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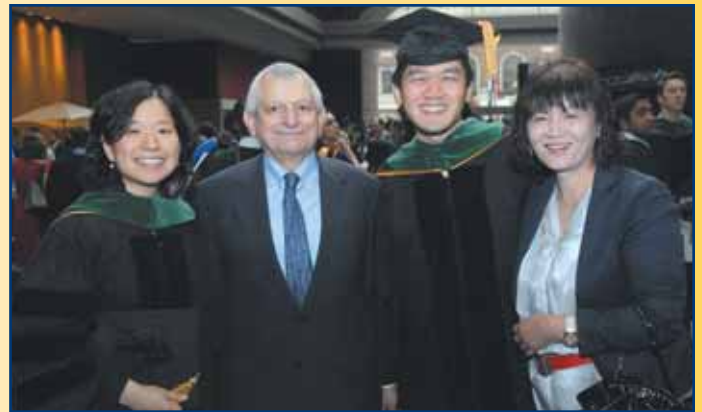


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# Behind the Scenes



# Distinguished Faculty Awards



## Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching

*Donna M. Russo, Ph.D.*  
Department of Microbiology & Immunology



Dean Richard V. Homan, M.D.,  
Donna M. Russo, Ph.D. and  
Vice Dean Barbara Schindler, M.D.



## Blockley-Osler Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching

*Laura E. Smals, M.D.*



## 2009 DEAN'S SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL TEACHING

### Abington Memorial Hospital

*Mary T. Hofmann, M.D.*  
Department of Medicine



Drs. Schindler, Mary T. Hofmann,  
and Homan

### Allegheny General Hospital

*David S. Medich, M.D.*  
Department of Surgery

### Bayhealth Medical Center

*Laura Beth Moylan, M.D.*  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

### Bryn Mawr Hospital

*Steven Myrick, M.D.*  
Department of Surgery



Dr. Steven Myrick

### Capital Health System

*Rajeev Shah, M.D.*  
Department of Pediatrics

### Crozer-Chester Medical Center

*Abdulbari Khalid Farooqi, M.D.*  
Department of Psychiatry



Dr. Daniel Schwartzman

### Easton Hospital

*Daniel Schwartzman, M.D.*  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

### Friends Hospital

*Paul J. Ambrosini, M.D.*  
Department of Psychiatry



Drs. Schindler and Paul J. Ambrosini

### Hahnemann University Hospital

*Dipak Delvadia, D.O.*  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology



Dr. Dipak Delvadia

### Holy Redeemer Hospital and Medical Center

*John Deeney, M.D.*  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

### Lehigh Valley Hospital

*Stacey Smith, M.D.*  
Department of Medicine

### Mercy Catholic Medical Center

*Manzoor A. Rather, M.D.*  
Department of Medicine



Dr. Gregory Greco

### Monmouth Medical Center

*Gregory Greco, D.O.*  
Department of Surgery

### PinnacleHealth Hospital

*Sandeep Mehrook, M.D.*  
Department of Medicine



Drs. Anton J. Kleiner and Schindler

### The Reading Hospital and Medical Center

*Anton J. Kleiner, M.D.*  
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

### Saint Peter's University Hospital

*Anne Marie Van Hoven, M.D.*  
Department of Medicine



Drs. Schindler and  
Anne Marie Van Hoven

### St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

*Laura E. Smals, M.D.*  
Department of Pediatrics

### York Hospital

*Robert I. Pargament, M.D.*  
Department of Medicine



Drs. Schindler and Laura E. Smals

### 2009 Dean's Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching by a Community Family Practice St. Vincent Family Medicine Residency Program



Dr. Robert I. Pargament

# Biomed Awards Reception



**Amy Clippinger and advisor Michael Bouchard, Ph.D.**

Graduating students received their doctoral hoods at a festive awards ceremony and reception given by the Office of Biomedical Graduate and Postgraduate Studies on May 14. Barry Waterhouse, Ph.D., vice dean, presided over the event in honor of the Ph.D. and Master of Science candidates on the eve of their Commencement. Guests included faculty, family and friends. The graduate student awards are listed on page 10.



**Dr. Waterhouse**



**Gianluca Gallo, Ph.D., and Andrea Ketschek**



**Patricia Petritus, Meghan Dolfi, Christina Kollias, Marissa Migaleddi and her husband, John Migaleddi**



**Advisor Olimpia Meucci, M.D., Ph.D., and Rajarshi Sengupta**



**Robert Moreland, Ph.D., director, Pharmacology & Physiology Graduate Program, and Heather Nyce**



**Vanessa Pirrone, and her advisor, Fred Krebs, Ph.D.**



**Students Sarah Crow and Nayla Chaijale; guest Karen O'Hanlon; and Ph.D. candidates Nicholas DiPatrizio (O'Hanlon's husband) and Meirav Zaks-Zilberman**

# Professional Studies Awards

The Office of Professional Studies in the Health Sciences held its annual awards ceremony at New College Building on May 13, followed by a buffet luncheon in Stiles Alumni Hall. Selected students in each program received the Outstanding Student Achievement Award, presented by their respective program directors and the senior associate dean, Gerald Soslau, Ph.D.



**Dr. Soslau and Sheera Dashkow**



**Zach Hena; Sarah Cabral; Jessica Lehman; Detective William Welsh, assistant professor; Tulani Washington-Plaskett; Renee Kezmarsky**



**Aaron Schelegle, Max Oran, David Gay, Diana Dougherty, and Scott Caganap**



**Dr. Soslau and Thomas Mellor**



**Tracy Yee; Drs. Julian Mesina, Mohammad Abedin, and Robert McKenzie; Weeda Nejrabi; Amina Bouadis; Susan Cheng**



**Dr. Soslau, Susan Barsky, and Sara Perkel, assistant professor**



**Dr. Soslau, Sumit Mittal, Dr. McKenzie**

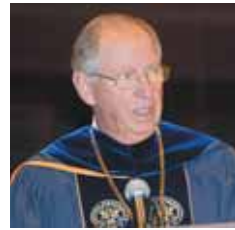


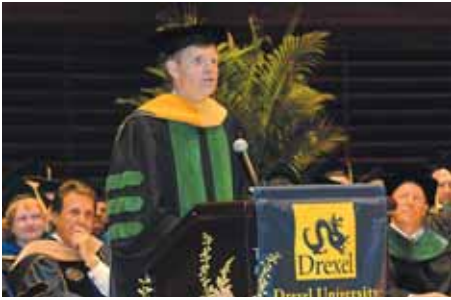
**James Moore, program director; Vasyl Yurchenko; Dr. Soslau; Laura Halon; Tina Rader, assistant professor; Nicole Hasara; Kristy Salapata; Amanda Brensinger; Arline Nivens**

# Alumni Weekend May 1-3











## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

- **The Alumni and Alumnae Association Award** for service to graduate programs and student body: **Andrea Ketschek**
- **The Amedeo Bondi, Ph.D. Endowed Graduate Award** to a graduating Ph.D. student for excellence in research performance during the training experience: **Amy Clippinger, Liang Qiang**



Amy Clippinger

- **The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Scholarship Award for Humanism in Medicine:** Susan J. Cheng, Eric G. Kim

Honorable Mention: Lakshmi Devi Gowda, Ravi Kalwani



## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE AWARDS

- **The Dr. Elias Abrutyn Award** for excellence in Infectious Diseases: **Halima Amjad**
- **The Allegheny County Medical Society Award** for academic, interpersonal and extracurricular excellence: **Vanessa Rose Papalazaros**
- **The Award for Excellence in Anesthesiology:** **Christine Marie D'Alleinne**
- **The O. Eugene Baum Memorial Prize** for excellence in Psychiatry: **Megan Alden Crochet**
- **The Paula Bernocchi Memorial Award** for excellence in the field of Emergency Medicine: **Dorian Schuman-Werb**  
for excellence in the field of Psychiatry: **Max Marchenko**
- **The Iain F. S. Black, M.D. Award** for excellence in Pediatrics, presented by the Department of Pediatrics and the Medical Staff of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children: **Elizabeth Mary Clabby**
- **The Elizabeth Blackwell Memorial Prize** to an outstanding woman in the graduating class: **Marjorie Ellen Affel**
- **The Mark A. Blatt, M.D., HU '56 Memorial Prize** for excellence in Family Medicine: **Laura May Wellington**
- **The Charles Block, M.D., HU '42 Memorial Prize** for excellence in Internal Medicine and Cardiology: **Eric Solomon Ginsberg**
- **The Leopoldo Canales Award** for excellence in Neurology: **Richard Mengchun Tsai**
- **The Ronald P. Caputo, M.D., HU '62 Memorial Award** for outstanding clinical skills and humanitarianism in the care of medical patients: **Scott F. Allen**
- **The Harris R. Clearfield Award** for excellence in Gastroenterology: **Melissa A. Burgess**

- **The Maurice C. Clifford, M.D. Leadership Award** for student achievement and service: **William Woo**

- **The Donald R. Cooper, M.D. Award** for excellence in Surgery: **Justin Alan Singer**

- **The Oscar Corn, M.D., HU '43 Award** for excellence in Orthopedic Surgery: **Rajit Chakravarty**

- **The Dean's Award** for a universally high level of accomplishment, professional maturity and outstanding potential: **Meena Sherine Ramchandani**

- **The Department of Dermatology Award** for excellence in Dermatology: **Catherine Helen Choi**

- **The Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association Award** for dedication and contribution to the community and University: **Matthew P. Kusulas**

- **The Drexel University College of Medicine SGA Award** for outstanding dedication and loyalty to the school and the student body: **Konrad Sarosiek**

- **The David Dunn, M.D. Award** for excellence in Neurology: **Jennifer Woods Rasmussen**

- **The Alan Edelsohn Memorial Prize** for outstanding leadership and service to the class and the College of Medicine: **Shin-Bey Chang**

- **The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award** for excellence in Emergency Medicine: **Grant Clayton Swisher**

- **The Endocrine Society Award** for special achievement and interest in the general field of endocrinology: **Deborah Nanyoung Kim**

- **The Barbara Epstein Creativity Award** for creativity in the arts: **Brian Hong Chen**

- **The Eva Fernandez Fox Award** for personal integrity, stability, responsibility and loyalty to the College of Medicine: **Elizabeth Mary Clabby**

- **The James P. Fullin, M.D., HU '76 Memorial Award** for outstanding clinical and academic performance in Hematology & Oncology: **Helen Shum**

- **The Hahnemann Physicians Society Award** for Community Service: **Blair Joy Dickinson, Betty Tsang**

- **The Van Buren O. Hammett Memorial Award** for an outstanding performance in Psychiatry: **Elizabeth Mary Clabby**

- **The Beatrice Sterling Hollander, M.D., WMC '41 Memorial Award** to the student in the graduating class who shows promise of leadership, high character and creativeness in her profession: **Emilia Anntionette Cuneo**



William Woo, Dr. D. Walter Cohen

- **The Johnston Award** for excellence in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine: **Heather Anne Parsons**
- **The Eichi K. Koiwai, M.D., HU '47 Award** for an outstanding performance during the Pathology Clerkship: **Konrad Sarosiek**
- **The Joan Kornblum Memorial Prize** for excellence in Internal Medicine: **Eun-mi Yu**
- **The Elizabeth D. Labovitz, M.D., WMC '63 Award** for excellence in Renal and Electrolyte Studies: **Keta Kiran Vaidya**
- **The Joseph A. Langbord Memorial Prize** for humanitarianism in medicine: **Grant Richard Williams**
- **The Samuel Levit Award** for outstanding skills and humanitarianism in Medicine: **Sveta Chandresh Shah**
- **The William Likoff, M.D. Award** for distinction in the care of medical patients and commitment to academic excellence: **Cynthia Hsu**
- **The George D. Lumb, M.D. Award** for outstanding achievement in the Pathology course: **Michael John Sasso**
- **The Daniel Mason, M.D., HU '44 Award** for Cardiovascular clinical work: **Julie Lorraine Rosenthal**
- **The Dr. Judith Mausner Award** for excellence in Community & Preventive Medicine: **Emily Jean Siegel**
- **The Medical Humanities Award:** **Michael Tatusov**
- **The Merck Manual Awards** for general clinical excellence: **Danielle Beth Barrocas**, **Ashlee L. Snyder**, **Ingrid Zahra Hyder**, **Andrew R. Torre-Healy**, **Paulomi N. Kadakia**
- **The Alma D. Morani, M.D., WMC '31 Award in Gross Anatomy** for excellence in Anatomy during the senior year: **Andrew Cazimer Waligoria IV**
- **The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Award** for overall academic excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology: **Revital Yehezkel**
- **The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Award** for academic excellence in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinical Clerkship: **Kathryn Jones**
- **The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Award** for leadership in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology: **Randi Diane Leigh**
- **The Office of Student Affairs Award** for commitment to the education of fellow students: **Scott Minoru Kubomoto**
- **The Gerald Pearson Memorial Award** for excellence in Child Psychiatry: **Sveta Chandresh Shah**
- **The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, Philadelphia Branch, Award** for performance and leadership in Family Practice: **Ryan Nelson Schroeder**
- **The Joel J. Roslyn, M.D. Award** for outstanding leadership, while demonstrating a notable level of commitment and service to his/her fellow students: **Konrad Sarosiek**
- **The Walter Rubin, M.D. Award** for academic and clinical excellence in Medicine: **Meena Sherine Ramchandani**
- **The Nathan L. Samuels, M.D., HU '51 Prize** for excellence in Family Medicine: **Lisa Bartels**
- **The Richard Shuman Award** for excellence in Pathology & Laboratory Medicine: **Fumiko Konno**
- **The Dr. Lee Winston Silver Award** for excellence in Pediatrics: **Veronica Araujo Ramirez**
- **The Maurice Sones Award** for excellence in Primary Care Medicine: **Scott Minoru Kubomoto**
- **The Winifred B. Stewart Memorial Award** for excellence in Psychiatry: **Karen KaYiu Leong**
- **The Jane Stuart Prize** for excellence in Radiation Oncology and Clinical Oncology: **Natasha Cecez Townsend**
- **The Department of Surgery Award** for excellence in the Surgery Clerkship: Abington Memorial Hospital, **Megan Alden Crochet** Allegheny General Hospital, **Andrew Cazimer Waligoria IV** Easton Hospital, **Baotram Tran** Lehigh Valley Hospital, **Justin Alan Singer** Monmouth Medical Center, **Adam Franklin Jester** Philadelphia Area, **Danielle Beth Barrocas** PinnacleHealth, **Steve Choe** Saint Peter's University Hospital, **Ryan DeBlis** York Hospital, **Larissa Ann Applegate**
- **The Department of Surgery Award** for excellence in the Surgery Pathway: **Lindsay Ann Pharmer**
- **The Charles Swartz Award** for academic and clinical excellence in Medicine: **Lauren Kimberly Tormey**
- **The Daniel M. Tabas Award** for outstanding scholarly achievement by a student pursuing a career in Primary Care: **Cory Alan Ogden**
- **The Arthur and Bertha Weisman Award** for excellence in Child Psychiatry: **Andrew R. Torre-Healy**
- **The Woman One Scholar Award:** **Emilia Anntionette Cuneo**, **Keri Nakao Fugarolas**, **Veronica Araujo Ramirez**
- **The Women's Health Education Award** in recognition of outstanding leadership and commitment in the field of Women's Health: Clinical, **Emilia Anntionette Cuneo** Scholarship, **Abigail Katherine Alt**
- **The Dr. Margaret Gray Wood Award** in recognition of a student who has made significant contributions to alumnae & alumni student relations: **Konrad Sarosiek**
- **The Dr. Mary Yankosky Award** for excellence in Endocrinology: **Christopher James Rowan**
- **The Dr. Mary Yankosky Award** for excellence in Radiologic Sciences: **David Todd Saul**

# Alumni Induction Luncheon

Graduating medical students were inducted into the Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association at a luncheon on May 13.



Lauren Wiesner, Andrea Poisson, Emily Siegel, Ashlee Snyder, Chris Kinsella



Donna Antonucci, M.D., MCP '84



Aditi Patel, Flora Lee, James Lim



Front: William Woo, Lucy Huynh, David Nguyen  
Back: Michelle Fujimoto, Elaine Tsui, Deborah N. Kim



Jacquelyn Virgi Palmer, Melissa Moidel, Georgia Ragonetti-Zebell



Blair Dickinson, Dr. Donna Antonucci, Konrad Sarosiek, Dr. Barbara Schindler, Nikhil Jain, Dr. Mary Coté, Shin-Bey Chang



Rene and Veronica Ramirez, and (standing) Keri Fugarolas



Natasha Townsend, Chanelle Coble, Emilia Cuneo, Alyse Belonis



Back: Matthew Kusulas, Lauren Tormey, Andrea Huber, Vanessa Papalazaros, Wesley Roberts  
Front: Surupa Sen Gupta, Jessica Logan, Shauna Guthrie, Kathleen Moyer



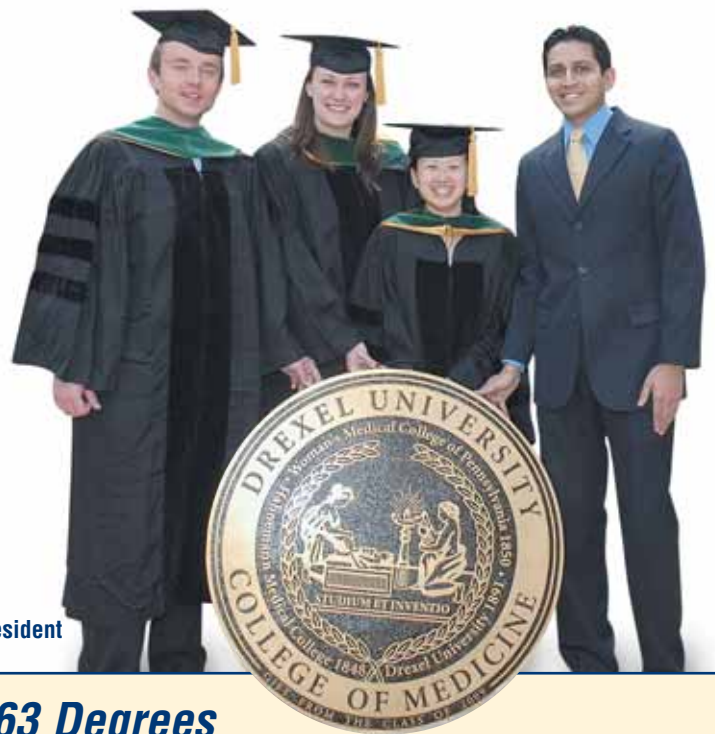
Back: Bao Tram Tran, Garrett Yee, Virginia Soong, Santisree Tanikella, Maggie Lee, Betty Tsang  
Front: Helen Shum, Mike Vizcarra, Dmitry Pekarsky, guest



Rachel Slivka, Reena Vaswani, Radha Juneja, Natalie Huang, Concetta Nestico

## When All Is Said and Done

The Class of 2009 presented the College of Medicine with an extraordinary parting gift — a bronze cast of the Seal of Drexel University College of Medicine. The medical student class, below, was photographed just in front of the terrace where the Seal is now inset. Two days later, they donned their robes again and joined the master's and Ph.D. candidates in the procession to Commencement at the Kimmel Center, where Drexel University interim President C. R. (Chuck) Pennoni conferred their degrees. Three honorary degrees were also awarded: to the Commencement speaker, John Prescott, M.D., chief academic officer of the Association of American Medical Colleges; to D. Walter Cohen, DDS, chancellor emeritus of Drexel University College of Medicine and a member of the board of trustees; and to our late president, Constantine Papadakis, Ph.D.



**Presenting the Seal: Konrad Sarosiek, Blair Dickinson, and Shin-Bey Chang, 2009 class presidents; Nikhil Jain, SGA president**

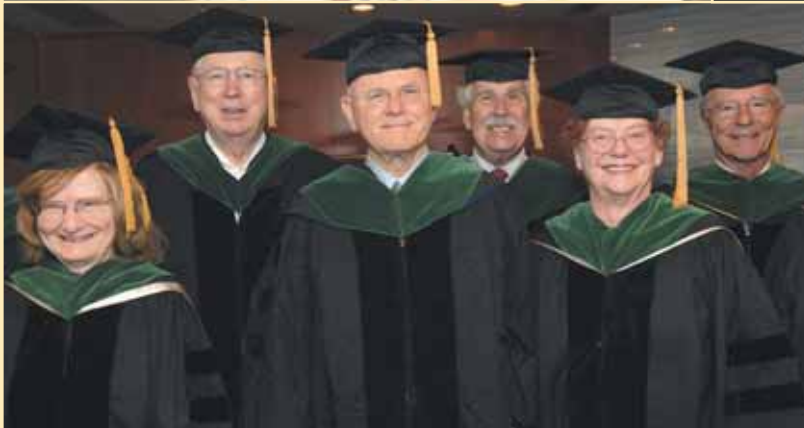
### ***The College of Medicine Awarded 363 Degrees***

- 235 Doctor of Medicine
- 14 Doctor of Philosophy
- 1 joint M.D./Ph.D.
- 5 joint M.D./MPH
- 1 joint M.D./MBA
- 7 Master of Science
- 13 Master of Biological Science
- 15 Master of Forensic Science
- 14 Master of Laboratory Animal Science
- 28 Master of Medical Science
- 20 Master of Science in Clinical Research Organization and Management
- 9 Master of Science in Pathologists' Assistant



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*There are three fundamental truisms about education and medicine, known and appreciated by physicians and scientists around the world:*

*Maxim number 1: You don't know it all, and you never will.*

*Maxim number 2: It's truly OK that you don't know it all, and never will.*

*Maxim number 3: The very best physicians and scientists understand and accept maxims 1 and 2, and therefore develop an ongoing and lifelong passion for learning.*

*John Prescott, M.D.  
Chief Academic Officer*

*Association of American Medical Colleges*

## Calendar:

<b>August</b>	<i>National Immunization Awareness Month</i>
Aug 7	<b>White Coat Ceremony</b> Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, 3 p.m. Contact: Shay.Myers@drexelmed.edu
<b>September</b>	<i>Healthy Aging Month</i>
Sep 27-30	<b>Translational Medicine 2009 Symposium</b> Cosponsored by Drexel Medicine and Elsevier www.translationalmedicine2009.com
<b>October</b>	<i>Health Lung Month</i>
Oct 7	<b>Discovery 2009</b> Research Day at the College of Medicine Queen Lane Campus Contact: Angelo.Milone@drexelmed.edu; or visit www.drexelmed.edu/DiscoveryDay
Oct 29	<b>New Faculty Reception</b>
<b>November</b>	<i>National Healthy Skin Month</i>
Nov 26	Thanksgiving
<b>December</b>	<i>Safe Toys and Gifts Month</i>
<b>2010</b>	
Apr 30-May 1	<b>Alumni Weekend</b>
May 19-21	<b>50-Year Reunion</b>
May 21	<b>Commencement</b>