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The College of Medicine has suffered a great loss. We mourn the passing of our beloved president, Dr. Constantine (“Taki”) Papadakis, who died on April 5. He had a brilliant mind, and he was also a giant of a human being in terms of his spirit and heart.

The College of Medicine was precious to him. As the son of a doctor, he had a deep personal understanding of the commitment required to be a physician. Without his leadership, this College of Medicine would not exist. Our institution is a legacy to his love of learning and his loyalty to those of us who make it our life’s work.

On April 8, the medical students held the annual Golden Apple Ceremony, in which they recognize the best teachers in the College of Medicine. They presented an

honorary Golden Apple in memory of Dr. Papadakis, “to recognize all of his contributions to us at this school and to say thank you.” I humbly accepted it on his behalf.



DR. CONSTANTINE PAPADAKIS
1946-2009

He certainly was a mentor and teacher to me. He was someone I trusted implicitly. He was a strong advocate for the medical school he so dearly respected and loved.

Taki will be deeply missed not only here at the College of Medicine and the University, but within the Philadelphia community and well

beyond it. I feel fortunate to have had the privilege of working so closely with him, and I will miss him deeply.

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

Tributes to Taki



President Papadakis, Dean Homan, Chairman Stamatakis

Perhaps one of the most powerful tributes to the man who was our president was that our friends and colleagues realized instinctively that members of Taki's College of Medicine family were truly among the bereaved – even if they had had little contact. Many faculty and staff members received spontaneous messages of condolence from friends both inside and outside the College community.

One of our physicians wrote to a colleague: *Many thanks for getting back to me (and so quickly)–especially at this time of profound*



At NASTAR Center, 2007



Black Tie White Coat Ball, 2006



Student Activities Center, 2005



Simulation Center, 2008



Health Fair, 2002

grief. What a loss! I will miss Taki very much.... I take some comfort in the thought that God knows the worth of the man and the legacy he leaves through his incomparable stewardship of Drexel. May St. Katharine Drexel guide his journey to his heavenly reward.

The director of medical education at an affiliate medical center wrote: *We are deeply saddened by Dr. Papadakis's death. As you know better than I, Taki was a visionary leader who showed courage in taking on the School of Medicine while others counseled to steer clear of it and its challenges. We here stand in support of you and the DUCOM family in this time of bereavement.*

A former employee wrote to a friend here: *I wanted to let you know that I saw the news of Taki's passing and immediately thought of you all.... I was surprised at how sad I was since I had never really met him, other than a quick nod in passing. Anyway, I wanted you to know that I was thinking about everyone – please pass along my greetings and well-wishes.*



Commencement, 2005

A Message from the Chairman

As I have witnessed the enormous outpouring of feeling – admiration, love, and sorrow – elicited by the death of our leader and my dear friend, Constantine (“Taki”) Papadakis, I have become more aware than ever that he did not belong just to us, but to something much larger.

Millions of words have been spoken and written about Taki in recent weeks. A description used frequently – and deservedly – is “visionary.” As an example of his brilliance, Taki recognized the enormous value that had been created over the years in the medical school. He had the vision to make it a part of Drexel, and take it on to greater heights.

This Renaissance man saw possibilities where others saw only risks. When Drexel University stepped up to manage MCP Hahnemann in 1998, it averted an economic disaster for the city and preserved education and research programs that had been advanced across more than a century by two historic medical schools. After three years of successful stewardship, the Drexel board was persuaded that the medical school should be part of the University, and it became Drexel University College of Medicine in 2002.

From the outset, Taki saw the potential of collaboration between the engineering and medical schools. This vision is realized every day in cross-campus research that engages engineers, physicians, and scientists together in solving complex problems. Now, the College of Medicine is developing a research and training program in surgical engineering whose interdisciplinary scope and entrepreneurial spirit would surely be close to his heart.*

When Dr. Richard Homan accepted the position of dean and senior vice president for health affairs in 2005, after an exhaustive national search, Taki was thrilled. Thanks to their shared commitment, the College of Medicine is in excellent shape. Its glowing reputation is evident in the rise in applications, which has allowed class size and selectivity to increase at the same time. A state-of-the-art simulation center is rising on the Queen Lane Campus. Graduate and professional studies are launching new programs.

As many of you know, when Taki went on medical leave shortly before he died, the Drexel trustees appointed C.R. (Chuck) Pennoni as interim president of Drexel. A former trustee and chairman, he served as interim president once before and headed the search committee that in its wisdom brought us Taki. He will do an excellent job leading the University. Fittingly, Dean Homan will assume Taki’s duties in relation to the medical school.

Taki never viewed his success as an individual accomplishment. He believed all along that the reason so

much was possible for Drexel was his great team. We are indeed sad that Taki is gone from us, but I know that with Dean Homan’s leadership, the College of Medicine is solid and poised for even more growth.

*Manuel Stamatakis
Chairman of the Board*



Infusion Center, 2004



Honoring Dr. Heinz Drexel, 2007



Greeting medical students, 2005

*Editor’s note: See *Medicine, Engineering and Technology*, page 10

Stem Cell Researchers Anticipate Accelerated Discovery with Fewer Restrictions

For the past seven years, Itzhak Fischer, Ph.D., professor and chair, Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy, has been using adult and fetal tissue stem cells to find an effective therapy for spinal cord injury. While he and his research team have made progress, Fischer is optimistic that their pace of discovery will accelerate significantly now that President Obama has lifted the ban on the use of embryonic stem cells in federally funded research.

“A lot of scientists, including me, avoided the use of embryonic stem cells because of practical difficulties related to the restrictions,” says Fischer, whose NIH-funded research is focused on finding the best strategies for cellular transplantation into the injured spinal cord.

“Even if you got funding from a state or private foundation, you couldn’t use the same facilities or equipment that were used for any federally funded research. Many institutions spent hundreds of millions of dollars to build new buildings, duplicating facilities already in existence, before researchers could ever begin working with embryonic stem cells. A lot of time and money that could have been spent directly on research was wasted.

“Now we can collaborate with investigators who are working with embryonic stem cell lines, no matter when they were developed, and collaboration generally leads to faster discovery,” he continues. “Some scientists have already developed differentiation protocols that will enable us to begin testing these lines on spinal cord injury models much sooner.”

Scientists don’t yet know which type of stem cells will be most effective in developing therapies, treatments and cures for injuries and diseases. “We have a lot of work to do in comparing the effectiveness of adult, fetal and embryonic stem cells,” says Fischer. “But now, we will be able to make decisions based on science rather than politics.”

Embryonic stem cells are advantageous to scientists because they are pluripotent, which means they have the potential to develop into any type of cell in the body. In addition, each embryonic stem cell has

the ability to self renew, generating an unlimited number of cells to feed the research pipeline.

The newest development in the field is the induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cell, a 2007 breakthrough discovery by a Japanese researcher, Shinya Yamanaka, who found that human adult cells taken from skin can be reprogrammed to return to a primitive state and behave like embryonic stem cells. Prior to this discovery, scientists believed that the process of differentiation from stem cell into a particular type of adult cell, such as liver or skin for example, was irreversible.

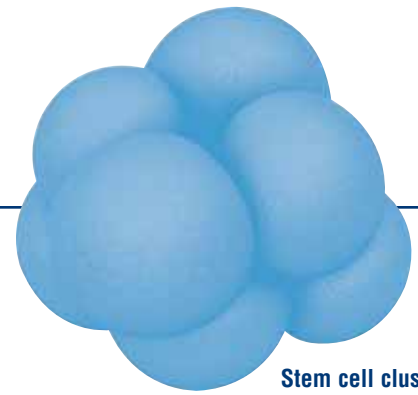
“This is an amazing discovery, although it’s not 100 percent clear at this point whether iPS cells are truly pluripotent and equivalent to embryonic stem cells,” says Fischer. “This is still in its infancy, but iPS cells have the potential to be used as a fantastic model for disease.”

NIH Issues Draft Guidelines

The National Institutes of Health has issued draft guidelines that would “allow funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization for reproductive purposes and were no longer needed for that purpose” (<http://stemcells.nih.gov/policy/2009draft.htm>). The guidelines were expected to be published in the Federal Register by April 24. After publication there is a 30-day period for public comments.

For some time, Fischer has been designing experiments to be conducted with embryonic stem cells that could advance his spinal cord injury research. Now that restrictions have been lifted, he can move forward with this work and intends to apply for a major federal grant to support it. His department already has a federal Program Project Grant funding the work of three principle investigators, including Fischer.

“We have one of the leading multidisciplinary teams in spinal cord injury research with the capability to



Stem cell cluster

conduct comprehensive research,” he notes. “Now we have the ability to test all of our ideas for stem cell therapy.”

Carol Lippa, M.D., professor, Department of Neurology, and director of the Dementia Neurology Research Laboratory, has been investigating the underlying mechanisms in degenerative brain diseases for 20 years with the goal of developing therapies to prevent or slow their progression. She believes that embryonic stem cells could be especially beneficial in such diseases.

“The brain is different from any other organ in the body in that the cells don’t regenerate. Once you lose a brain cell, it’s gone forever,” Lippa explains. “Theoretically, you can use embryonic stem cells in any type of disease where cells die prematurely. To have the technology to replace the lost cells could provide opportunity for therapy for diseases of the nervous system.”

Lippa believes that embryonic stem cells have the most potential in conditions where a specific part of the brain is affected, such as Parkinson’s disease. “If we could use replacement cells to take over the functions where cells have been lost in the substantia nigra, an area deep in the brain, we might be able to improve, or even cure, Parkinson’s disease patients.”

Alzheimer’s research: Embryonic stem cells will also accelerate progress in Alzheimer’s disease research. In studies where umbilical cord stem cells were injected into Alzheimer’s animal models, the amount of amyloid, which causes the disease, was reduced. “Scientists think this happened because stem cells have immune system modulating properties,” explains Lippa. “This research has already provided us with important insights about the biology underlying Alzheimer’s disease. A better understanding of the mechanistic pathways that cause Alzheimer’s pathology is needed to lead us to a cure.”

Faculty Physicians Named “Top Docs” by Philadelphia Magazine

Philadelphia magazine has published its annual list of the region’s “Top Doctors” in various specialties in its April issue. Congratulations to the following Drexel University College of Medicine faculty physicians who made the list:

Alan Baldrige, M.D.*

Pediatric Gastroenterology

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Joseph Boselli, M.D.

Internal Medicine

Hahnemann University Hospital

Ari Brooks, M.D.

Surgery

Hahnemann University Hospital

Anthony Coletta, M.D.*

Surgery

Bryn Mawr Hospital

Susan Conley, M.D.*

Pediatric Nephrology

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Paul Curcillo, M.D.

Surgery

Hahnemann University Hospital

Francesco De Luca, M.D.*

Pediatric Endocrinology

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Maria Delivoria-Papadopoulos, M.D.*

Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Mark Dovey, M.D.*

Pediatric Pulmonology

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Howard Eisen, M.D.

Cardiovascular Disease

Hahnemann University Hospital

Thomas Frazier, M.D.*

Surgery

Bryn Mawr Hospital

Michael Glassner, M.D.*

Reproductive Endocrinology

Bryn Mawr Hospital

Paul Glat, M.D.*

Plastic Surgery

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Donald Goldsmith, M.D.*

Pediatric Rheumatology

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Jan Goplerud, M.D.*

Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Ellie Kelepouris, M.D.

Nephrology

Hahnemann University Hospital

Lydia Komarnicky, M.D.

Radiation Oncology

Hahnemann University Hospital

Agustin Legido, M.D.*

Child Neurology

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Sarah Long, M.D.*

Pediatric Infectious Disease

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Owen Montgomery, M.D.

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Hahnemann University Hospital

Paul Nyirjesy, M.D.

Obstetrics & Gynecology

Hahnemann University Hospital

Christopher Pezzi, M.D.*

Surgery

Abington Memorial Hospital

Joseph Piatt, M.D.*

Neurological Surgery

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

James Reynolds, M.D.

Gastroenterology

Hahnemann University Hospital

David Rose, M.D.*

Surgery

Bryn Mawr Hospital

Robert Sataloff, M.D.*

Otolaryngology

Hahnemann University Hospital

Marshall Schwartz, M.D.*

Pediatric Surgery

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Frank Shafer, M.D.*

Pediatric Hematology-Oncology

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

Kristine Whitmore, M.D.

Urology

Hahnemann University Hospital

Allan Wulc, M.D.*

Ophthalmology

Abington Memorial Hospital

In addition, the magazine published a feature on physicians under the age of 40 who are among the region’s “rising stars” of medicine. Following are the physicians affiliated with Drexel University College of Medicine, Hahnemann University Hospital and St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children who were featured:

Mark Abdelmalek, M.D.

Dermatologic Surgery

Hahnemann University Hospital

Justin Harmon, D.O.*

Urologic Surgery

Hahnemann University Hospital

Jamison Jaffe, D.O.*

Urologic Surgery

Hahnemann University Hospital

Christopher Haines, M.D.*

Pediatric Emergency Medicine

St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children

*This physician is a non-compensated member of the teaching faculty of Drexel University College of Medicine

The Envelope Please: Match Day

On Match Day, March 19, our fourth-year medical students and their peers across the country discovered where they would go for their residency programs.

Emotions ran high as a champagne toast celebrated the students' hard work before they were given the go-ahead to rip open their envelopes at noon. In keeping with tradition, the Match Day ritual occurs at the same time at medical schools across the country.

Internal medicine, with 47 matches, was the most popular specialty among our 250 seniors, followed by pediatrics (27),



Karen Leung, Megha Ambati, Julie Rosenthal, Adebukola Adedeji, Ryan DeBlis



general surgery (23), and family medicine (20). Nearly half of the class will go to medical centers affiliated with the College of Medicine, and 31 matched into Hahnemann programs, for which Drexel University College of Medicine is the academic partner.

This year's Match was the largest on record, according to the National Resident Matching Program. Nearly 30,000 students sought matches – 1,153 more than last year and 4,500 more than participated five years ago. More than half the participants in this year's Match were U.S. medical school seniors (15,638), 400 more than in 2008. The balance included 10,874 graduates of international medical schools, an increase of 570 from last year.

Patient Gives Thanks

Jimmie Hairston has been a grateful Drexel patient for over 19 years. To show his gratitude he presented two plaques of appreciation to the "ladies of Drexel Internal Medicine," as he affectionately refers to the practice. The first recognition was presented in 2006 and the most recent was bestowed in December 2008. "Their nice smiles are just like medicine," says Hairston about the faculty and staff. He was first a patient in the days of Hahnemann University and continued through the transition to Drexel University College of Medicine, receiving care from physicians in several specialties. Nathalie May, M.D., is now his primary care physician. "She's a light for Drexel. She takes the time to explain everything so you can understand it," says Hairston. "She makes your visit to Drexel worthwhile."



L-R: Patient Jimmie Hairston, Jennifer Soto, Del Roehr, Tasha Mickle, Sharon Weeks-Hinton, Leshia Mathis, Lakieya Lockett, and Dr. Nathalie May. Not pictured but not forgotten are Kimberly Pitts and Meliza Arce.

Pediatric AIDS Benefit Concert Raises \$43,000

The 16th annual Pediatrics AIDS Benefit Concert, produced by Drexel University College of Medicine students, raised over \$43,000 to help children living with HIV/AIDS. More than 750 tickets were sold for the event featuring professional-caliber performances by students, faculty and staff, on February 21 at Drexel University's Main Building.

The money raised goes directly to the Pediatric AIDS Clinic at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. The AIDS program at St. Christopher's is the largest of its kind in the tri-state area, providing comprehensive care for hundreds of HIV-infected children and their families. Concert proceeds help finance the services of a dietician and a child-life specialist for the program. The funds also help provide children the opportunity to attend a summer camp which many of them would otherwise be unable to do.

"We are extremely grateful to everyone who attended the concert, made a financial contribution, or placed a bid on the many generously donated silent auction items," said Steve Ryder, a second-year medical student who helped organize the benefit. "We are all so proud to be a part of something that helps support such an important cause."

Professional DVDs of the show are available for sale, with all proceeds benefitting the Pediatric AIDS clinic. To obtain a DVD copy, email PABCEntertainment@gmail.com.



The committee included (l-r): 2nd-year medical students (MSII) Steve Ryder, Carrie Happ, Mitesh Shah, Amit Desai; Drexel sophomore Aleicia Phulwani; Golien Safain, Gina Ramirez (MSII); Master of Medical Science (MMS) student Christina Kytasty; Kevin Bernstein (MSII); Eric Kim (MMS); Kim Peace (MSII).

College Introduces High School Students to Medical Education

Six years ago, Theresa Connors, instructor in the Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy, was approached by a teacher from Masterman High School about having students from her advanced placement science class visit the Gross Anatomy Lab. Little did Connors know this would catapult a new and exciting learning experience benefiting high school and Drexel medical students alike. "The med students love to display their new knowledge of gross anatomy and they take on the role of mentor for the younger students," says Connors. Word spread, and before she knew it, Connors was hosting five to seven groups a year from high schools all around the tri-state area.



First-year medical students (l-r, standing) Brian Hamzavi, Ross Green, and (kneeling) Mica Guzman and Sam Zarbiv with students from the Community Academy of Philadelphia.

On Friday, February 20, twenty eager AP science seniors from the Community Academy Charter School met with first-year medical students in the Gross Anatomy lab. This particular group was offered the chance to robe up and dissect the cadavers. Connors says, "I often have to pry the high school students and chaperones from the lab at the end of their visit because they don't want to leave! In their thank you notes, the students and their teachers often tell me this visit was the highlight of their whole academic year."



Dr. Block

Timothy Block, M.D., professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and co-founder and president of the Hepatitis B Foundation, was inducted as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in a national ceremony held in Chicago in February, in recognition of his discovery of molecular mechanisms of viral

persistence and therapeutic strategies for hepatitis B virus and herpes simplex virus.



Dr. Brooks

Ari Brooks, M.D., associate professor, Department of Surgery, is the recipient of the eighth Annual Siani Lee Community Advocate Award from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® foundation. This honor was awarded during the Komen Philadelphia Affiliate Celebrate Life! Luncheon—Living the Vision, on April 26.



Dr. Eiser

Arnold Eiser, M.D., FACP, professor, Department of Medicine, and associate dean for Mercy Programs at the College of Medicine, was recently named a 2008 winner of the Laureate Award of the Pennsylvania chapter of the American College of Physicians. Eiser is vice president of medical education for Mercy Health

System of Southeastern Pennsylvania and also serves as director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Mercy Catholic Medical Center.



Dr. Kralick

Francis Kralick, D.O., assistant professor, who is a member of the Department of Neurosurgery at Hahnemann University Hospital, has received the designation of fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, for his demonstrated commitment to the practice of surgery;

teaching; authorship of professional papers; participation in osteopathic organizations; and adherence to professional and ethical standards.



Dr. Morahan

Page Morahan, Ph.D., professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, and director of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM®) Program for Women, has been honored with the Elizabeth Bingham Award from the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association for Women in Science. This award is presented each year

to a distinguished local scientist who has significantly influenced the advancement of women in science.



Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman

The Honorable Sandra Schultz Newman, a trustee of Drexel University College of Medicine, and a member of the Law School Board of the Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, was named one of Pennsylvania's "Best 50 Women in Business" for 2009 by Governor Rendell. Newman was the first female justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.



Dr. Schwartz

Nadine Schwartz, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry at the College of Medicine, and director of the Section of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, has been named one of the "Top Docs for Kids" in the March issue of *SJ Magazine*, based on a poll that asked physicians, "If a child in your family was ill, what doctor would you refer him (or her) to?"

Nine Professional Enrichment and Growth (PEG) Grants Awarded to Faculty

The 2009–2010 Professional Enrichment and Growth (PEG) Grants were awarded in February 2009. They were chosen from a pool of very competitive applications. These awards are intended to help faculty members achieve their professional goals, as well as advance the academic missions of the departments, the College, and the University. Mary M. Moran, M.D., associate dean for faculty affairs and professional development, announced the following recipients:

Jahan Ara, Ph.D., research assistant professor of pediatrics, will study in the laboratory of Dr. David Pleasure at the University of California at Davis in the Institute for Regenerative Medicine. Her research will focus on the use of stereological methodology to study mechanisms of central nervous system injury.

Alina C. Boesteanu, Ph.D., assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, will continue her research in examining the immune response to influenza.

Sharon Calaman, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, will participate in a comprehensive workshop in medical simulation at the Institute for Medical Simulation at Harvard.

Florence Gelo, D. Min., NCPsyA, associate professor of family, community and preventive medicine, will attend a seminar at the Maine Media Workshop. Here she will learn more about making a documentary and may use these skills to enhance the education program.

Celebrating 40 Years of Collaboration in Medical Education

Alumni and officials from Drexel University College of Medicine and Monmouth Medical Center are celebrating 40 years of collaboration in medical education. A reception was held at Monmouth April 1 to mark the innovative partnership, which began in 1969 between the New Jersey hospital and what was then Hahnemann Medical College.

Today the partnership continues to flourish. Each year, more than 300 Drexel medical students undergo clinical rotations at

Monmouth, one of New Jersey's largest community teaching hospitals. Unique to the collaboration is the Monmouth Medical Scholar program, which unites Monmouth Medical Center, Monmouth University, and Drexel University College of Medicine through an eight-year program that encourages future physicians to stay in the region and practice medicine in the local community.



October 10, 1969: Joseph R. DiPalma, M.D., dean of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, with John Moyer standing behind him, signs the formal merger of Monmouth and Hahnemann with Robert C. Stanley (seated) and Monroe Eisner, president of Monmouth Board of Governors on the right. Professor Emeritus DiPalma was dean of Hahnemann from 1967 to 1982.



April 1, 2009: Richard Homan, M.D., dean, Drexel University College of Medicine, and Frank Vozos, M.D., executive director, Monmouth Medical Center (MMC) seated, sign the Monmouth Drexel affiliation agreement. Standing from left: Joseph Jaeger, associate vice president, academic affairs, MMC; Barbara Schindler, M.D., vice dean for education and academic affairs, Drexel Medicine; George Davis, M.D., president, medical staff, and Eric Burkett, M.D., vice president medical affairs, both MMC. Davis and Burkett are Hahnemann alumni.

Manely Ghaffari, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry, will study at the University of Michigan Autism and Communication Disorders Center to enhance her training in the diagnosis and classification of patients with autism and related disorders.

Jeffrey B. Hoag, M.D., M.S., assistant professor of medicine, and **Anas Hadeh, M.D.**, assistant professor of medicine, will participate in advanced training in critical care ultrasonography techniques. They intend to develop a formal training program for the College of Medicine.

Janet Moore, Psy.D., assistant professor of psychiatry will participate in a workshop on Mindfulness-Based Stress

Reduction and will use the skills learned to enhance the professionalism curriculum.

Joanne Murray, M.A., instructor, The Legacy Center, Archives and Special Collections, Institute for Women's Health and Leadership, will attend the Archives Leadership Institute for professional archivists, at the University of Wisconsin.

Jonathan Nissanov, Ph.D., associate professor of neurobiology and anatomy, will further his neuroanatomical training in the laboratory of Professor Luis Puelles at the Department of Human Anatomy and Psychobiology at the University of Murcia, where he will play a significant role in the completion of a neuroinformatics mouse brain atlas.

Medicine, Engineering and Technology: Surgineering to Devise Smart Tools

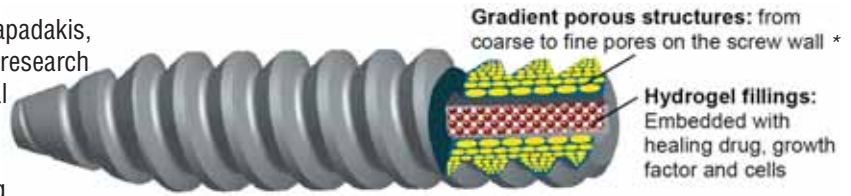
In an initiative that carries forth the dream of President Papadakis, the College of Medicine is developing an interdisciplinary research and training program in surgical engineering. The Surgical Engineering Enterprise represents the collaboration of Drexel Medicine, the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems, and the College of Engineering.

The dynamically named Surgineering™ research program is the centerpiece of the Surgical Engineering Enterprise.

Surgineering leverages the talents of clinicians, scientists and engineers, as well as residents and graduate students, in the design and manufacture of biotechnology-based surgical devices, implants and tools that will help the body heal itself, reduce complications, and improve procedural efficiency. The focus will be on applications that can move rapidly into the clinical realm to enhance the patient's quality of life.

The initial research goal of the Drexel Surgineering program is to develop tissue engineering and biotechnology-based tools for regenerative joint repair, such as bioactive interference screws (see illustration) and personalized bone constructs. These surgical smart tools will aid in the repair and healing of some of the most common musculoskeletal problems, including anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and rotator cuff injuries, as well as joint replacement failures.

In addition to the lead program in regenerative joint repair, the Surgical Engineering Enterprise comprises a variety of educational and translational research components.



Schematic of bioactive interference screw

Examples of current translational research collaborations include:

- Infrared wound healing measurement and ultrasound therapy
- Drug-delivery surgical staple
- Nano contrast agents for detection/therapy of ovarian cancer
- Plasma medicine initiative
- Smart mineralized materials
- Porogen-based solid-freeform fabrication for replacement bones
- Biomedical textiles for wound care

Barry Waterhouse, Ph.D., professor of neurobiology and anatomy, and vice dean for biomedical graduate and postgraduate studies, oversees the Surgical Engineering Enterprise. Its scientific director is Peter Lelkes, Ph.D., Calhoun Chair Professor of Cellular Tissue Engineering in the School of Biomedical Engineering, who also holds the title of professor in the College of Medicine's Departments of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, and Surgery. Susan Sullivan is the program manager.

Contact: 215-762-8475

**Courtesy of Professor Jack Zhou, Ph.D., Drexel University Department of Mechanical Engineering & Mechanics*

Presentations & Publications



Dr. Eisen

Howard Eisen, M.D., professor of medicine and chief, Division of Cardiology, authored an editorial, "Surgical Ventricular Reconstruction for Heart Failure," published in the April 23 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.



Dr. Berkson

David Berkson, MD, FAAFP, assistant professor, Department of Family Medicine, was an invited speaker at the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians' seventh annual Delaware Sports Medicine Symposium on February 21, where he presented "Environmental Issues Affecting Athletes."



Dr. Gracely

Edward Gracely, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, co-authored "Report on Election Auditing" published by the Election Audits Task Force of the League of Women Voters of the United States, released in January 2009. The report is available at on the LWVUS web site (www.lwv.org) in the section on Election Administration.



Dr. Swaney

John B. Swaney, Ph.D., professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, was the featured speaker and presented "Innovative Uses of Computer-Based Learning in the Pre-Clinical Curriculum" at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Faculty Scholarship Exchange Seminar, April 16.



Dr. Weiner

Evan J. Weiner, M.D., co-authored the article "Application of Electronic Surveillance and Global Information System Mapping to Track the Epidemiology of Pediatric Pedestrian Injury" published in the March 2009 edition of *Trauma*.

Submissions for Presentations & Publications and Grants & Kudos may now be emailed directly to NewsPager@drexelmed.edu. Please be sure to include all the relevant information, including full name, title, and department for any College of Medicine or University colleagues involved. For Grants & Kudos, please use the entries on page 8 of this issue as a model. Thank you.



Hospital Honors Memory of Dr. Kennedy, WMC '52, and Husband

Oasis Hospital in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, dedicated its new birthing center, the Kennedy Center for New Life, on March 21 in memory of Marian Kennedy, M.D., WMC '52, and her husband Dr. Pat Kennedy, who were the founding doctors of the hospital.

When the Kennedys arrived in 1960, at the invitation of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and his brother Sheikh Shakhbut, the infant mortality rate in Al Ain was 50 percent, and the maternal mortality was 35 percent. As a result of this and the many endemic diseases, such as tuberculosis, malaria, and intestinal parasites, the population of Al Ain was actually declining.



With their small team, the Kennedys provided the first modern healthcare in the region. In 1964, they constructed a cement block building in Al Ain, which created 20 patient rooms with a nurse's station/nursery, and a utility room. The Kennedys served there until 1975.

Today, Oasis Hospital's infant mortality rate is less than 1 percent, maternal mortality is almost unheard of, and the Kennedys are revered for their love, compassion and dedication to the people of Al Ain. The birthing center was an especially appropriate way to honor the values of the founding doctors, a hospital official explained, and "an inspiration to the new generation who will carry this vision forward, bringing the joy of new life into a growing community." Two of the Kennedys' children, Dr. Kathleen Kennedy (Quadro) and Nancy Kennedy were present for the dedication.

David Printy, who formerly served as chief operating officer at Drexel University College of Medicine, is the president and CEO of Oasis Hospital.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 13 – Friday, May 15

Class of 1959 50-Year Reunion

Drexel University College of Medicine
Visit www.drexelmed.edu/ForAlumni/Reunions
or call 866-373-9633

Saturday, May 16

Napa Valley Alumni Wine Tasting

Flora Springs Winery & Vineyards
St. Helena, Calif.

Tuesday, May 19

American Psychiatric Association

The Fairmont San Francisco

Monday, June 22 – Tuesday, June 30

Rome and Greece

Saturday, August 29 – Saturday, September 5

The Great Lakes

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Friends from the Hahnemann Medical College Class of 1950 had their annual get-together in Florida on February 12. Seated (l-r) are Amelia Gallo, Harold Batt, Elaine and Merv Needell; standing: Al Kramer, Toby Silverstein, and Lou Soletsky.

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'60s

Richard Foxx, M.D., HU '62, founder and medical director of the Medical and Skin Spa in Indian Wells, Calif., was highlighted in an article "Laughter and Tears" in the Palm Springs, Calif., *Desert Sun* newspaper. The article discussed how Foxx, a published novelist and a lecturer on Botox, and his wife, JoAnn Foxx, director of marketing for the spa, work together.

Allen Cowley Jr., M.D.; M.S., HU '65, Ph.D., HU '68, professor and chair of physiology at The Medical College of Wisconsin, has been named the first James J. Smith & Catherine Welsch Smith Professor in Physiology. Cowley is also the Harry & Gertrude Hack Term Professor in Physiology. Among other honors, he has received the Ray G. Daggs Award of the American Physiological Society, of which he is a former president, and the Distinguished Scientist designation of the American Heart Association.

David Rilling, M.D., HU '66, a general surgeon at Pennridge Surgical Associates, Sellersville, Pa., was interviewed in a *Northeast Times* article, "Kids Stuff" about his donation of African and Oceanic artifacts to Central High School in Philadelphia, of which he is a graduate.

'70s

Michael J. Vergare, M.D., HU '71, the Daniel Lieberman Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Jefferson Medical College, has been appointed senior vice president for academic affairs at Thomas Jefferson University. In this role, Vergare will serve as the central focal point for the academic, administrative, and support functions of the university. He will also retain his appointment in psychiatry.

George C. Davis, M.D., HU '73, a pulmonologist and critical care specialist, was named president of the medical staff at Monmouth Medical Center for a two-year term. Davis is also the medical director of critical care and section chief

of pulmonology at MMC. The president-elect is Michael Arvanitis, HU '82.

William R. Phelps, M.D., HU '75, has joined Medical Associates of Erie, Pa. Phelps is a board-certified general surgeon whose specialties include laparoscopic anti-reflux surgery, appendectomies and gallbladder surgery.

'80s

Linda Benson, M.D., HU '81, an internist, joined the medical team of the Hebrew Home in Silver Spring, Md.

Harry Cooperman, M.D., MCP '81, a radiologist, joined the Department of Radiology at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center. Cooperman also practices with Atlantic Medical Imaging.

Michael Arvanitis, M.D., HU '82, has been named president elect of the medical staff at Monmouth Medical Center. He specializes in colon and rectal surgery, as well as minimally invasive surgery, and is section chief of colorectal surgery at MMC. The current president is George C. Davis, M.D., HU '73.

Susan J. Leath, M.D., MCP '83, a board-certified family physician, has become the "supervisor" or "mother" of the 19th district of the African Methodist Episcopal Church with the election of her husband Jeffrey Leath as bishop of the district, which is in South Africa. Hers is largely an honorary position, Leath writes, and she will retain her practice in Germantown, Pa., but periodically offer service at a clinic in South Africa.

David Palat, M.D., MCP '83, was named as one of six chairpersons of the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern Joint Society Event. Palat is an internist who specializes in pulmonary and critical care services, and sleep medicine.

James Stewart, M.D., HU '83, and his wife, Ellen, were highlighted in an article, "Forever Families," that was featured in the *Johnstown Magazine* about adoption. Stewart and his wife adopted seven children. Stewart is board certified in

family medicine and practices at the Windber Medical Center Emergency Department, Windber, Pa.

Karen Prestwood, M.D., HU '85, has joined the medical staff of Masonicare Primary Care Physicians in Wallingford, Conn. As a geriatrician and specialist in adult healthcare issues, Prestwood's primary role with the practice is to conduct comprehensive evaluations of the cognitive, emotional and physical functions of older adults through Masonicare's outpatient Geriatric Assessment Program.

Daniel Edmundowicz, M.S., HU '86, M.D., HU '90, was highlighted in an article, "A Heart Healthy Relationship with His Patients," in *Hospital News*. He is the director of cardiovascular medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Passavant Hospital.

Bill H. Halmi, M.D., HU '87, a dermatologist, was listed in the Top Doctors 2009 in the *Phoenix Magazine*. Halmi practices at Arizona Advanced Dermatology in Phoenix.

Robert Mangano, M.D., HU '87, was promoted to director of pediatric cardiology at Geisinger Health System in Danville, Pa. Mangano now oversees four Geisinger pediatric cardiologists who treat patients throughout the region. He has expertise in cardiac catheterization and interventions and is one of Geisinger's two adult congenital heart disease specialists.

Samantha Ritchie, M.D., MCP '87, a family practice physician, has joined the editorial board of the newspaper *The Olympian*, Olympia, Wash., as one of two invited community representatives. Ritchie is the medical director at Mark Reed Health Care Clinic in McCleary, Wash. She is also a member of the part-time faculty for the St. Peter Family Medicine Residency Program.

Marianne Suprys, M.D., MCP '87, a family practice physician at Northwest Physicians Associates in Meadville, Pa., was highlighted in an article,

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"Linesville Woman Suprys Always Wanted to Be a Physician," published in *The Meadville Tribune*.

Kurt W. Kaulback, M.D., HU '88, was voted vice president of the medical staff at Underwood-Memorial Hospital, Woodbury, N.J., where he has also served as chief of the Division of Cardiology. He is also on staff at Hahnemann University Hospital.

Christopher Olivia, M.D., HU '88, president and chief executive officer of the West Penn Allegheny Health System, was highlighted in an article, "West Penn Allegheny Chief Helping Health Systems to Reorganize to Achieve Excellence," published in *Hospital News*.

'90s

Tina Eckhardt, M.D., HU '92, was chosen as editor-in-chief for *In Concert with Vistakon*, a quarterly newsletter that provides articles from leaders in the clinical eye care community on starting, building, and enhancing a contact lens practice. Eckhardt practices eye care at Eye Surgeons Associates in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Henry Hooker, M.D., MCP '92, has joined the Michigan Head Pain & Neurological Institute, headquartered in Ann Arbor. He specializes in treating a condition known as daily persistent headache. Hooker was the founder and director of the Headache Center at East Tennessee Medical Group, Alcoa, Tenn., and prior to that, he was founder and director of the Comprehensive Headache Center at the Clinics of North Texas in Wichita Falls, Texas. He holds dual specialty certification in neurology and headache medicine.

Patrice M. Weiss, M.D., HU '92, of Roanoke, Va., vice chair and residency program director, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Carilion Clinic; medical director, Carilion Breast Center, and professor of obstetrics and gynecology, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Association of

Professors of Gynecologists and Obstetrics. She also became chair of the Patient Safety & Quality Improvement Committee of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Steven J. DiBiase, M.D., HU '94, became the chief of radiation oncology at the recently opened Delaware Valley Urology Cancer Treatment Center, dedicated solely to prostate cancer care, in Cherry Hill, N.J. He is also an associate professor at Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine.

Vincent J. Paczkoskie, M.D., HU '94, was named the orthopedic team physician of the Erie (Pennsylvania) RiverRats, members of the American Indoor Football Association. He is the director of Crawford County Sports Medicine at Meadville Medical Center and practices with the Orthopedic Associates of Meadville, specializing in orthopedic surgery, sports medicine and upper extremities.

Dawn Holman, M.D., MCP '95, a general surgeon, has joined the active medical staff of Oswego Hospital and opened a private practice in Oswego, N.Y. Holman provides a full range of surgical services with an emphasis on breast disease. She previously practiced in South Carolina.

David S. Kennedy, M.D., HU '95, has opened a new pediatric practice, Personal Care Pediatrics, in Pennsburg, Pa. His office serves newborn through college-age children, with special attention to ADD/ADHD, autism, newborn care, obesity and allergy/asthma care.

Vincent Stravino, M.D., HU '95, an internist, has joined the staff of the Onley Community Health Center, Onancock, Va., part of the Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. Previously, Stravino served as a physician at the Saipan Community Health Center in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

Ryan D. Lewis, M.D., HU '98, has been named chief medical officer of Megadyne Medical Products, Inc., in Draper, Utah.

Colleen Wladyslawski, M.D., MCPHU '99, has been named medical director of Sacred Heart Hospital's Emergency Department. She is employed by Lehigh Valley Health network and is responsible for the day-to-day operations at Sacred Heart Hospital. Wladyslawski is board certified in emergency medicine and is a credentialed Level 3 ultrasonographer. She teaches courses in ultrasound and emergency medicine at Lehigh Valley Health Network for interns, residents and faculty, and also serves as co-coordinator of the Pediatric Sexual Assault Response Team.

'00s

Cynthia L. Anderson, M.D., MCPHU '00, a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Austin, co-wrote an article, "Fetal Chromosomal Abnormalities Antenatal Screening and Diagnosis," published in *American Family Physician*. Anderson was previously a faculty member at the Lawrence, Mass., Family Medicine Residency and the Family Medicine-Obstetrics Fellowship Programs. She has also served as medical director for high-risk obstetrics at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center.

Monisha Kumar, M.D., MCPHU '00, joined the Department of Neurology at Jefferson Medical College as an assistant professor. She specializes in neurocritical care.

Cynthia Lynch, M.D., MCPHU '01, joined the faculty at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Lynch, a cancer specialist, is an assistant professor in the Division of Hematology/Oncology in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Danté N. Lewis, M.D., '02, recently obtained board certification in pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics. Lewis is a pediatrician at McLeod Dillon in Dillon, S.C.

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Former Residents

Adriana Restrepo-Ormsby, M.D., Resident, Pediatrics, HU '95, joined the staff of Phoenixville Hospital in Phoenixville, Pa.

Lesley Snelling, M.D., Resident, Radiation Oncology, HU '95, has been

appointed director of radiation oncology at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, Conn.

Andres Canova, M.D., Resident, Internal Medicine, MCP '96, was highlighted in an article on PalmBeachPost.com about a weekly radio show he hosts at WJTW, 100.3 FM, in Jupiter, Fla., called "Leaders in Medicine." Local doctors come to the station and discuss the human aspect of

medicine. Canova practices hematology and oncology at Jupiter Hematology & Oncology Associates.

Lori Nelson, M.D., Resident, Internal Medicine, '05, joined the medical staff at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center. Nelson is also in practice with Performance Spine and Sports Physicians in Pottstown, Pa.

In Memoriam

Ella Cooper Bell, M.D., WMC '47 January 1, 2009

Phillip M. Berman, M.D., MCP '80 February 8, Coronado, Calif., at the age of 55. A radiologist, Berman held leadership positions at several medical centers, developed key technology related to medical imaging, including teleradiology applications, and founded the radiology web portal AuntMinnie.com. Berman served as CEO of Lumisys and as a vice president at Eastman Kodak, then returned to practice as director of imaging services at Carondelet Imaging Center in Tucson. After being diagnosed with cancer in 2004, he co-founded an online network for people with cancer, RedToeNail.org, and became a patients' rights advocate. He is survived by his wife, Judy, and three children.

Judy L. Gerard-Ciminera, M.D., MCP '82 February 19, Richboro, Pa., age 52. She joined the faculty of what was then MCP-Hahnemann University School of Medicine in 1993 and was instrumental in founding the Family Medicine Residency Program, of which she was the first director. She retired from her position as an assistant professor in the Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine in 2004 but continued teaching until recently. She had also served Warminster Hospital as chair of the Family Medicine Department and medical director. In addition to her husband, Dr. Gregory A. Ciminera, she is survived by her four sons, Nicholas G., Cameron P., Kyle D., and Drew T. Ciminera.



Dr. Koiwai

Eichi Karl Koiwai, M.D., HU '47 February 23, Rydal, Pa., age 89. After serving in the Korean War as a U.S. Air Force pathologist and then as a flight surgeon, he joined Hahnemann Medical College in 1953 as assistant professor of pathology, becoming professor of anatomy in 1981, and emeritus professor of anatomy, and pathology and

laboratory medicine in 1989. He was president of the U.S. Judo Federation, chairman of the National Amateur Athletic Union Judo

Committee, and a member of the International Judo Federation Medical Commission. He eventually became a referee, serving at five Olympics as referee or in a medical capacity. He is survived by his children, April Goral, Mark, Peter and Eichi (Jay), and five grandchildren.

Joseph McGeary, M.D., HU '49 February 18, 2009

John J. Mezzanotte, M.D., HU '48 February 21, 2009, Singer Island, Fla., at the age of 85. An internist who had taught at Woman's Medical College, he practiced in Mount Airy and Erdenheim, Pa., until his retirement in 1991, and was on staff at Germantown and Chestnut Hill Hospitals. He completed his residency while in the navy, at Philadelphia Naval Hospital. A passionate golfer, he had three holes-in-one at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club. His wife, Agnes, died in 1981. In addition to his son James, he is survived by sons John Jr., William, and Gerald; a daughter, Katherine Bielunas; a sister; and six grandchildren.

Sarah Louise Miller, MD., WMC '58, February 22, Charlottesville, Va. She was 86. After completing residencies in internal medicine and psychiatry, she went into private practice. She also served as director of mental health for Ventura, Calif., from 1970 to 1975, and as the director of the Ventura County Health Care Agency, from 1976 until 1987, and deputy director for Public Health in Santa Barbara County from 1987-1993. She and her husband, James, spent three years as lay missionaries in Ghana. She was the medical officer in charge at Margaret Marquat Catholic Hospital in Kpano, and he was the hospital administrator. In addition to her husband, she is survived by their sons, Michael and Jeffrey, and three grandchildren.

Please note: The NewsPaper publishes brief obituaries, space permitting, when information is made available by the family or a media service.

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Dr. Gasperino

James Gasperino, M.D., Ph.D., a surgical-medical-neurological intensivist, joined the College of Medicine last fall as the director of critical care and associate professor of medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine. Gasperino is board certified in pulmonary medicine, critical care medicine, neurocritical care, and nutrition support. He holds additional certifications in multiprofessional critical care, including specialized training in cardiothoracic and trauma critical care. He also holds certificates in advanced trauma life support and advanced cardiac life support. Prior to joining the College of Medicine, Gasperino served as clinical site director (Albert Einstein College of Medicine) for the Division of Critical Care Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center. He was previously medical director for Montefiore's Respiratory Care Service and co-medical director of its combined surgical-medical ICU. In 2008, Gasperino was nominated for the Society of Critical Care Medicine Shubin-Weil Master Clinician/Teacher: Excellence in Bedside Teaching Award. He was also the principal investigator on a study that evaluated critical care unit utilization and mortality in patients infected with *Clostridium difficile* at his previous institution.

Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine: 215-762-7011



Dr. Kelepouris

Ellie Kelepouris, M.D., has joined the College of Medicine as professor and chief of the Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine. Kelepouris, who is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology, graduated from the University of Athens School of Medicine and completed her NIH-sponsored fellowship in nephrology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Her clinical interests include adult polycystic kidney disease, nephrolithiasis, cardiovascular disease in renal failure and hypertension, and she is recognized as an expert in mineral metabolism and bone disease in chronic kidney disease patients. She is a fellow of the American Heart Association and the Advocacy Ambassador of the AHA Kidney Council on Cardiovascular Disease. She has received several service awards including the Distinguished Service Award, Outstanding Leadership Award and Outstanding Physician of the Year Award, all from the National Kidney Foundation. Kelepouris has also received numerous teaching awards, including the National Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Division of Nephrology: 215-762-2514

Compliance Corner: HIPAA Expanded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009



Edward G. Longazel
Chief Compliance
& Privacy Officer

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) expands and strengthens the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) patient health information privacy and security protections. ARRA amends HIPAA to protect patient health information with the following key provisions:

- Allows patients to pay out of pocket for a health care service and request non-disclosure of the rendered service
- Authorizes increased civil monetary penalties for HIPAA violations based upon whether or not a covered entity (including physicians) knew of a breach of privacy; whether the breach was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect; or whether the breach was due to willful neglect
- Defines which actions constitute a breach (including some inadvertent disclosures)

- Requires an expansion of accounting of disclosures to a patient upon request, to include disclosures for treatment, payment and operations
- Imposes restrictions on certain sales and marketing of protected health information
- Grants authority to state attorneys general to enforce HIPAA

If a breach occurs, the covered entity is required to notify the affected patient within 60 days after discovery. There are also requirements for the covered entity to notify the secretary of health and human services and media outlets when a breach affects more than 500 individuals and to file an annual report of all breaches with HHS.

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Bulletins:

Golf for a Great Cause: Stamatakis Golf Classic, Monday, July 27
The annual Manuel Stamatakis Golf Classic will be held on Monday, July 27, at the world-class Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyne. Funds raised by the golf outing will support scholarships for medical students who have demonstrated academic excellence and financial hardship. The day includes buffet lunch, cocktail reception, and dinner with awards and raffle prizes. Have fun, and help some extraordinarily talented young people. **Contact: Amanda Jordan, 215-255-7335 or ajordan@drexelmed.edu**

Podcast on Allergies Now Online
Allergies, the May edition of the Drexel Medcast™ is the 22nd in the College of Medicine's series of monthly medical podcasts, all available online. The Drexel Medcast features leading academic physicians and scientists from the faculty discussing various medical topics, including headaches, addiction, osteoporosis, sports medicine, and dealing with grief. Visit www.drexelmed.edu/Medcast.

Calendar:

- May** *National Celiac Disease Awareness Month*
- May 1-3 **Alumni Weekend**
Visit www.drexelmed.edu/Alumni/Reunions or call 1-866-373-9633
- May 12 **Senior Class Formal**
- May 13-15 **Classes of 1959 50-Year Reunion**
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- May 15 **College of Medicine Commencement**
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, 9 a.m.
Graduates and faculty report at 8 a.m.
Contact: Shay.Myers@drexelmed.edu
- June** *National Scleroderma Awareness Month*
- Jun 5 **Faculty Development Day**
Queen Lane Campus, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Keynote: Teaching to Different Learning Styles
Lunch: Recognition of promotions, tenure, Faculty Awards
Contact: Tracey.McCafferty@drexelmed.edu
- Jun 13 **University Commencement**
- July** *UV Safety Month*
- Jul 1 **Student Clinician Ceremony**
Queen Lane Campus, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Jul 27 **Manuel Stamatakis Golf Classic**
- August** *Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month*
- Aug 7 **White Coat Ceremony**
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, 3 p.m.
- September** *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*
- Sep 27-30 **Translational Medicine 2009 Symposium**
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