseph R. DiPalma, Steven P. Kutalek, Howard Eisen, J. Yasha Kresh, and Amir Pelleg, Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, published “Anti- and Pro-Arrhythmic Effects of Cardiac Resynchronization

Therapy: Point of View” in the March/April edition of *American Journal of Therapeutics*.



Dr. Goldsmith

Donald Goldsmith, M.D., professor, Department of Pediatrics, Drexel University College of Medicine, and chief, Section of Rheumatology, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, is co-author of the chapter “Chronic Arthritides of Childhood” in *Nutrition and Health: Nutrition and Rheumatic Disease*, Humana Press, 2008.



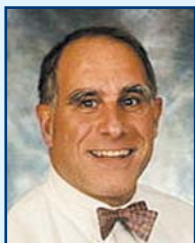
Dr. Hong

Eugene Hong, M.D., associate professor and chairman of the Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine, and chief of the Division of Sports Medicine, and **Laura Anderson, M.D.**, primary care sports medicine fellow, presented “Subdural Hematoma in a High School Football Player” at the annual meeting for the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine in Las Vegas in April.

Beatrix A. Olofsson, M.D./Ph.D., DUCOM '07; **Crystal M. Kelly**, 6th-year M.D./Ph.D. student in the Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics Program; **Jiyeon Kim**, 4th-year student in the Interdisciplinary Medical Science/Master of Medical Science program; **Stephen M. Hornsby**, lab technician; and **Jane Azizkhan-Clifford, Ph.D.**, professor and chair, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, published "Phosphorylation of Sp1 in Response to DNA Damage by Ataxia Telangiectasia-Mutated Kinase" in the December 2007 edition of *Molecular Cancer Research*.



Dr. Azizkhan-Clifford



Dr. Petrucci

Ralph J. Petrucci, Ed.D., clinical professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Medicine, and colleagues presented three papers at the annual meeting of the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplant: "Neuropsychological Evaluation of Patients Receiving Continuous Flow Left Ventricular Assist Devices"; "A Provocative Combination: Ventricular Assist Devices, Personality Disorders and Ethics"; and "Ethical Considerations for Cardiac Ventricular Assist Device Support: A 12-Point Protocol."

Michael L. Podolsky, M.D., clinical assistant professor; **Nita A. Desai, M.D.**, resident; **Thaddeus P. Waters, M.D.**, resident; and **Paul Nyirjesy, M.D.**, professor, all in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, published an article entitled "Hysteroscopic Tubal Occlusion: Sterilization After Failed Laparoscopic or Abdominal Approaches" in the February edition of *Green Journal*.



Dr. Podolsky



Dr. Nyirjesy

James R. Roberts, M.D., professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, was recently invited to become the 12th Annual Distinguished Visiting Professor in Emergency Medicine at the University of California, Davis, where he presented grand rounds at the UC Medical Center and served as judge for scientific presentations at the institution's EM Residency Research Day. In addition, Roberts was a featured speaker for the 27th Annual Emergency Medicine and Acute Care Conference in Key West, Fla.

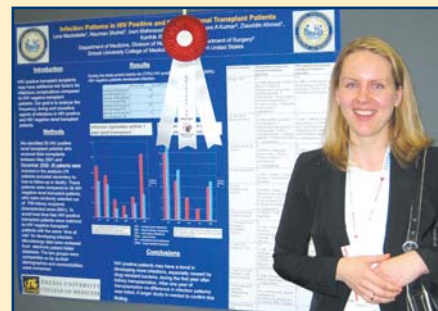


Dr. Roberts

In collaboration with **Stella Wong, D.O.**, toxicology fellow, Roberts co-authored an article entitled "Case Files of the Drexel University Medical Toxicology Fellowship: Methadone-Induced QTc Prolongation," published in the December 2007 edition of *Medical Toxicology*. In addition, Roberts and a

Drexel Nephrology Wins NFK Best Poster Award

Faculty, residents and fellows in the Department of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, presented eight posters at the annual meeting of the National Kidney Foundation, April 2-6, in Dallas. **Lina Mackelaite, M.D.**, a nephrology fellow, received the best poster award of the NFK 2008 meeting.



Participating fellows in addition to Mackelaite were **Drs. Bashar Alaloo, Jasjot Garcha, Fazle Noor, and Allen Friedman**. Department residents who participated in the research were **Drs. Vaibhav Sahni, Nauman Shahid, Joseph Saggio, Utpol Dutta, and Sudhir Vyakaranam**. Faculty co-authors included **Drs. Ziauddin Ahmed, Karthik Ranganna, and Allan B. Schwartz**, Division of Nephrology; **Howard Eisen**, Division of Cardiology; and **Nedjema Sustento-Reodica**, College of Nursing & Health Professions.

colleague published a letter to the editor, "Adrenergic Crisis Following the Intracavernous Injection of Epinephrine for the Treatment of Acute Priapism," in the March 2008 edition of *Emergency Medicine*.

Roberts and **Rachel Haroz, M.D.**, former resident and toxicology fellow at the College, co-authored the chapter "Spider Bites and Scorpion Stings" in the 2007 volume of *Conn's Current Therapy* (Elsevier).



Dr. Sataloff

Robert Sataloff, M.D., DMA, professor and chair, Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, is co-editor of *Voice Medicine* (Beijing, China: People's Medical Publishing House, 2007).



Dr. Schidlow

Daniel Schidlow, M.D., professor and chair, Department of Pediatrics, has written a poem entitled "Welcome to AOA," which has been accepted for publication in *The Pharos*. He also wrote a paper entitled "Strategic Planning in Health Care: The Results Are Everything ... Or Are They?" published in the March issue of *The Physician Executive*.

Evan J. Weiner, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, and colleague co-authored the chapter "Hepatitis" in *Pediatric Emergency Medicine* (Saunders, 2007).



Dr. Eskin



Dr. Montgomery

Bernard Eskin, M.D., professor, and **Owen Montgomery, M.D.**, assistant professor and chair, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, and colleagues were interviewed for an article about geripause entitled "Clinicians' Forum," published in the March/April 2008 issue of *Menopause Management* magazine.



Dr. Greenberg

Michael I. Greenberg, M.D., MPH, professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, recently led a team of Drexel University College of Medicine medical toxicology fellows and emergency medicine residents who provided peer review for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's Emergency Response Safety and Health Database. This is

a rapidly accessible database that contains information on high-priority chemical, biological and radiological agents that could be encountered by personnel responding to a terrorist event.



Richard Kedanis

Richard Kedanis, MBA, manager of business development, Department of Medicine, has become a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.



Kent Lambert

Kent Lambert, M.S., CHP, senior instructor, Department of Radiation Oncology, and director of the Office of Radiation Safety, has been named parliamentarian of the Health Physics Society, a role he will assume at the group's annual meeting in July. Lambert is the immediate past president of the Delaware Valley Society for Radiation Safety, and is currently serving as vice chair of the American Board of Health Physics.

The Office of Radiation Safety, a division of the Drexel University Office of Regulatory Research Compliance, is responsible for the radiation safety programs at Drexel, the College of Medicine, the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, and Cancer Treatment Centers of America's Eastern Regional Medical Center.

Colette C. Mull, M.D., assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Emergency Medicine, and director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program, was elected one of two chairs of the subcommittee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Section of Emergency Medicine in October 2007. It is a three-year position.

Clinic Named for Dr. Cohen

The School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania has honored D. Walter Cohen, DDS, chancellor emeritus of Drexel University College of Medicine, with the dedication of the new D. Walter Cohen and Morton Amsterdam Periodontal Clinic. Cohen served as professor and chairman of the Department of Periodontics at Penn and dean of the School of Dental Medicine, of which he is an alumnus, before becoming president of the Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1986. He became chancellor in 1993.



Dr. Cohen



Charles R. Reed, M.D. (right), professor, Department of Pediatrics, received the **Edward C. Bradley, S.J., M.D.**, award from Saint Joseph's University on April 6. The award is given on behalf of the Medical Alumni Chapter. It was presented in recognition of his embodiment of the qualities of Ignatian spirituality and his high degree of loyalty and dedication to the mission of Saint Joseph's University through outstanding service to others and scholarship. Reed is chief of the Section of General Pediatrics and director of Graduate Medical Education at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.



Danielle Belardo (second from left), a post-baccalaureate premed student in the College of Medicine, organized a team for the **May 4th Broad Street Run** to raise money for the surgical oncology laboratory of **Ari Brooks, M.D.**, where she does research. In addition to soliciting donations and selling team shirts, the self-named "Four 4 the Cure" hosted a happy hour April 25 for their cause. Belardo and the other members, (l-r) **Abby Friedlander, Jennifer Bosch, and Kate Dieffenbach**, graduated together from the University of Delaware in 2007. Their combined efforts raised nearly \$2,000.



New Vice President of Institutional Advancement Named



Terry R. Carter

Drexel University College of Medicine proudly welcomes **Terry R. Carter** as its new vice president of Institutional Advancement. Carter is overseeing the development and implementation of comprehensive philanthropic programs and services tailored to meet the College's priority needs, along with creating and expanding constituent relations. All of these efforts are regional and national in scope.

Carter joins Drexel University College of Medicine from Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where he served as executive director of medical center development. He previously held senior management positions in development at the University of North Carolina, the University of Alabama, the University of Georgia and the American Red Cross. Carter received both his undergraduate and MBA degrees from Augusta State University.

"I was drawn to Drexel University College of Medicine because of the entrepreneurial spirit, excellent visionary leadership and the steadfast dedication characterized by administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni, all accentuated by the vibrancy of the Philadelphia region," says Carter.

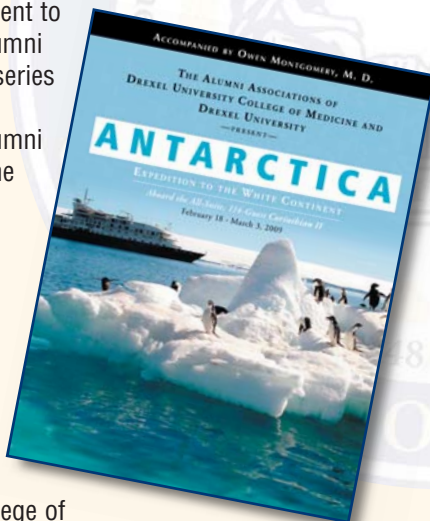
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Alumni Association Launches Unique Group Travel Programs

As part of our commitment to lifelong learning, the Alumni Association will offer a series of unique group travel opportunities. These Alumni Travel programs combine educational forums and excursions to places of historical and cultural interest with the opportunity to enjoy unplanned experiences and meet local people.

The trips, sponsored by the Alumni Associations of Drexel University College of Medicine and Drexel University, and planned in cooperation with Travel Dynamics, will offer as an option the integration of medical components and lectures into the cultural aspects of the travel experience.

These medical elements might include visiting medical institutions in diverse cultural settings and dialogues with colleagues in foreign lands. Participants may choose to self-claim and self-document their educational experience for Category 2A CME credits. For additional information, please call the College of Medicine Alumni Office toll-free at **866-373-9633** or email medical.alumni@drexel.edu.



Gender Research Award Honors Doris Willig, M.D., WMC '36

An annual award aimed at spurring research into gender differences in childhood development and mental health was announced by Dean Richard V. Homan, M.D., at the Sex and Gender Research Forum of the Institute for Women's Health & Leadership in January. Established by the children of the late Doris Willig, M.D., the award will provide research fellowship support for graduate students. Willig was just 23 when she graduated first in her class in 1936 from Woman's Medical College. In 1938, she founded an obstetrics and gynecology practice in the Wynnefield section of Philadelphia. Later she became a psychiatrist in private practice, also directing the child-psychiatric clinic at Philadelphia General Hospital and teaching at Jefferson Medical College. In 1972, Willig moved to Miami and spent a decade working at a Veterans Affairs hospital, returning to practice in Philadelphia until her 1988 retirement.



Announcing the award (l-r): Dean Homan; two of Dr. Willig's three children, Susan Balder and Dr. Andrew Balder (Jimmy Balder is not pictured); and Lynn Yeakel, director of the Institute for Women's Health & Leadership, where the award will reside.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In the tradition of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann Medical College

'40s

Lucille Fostvedt, M.D., WMC '40, received the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce Athena Entrepreneurial Award. The annual award recognizes women for professional excellence, community service and actively assisting other women. The first woman to practice medicine in Palm Springs, Calif., Fostvedt was also the first female doctor on staff at Desert Regional Medical Center and Eisenhower Medical Center; the first woman president of the Palm Springs Academy of Medicine; and the second female president of the Riverside County Medical Association.

Mildred Mitchell-Bateman, M.D., WMC '46, received the Humanitarian Award of the East Central Province of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. A psychiatrist, administrator and educator, Mitchell-Bateman began her career as a clinical instructor at Woman's Medical College. After serving in several capacities, including superintendent of Lakin State Hospital in West Virginia, state mental health commissioner, and chair of psychiatry at Marshall University School of Medicine, she became clinical director of Huntington State Hospital in 1996, which was later renamed Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital in her honor.

'60s

Maria A. Verso, M.D., WMC '66, was named one of the "Top Docs" by *Phoenix Magazine*. Verso has a practice in endocrinology and metabolism in central Phoenix.

'70s

J. Kenneth Brubaker, M.D., HU '70, was named the 2008 Medical Director of the Year by the American Medical Directors Association. Brubaker is medical director at three large long-term care facilities in the Lancaster, Pa., area. He is the co-founder of Geriatric Associates of Lancaster and currently heads Lancaster General Hospital's geriatric program.

John Gastaldo, M.D., HU '72, served as a judge for the 55th Lancaster Newspapers Science and Engineering Fair. Gastaldo is a neurosurgeon with Lancaster Neuroscience & Spine Associates.

Robert C. Goldszer, M.D., HU '76, MBA, received the first Brigham and Women's Hospital Dennis Thomson Lifetime Achievement Award in March at a celebration of his 30 years at BWH. Goldszer was the associate chief medical officer and director of primary care there until May, when he became chief medical officer and senior vice president for academic affairs at Miami's Mount Sinai Medical Center. He had previously served as director of specialty services and vice president for clinical services at BWH.

James Lebedda, M.D., HU '76, Ph.D., was the author of an article in the *Oxford (Pa.) Tribune* discussing how breast cancer rates have dropped. Lebedda is an oncologist who is on staff at Jennersville Regional Hospital, West Grove, Pa.

Stephen Klasko, M.D., HU '78, was featured in an article in the *St. Petersburg Times*, "He Riles, Rallies in Case for USF Campus Hospital." Klasko, who served as acting dean of Drexel University

College of Medicine before assuming his current position, is vice president of the University of South Florida and dean of its College of Medicine.

Myles E. Lampenfeld, M.D., HU '78, of Oakland, Calif., delivered a lecture on "Adjuvant Radiation Therapy for Pancreatic Carcinoma" to the East Bay Surgical Society, in San Francisco on April 19.

'80s

Michael K. Dohnarsky, M.D., HU '81, a cardiologist, was interviewed on the talk show "Diabetes Today" on WVLT, 92.1. Dohnarsky is a member of the multi-specialty group of Cumberland Medical Associates, Vineland, N.J.

David Zalut, M.D., MCP '82, in practice in Voorhees, N.J., since 1985 and chair of family practice for Virtua West Jersey since 1998, was recently elected secretary treasurer of the Virtua West Jersey Medical Staff. He also received the 2007 Physician Recognition Award from Virtua.

'90s

Patrick Flannagan, M.D., MCP '92, joined the medical staff at the Back and Neck Center at Butler Memorial Hospital, Butler, Pa. Flannagan is board certified in neurological surgery.

Todd M. Stefan, M.D., HU '92, was recertified by the American Board of Surgery. Stefan is a general and vascular surgeon with Central Susquehanna Surgical Specialists and Evangelical Community Hospital's medical staff.

Elmer G. Pinzon, M.D., HU '94, has accepted an academic appointment at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Rehabilitation. Pinzon will also be joining University Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Associates with his private practice, University Spine & Sports Specialists. He is a board-certified, interventional spine/musculoskeletal PM&R specialist and has been practicing in Knoxville since 2002.

Christopher F. Viozzi, M.D., MCP '96, was recently appointed chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He is also an assistant professor of surgery at the Mayo Clinic.

Ernest Leber, M.D., HU '98, joined the Department of Emergency Medicine at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, Pottstown, Pa.

'00s

Kenny Mai, M.D., MCPHU '01, an orthopedic surgeon at the Kerr Outpatient Center in Hanford, Calif., presented "Joint Replacement 101" at the Hanford Community Medical Center.

Danielle Johnson, M.D., DUCOM '04, joined the Craig and Frances Linder Center of H.O.P.E. in Mason, Ohio, as a staff psychiatrist. She will focus on women's health programs for the University of Cincinnati-affiliated, comprehensive mental health center that will open in August 2008.

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In Memoriam: June Klinghoffer, M.D., WMC '45



Dr. Klinghoffer

An icon of our medical school, alumna and longtime faculty member June Klinghoffer, M.D., WMC '45, passed away on Saturday, May 3. She was 87. She is survived by her son, Robert Wenger, M.D., a 1983 graduate of MCP, and his wife, Sharon, who graduated from MCP in 1984; a grandson, Isaac; and nieces and nephews. Her late husband, Sidney Wenger, M.D., was a professor of psychiatry at MCP.

Those who had the privilege of knowing June Klinghoffer remember her devotion not only to her students and patients but to her College of Medicine through more than five decades of change and evolution.

A 1938 graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, Klinghoffer attended the pre-med program at the University of Pennsylvania, before earning her medical degree at Woman's Med. After completing her internship and residency at what is now the Albert Einstein Medical Center, she returned to her alma mater and remained throughout her career. She rose from a clinical assistant in the Department of Medicine in 1948 to a full professor in 1969, holding the Ethel Russell Morris Chair in Medicine from 1987 to her retirement in 2000. Her devotion to her students was evidenced in her extraordinarily long tenure as director of the Junior Clerkship in Medicine and her position as director of Student Teaching Programs for the Department of Medicine. As an internist and specialist in rheumatology, she served her patients with the same devotion and care that she brought to her work with students.

Klinghoffer received numerous awards, including the Golden Apple Award, the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, and Founders' Day and Alumni Achievement awards; and a chair and professorship in the Department of Medicine were established in her honor. She was elected to the Girls' High Hall of Fame in 2006. A bronze statue of Klinghoffer greets students, faculty and visitors to the College of Medicine's Queen Lane Campus. But her most prized accolade came directly from her students: serving regularly as "oather" and "hooder" at commencement.



Well into her 80s, Klinghoffer continued to participate in College of Medicine activities, serving on Drexel's Legacy Committee and as co-chair of the campaign to build a permanent home for the College's Archives. The family respectfully requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Archives Building Fund, Drexel University College of Medicine. The address is P.O. Box 8235, Philadelphia, PA 19101; or you may contact Melinda Johnson at **215-255-7375** or mjohnson@drexelmed.edu.

In Memoriam:

Charlotte Dolecki, M.D., WMC '64, April 11, 2008

Steven G. Economou, M.D., HU '47, April 2, 2007

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

Louis Hanna, M.D., HU '43, April 18, 2008

Irvin J. Leven, M.D., HU '52, April 13, 2008

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

Eileen C. Simmons, M.D., WMC '48, April 3, 2008

Eunice F. Stanfield, M.D., HU '73, August 9, 2008

Charles R. Swaine, M.D., MCP '74, March 10, 2008

Anthony J. Turchetti, M.D., HU '60, March 27, 2008

David Oplinger Williams, M.D., HU '48, passed away April 8.

After completing his residency in radiology, he served his country at Sandia Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M., from 1950 to 1954. In 1954, Dr. Williams began 40 years of private practice in diagnostic radiology in Allentown, Pa.

During that time, he also was a radiologist at Allentown State Hospital and at Sacred Heart Hospital. He worked as sole radiologist at the Veterans Administration Clinic in Allentown, as well. He was a former president of the Lehigh County Medical Society. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sonia; son, David O. Williams II, and his wife, Dawn, of Columbia, Mo.; a daughter, Carol Ann, wife of John Lyons of Erie, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In the tradition of Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann Medical College

Thomas J. Henderson, M.D., DUCOM '06, has been selected to be chief resident in the Emergency Medicine Department of York Hospital, York, Pa., for the 2008/09 academic year.

Former Fellows and Residents

Apurv Khanna, M.D., Resident, HU, Internal Medicine '96, a hypertension specialist, joined the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Jonathan Kiev, M.D., Resident, HU, General Surgery '94, a thoracic surgeon specializing in minimally invasive surgical procedures, joined Annapolis (Maryland) Thoracic Surgery Associates at their location in Anne Arundel Medical Center's Donner Pavilion. He had practiced at the Virginia Commonwealth

University as an associate professor of surgery since 2003, and was director of thoracic surgical services at the VCU Health System.

David S. Krause, M.D., FACP, Resident, MCP, Internal Medicine '78, was appointed senior vice president of research and development and chief medical officer at Zelos Therapeutics, a developer of treatments for bone disorders. Krause has served as a clinical and regulatory advisor to Zelos since 2006.

Jack Sobel, M.D., Resident, MCP, Infectious Diseases '78, was one of three faculty members at Wayne State University School of Medicine who received the honor of Distinguished Professor. Sobel has been a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine since 1985, the same year that he was named chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases.

Tales of a Three-Legged Cat Help Families Cope with Loss

Henry, a three-legged cat, has been inspiring children, parents and families across the country. A homeless mountain cat found with his leg dangling following an accident, Henry needed emergency amputation to save his life. This should have been the end of his life, but instead served as a new beginning. He moved into a home, gained a family, and has answered more than 27,000 letters from people in similar situations. Henry has his own website, makes occasional local appearances, and publishes books about his story to help families cope with disability. His newest mission is to help the families and children of wounded heroes returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Henry was a refugee from the Cedar Fires in Southern California in the fall of 2003. A mountain home in Julian, Calif., owned by psychotherapist Cathy Conheim and retired obstetrician-gynecologist **Donna Brooks, WMC '65**, housed dozens of people following the fire, and Henry arrived with one of the fire victims. Conheim and Brooks, who live in La Jolla, Calif., were faced with a tough decision: euthanize Henry to stop his suffering or amputate his limb and hope for recovery.

They decided on the second option. Not cat fanciers themselves, they offered Henry a temporary home until he recovered, only to realize that the resilient kitty had become a permanent part of their lives. Conheim started telling Henry's story via email to her friends, who told more friends. By word of mouth, Henry's story of courage and survival was inspiring responses from people Conheim had never met. She started replying to these emails in Henry's voice, and he became known as a "therapist," providing guidance and comfort for humans coping with their own disability or that of a family member.

"People talk to animals differently," says Conheim. "For people who have suffered a loss in their lives or are ill, sometimes it's easier to relate to an animal that's dealt with that adversity."

As a result, Henry's world became the basis of a larger program, "The Just Me Project." The project distributes a kit to challenged families. Kits contain a child's book (*What's the Matter with Henry? The True Tales of a Three-Legged Cat*) and a workbook (*Kibble for Thought, Homework for Humans*), as well as CDs of music to reduce stress.

"It's a structured program to build coping skills and engage participants in reframing their experience," says Conheim. "Henry the cat establishes a vocabulary that allows children and adults to sort through their complex feelings."

Brooks and Conheim themselves have funded the publication of Henry's books, and they donate any profits to animal shelters. The book *Henry's World: A Three-Legged Cat's View of Human Absurdity* has sold thousands of copies online and through catalogues. Over 30,000 of Henry's books are out in the world, and he has raised \$50,000 to help other animals.

With the help of various charity organizations, at least 2,000 "Just Me Project" kits have been distributed to the families of wounded war heroes. Brooks and Conheim have formed a nonprofit and are seeking funding to expand the "Just Me Project" to all families of those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as all children with chronic illness, amputations or other long-term challenges. For more information, visit www.henryworld.org.



AOA Induction and Banquet Honors Students, Residents, Faculty, Alums

The Delta Zeta chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society inducted 42 College of Medicine seniors, three graduate trainees, two faculty members and two alumni at its annual ceremony on April 1. The students, whose names were announced earlier (December/January *NewsPager*), were joined by (l-r) **Jose Nativi Nicolau, M.D.**, Department of Medicine; **Jeffrey Denney, M.D.**, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology; **Amy Pattishall, M.D.**, Department of Pediatrics; **Nancy Spector, M.D.**, associate professor, Department of Pediatrics; **Edward Gracely, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Family, Community & Preventive Medicine; **Mary Ann Cohen, M.D., WMC '66**, clinical professor of psychiatry, Mount Sinai School of Medicine; and **Christopher T. Olivia, M.D., HU '88**, president and CEO, West Penn Allegheny Health System. At far right is **Allan Tunkel, M.D., Ph.D.**, AOA Delta Zeta Chapter councilor, and chair, Department of Medicine, Monmouth Medical Center.



Kenneth M. Granet, M.D. (not pictured), Department of Medicine, Monmouth Medical Center, received the AOA Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award, for which he was nominated by the 2008 medical student inductees.

Compliance Corner: Consultations



Linda Thomas
Director
Compliance Services

CPT 2008 defines a consultation as a “service provided by a physician whose opinion or advice regarding evaluation and/or management of a specific problem is requested by another physician or other appropriate source.” Correspondingly, Highmark Medicare Services of Pennsylvania, in their policy LCD C-2J, defines: “A consultation service is distinguished from other evaluation and management (E/M) visits because it is provided by a physician or qualified nonphysician practitioner (NPP)

whose opinion or advice regarding evaluation and/or management of a specific problem is requested by another physician or other appropriate source.” The consult request must be for “opinion and advice” and not a transfer of care. Though a consultation service may be provided in conjunction with a resident/fellow with the recognized teaching physician documentation, they can not be performed as a split/shared service.

The four consultation requirements include:

Request: A written request from an appropriate source is preferred. A verbal request from one provider to another is acceptable when documented in the medical record supporting the consultant’s conversation with the requesting source. Though it should be the exception, a verbal request may also be communicated from

the requesting source’s office staff to the consultant’s office staff and must be clearly documented in the patient record. In situations where the patient’s record is shared (i.e., inpatient chart, some large group practices, EMR) the request may be documented in the plan of the requesting physician or qualified NPP. It is important to note that an insurance required referral form alone will not support a consultation unless it requests a consultation and a reason for the consult.

Reason: The reason the patient is being sent for a consultation must be clearly stated and medically necessary.

Rendered Services: The documentation of the service must support the level of consultation service as well as any other services reported. The supporting documentation would include the history, examination, and medical decision making as well as any patient questionnaires and dictated letters. It is important to maintain all related documentation in the patient’s record. In cases where an EMR is used any related paper documents should be scanned.

Report: A written report needs to be provided to the requesting source; traditionally this was a separate dictated letter. If the patient record is shared, similar to the request, the consultant can indicate that the requesting provider was made aware that the consult was completed.

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Bulletins:

NIH Launches Undiagnosed Diseases Program

The National Institutes of Health has announced a new clinical research program that aims to help individual patients with conditions that have long eluded diagnosis, and to advance medical knowledge as well. A trans-NIH initiative, the Undiagnosed Diseases Program will focus on the most puzzling medical cases referred to the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md., by physicians across the nation. "The history of biomedical research has taught us that careful study of baffling cases can provide new insights into the mechanisms of disease, both rare and common," said NIH director Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D. The first patients are expected to be seen in July 2008.

U.S. Medical School Enrollment to Increase, Says AAMC

By 2012, first-year enrollment in U.S. medical schools will increase 21 percent, to 19,900 students, based on an annual survey on medical school expansion conducted by the Association of American Medical Colleges. More than 86 percent of medical schools have expanded or plan to expand their enrollment within the next five years, the survey indicates. Nine new medical schools are under development or discussion, according to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Up to 800 first-years will attend these new schools by 2012/13, the AAMC estimates.

Only 1 in 10 Americans Considered Health Literate

Just 12 percent of America's 228 million adults have the skills to manage their own healthcare proficiently, according to the latest *News and Numbers* from the Agency for Healthcare Research. These "health literacy" skills describe people's ability to obtain and use health information to make appropriate healthcare decisions, including weighing the risks and benefits of different treatments, knowing how to calculate health insurance costs, and being able to fill out complex medical forms. www.ahrq.gov/news/newsnumix.htm

Calendar:

June	<i>Clean Air Month</i>
Jun 14	Drexel University Commencement
Jun 25	Class of 2009 Intercession begins
Jun 30	Class of 2010 Orientation begins
July	<i>UV Safety Month</i>
Jul 2	Class of 2010 Student Clinician Ceremony Queen Lane Campus, 11:30 a.m.
Jul 28	Manuel N. Stamatakis Golf Classic Contact: 215-255-7327
August	<i>Cataract Awareness Month</i>
Aug 5	Class of 2012 Orientation begins
Aug 11	Class of 2012 White Coat Ceremony
September	<i>National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month</i>
Sep 1	Labor Day
Sep 13	<i>National Celiac Disease Awareness Day</i>
Sep 28	"Walk 2 Miles in My Shoes for RSD" McDade Park, Scranton, Pa., 1:00 p.m. Contact: sheila.urban@drexelmed.edu
October	<i>Healthy Lung Month</i>
Oct 15	Discovery 2008 The College of Medicine's annual research day Contact: Angelo Milone, 215-991-8403 or amilone@drexelmed.edu
Oct 17	<i>National Mammography Day</i>
Oct 29	New Faculty Reception Ritz Carlton, Grand Ballroom, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Contact: Arlene Padolina, 215-762-2500
November	
Nov 27	Thanksgiving