

# NEWS

## GIFT ESTABLISHES PROFESSORSHIP IN TRANSPLANT SURGERY

A \$1 MILLION GIFT FROM A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT WILL ESTABLISH A PROFESSORSHIP IN TRANSPLANT SURGERY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. The gift from Andrew N. Baur, a part-owner of Major League Baseball's St. Louis Cardinals, was presented to Dean Wilson in a special ceremony on November 25, 2002.



L-R: Stephen T. Bartlett, MD, Andrew Baur, and Dean Wilson

Baur's gift is the first major contribution to The Fund for Medicine, "which was established to promote the research, education and patient care provided by our physicians, and to give the School of Medicine a distinct fundraising identity," says Patrick Madden, associate dean for Development.

The professorship in transplant surgery will be named for Baur's sister Barbara Baur Dunlap, who donated one of her kidneys to her brother in 1999. "I can't think of a better way to honor my sister, who saved my life through her brave and unselfish act," says Baur. "In addition to promoting research to help fight kidney disease, I hope the professorship will inspire people to become organ donors."

The team that performed Baur's transplant was led by Stephen T. Bartlett, MD, professor of surgery and medicine, and director of the division of transplant surgery. The gift presentation ceremony was attended by the transplant team, members of the Baur family, and John Davis, CEO, National Kidney Foundation.

"We are sincerely grateful to the Baur family for this generous gift," said Dean Wilson. "The professorship will reflect the School of Medicine's preeminence in transplant surgery and research." The University of Maryland has the largest kidney transplant program in the United States. More than 2,100 kidney transplants have been performed at the University of Maryland over the past 10 years.

## Humanism Honor Society Formed at the University of Maryland School of Medicine

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HAS INSTITUTED A HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY AS PART OF ITS RENEWED EMPHASIS ON PROFESSIONALISM. The society's goal is to promote professionalism during the four years of medical school and among students, house-staff, staff and faculty.

The society's first "class" will consist of approximately 10 percent of the fourth year students who are nominated. The students will be rated and selected based on their demonstration of the highest qualities of professionalism and humanism by their peers and faculty members. The criteria will include:

- Integrity and sound moral reasoning
- Respect for others from all walks of life
- The ability to establish good communicative relationships
- A willingness to engage in supportive patient interaction/advocacy, and the ability to learn from life experiences
- An ability to maintain a commitment to the humanistic goals of compassion, altruism, respect, empathy and service in the face of adversity

In addition, peers and faculty members will nominate six outstanding house officers and one faculty member each year.

Other important functions the society will perform are an awards ceremony to be held during residency match, the White Coat Ceremony for third year students and the Student Clinician Ceremony for second year students.

For more information about professionalism at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, visit the professionalism site: <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/professionalism/default.asp>.

## Golf Tournament Raises \$130,000 for Center for Infant & Child Loss

RETIRED WASHINGTON REDSKINS CHARLES MANN, KEN HARVEY, AND ART MONK PLAYED THE 12TH ANNUAL VERIZON WIRELESS-SIDS GOLF INVITATIONAL HELD OCTOBER 4, 2002. Ken Harvey was the honorary chairman for the event, which raised \$130,000 for the School of Medicine's Center for Infant & Child Loss. The funds will enable the Center to improve its services to families, and increase its research to reduce the risk of SIDS and other child deaths.



L-R: Retired Washington Redskins Charles Mann, Ken Harvey, and Art Monk at the SIDS Golf Tournament

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## SOM Faculty Headline UMB Bioterrorism Forum



Colin F. Mackenzie, MD, professor, Department of Anesthesiology, and director of the Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. National Study Center for Trauma and Emergency Medical Systems (left), and Michael Greenberger, director, Center for Health & Homeland Security, were panelists at a November UMB Community Issues Forum.

The forum focused on how the campus is preparing for future emergencies, particularly bioterrorism. Myron M. Levine, MD, DTPH, professor, Departments of Pediatrics, Medicine and Microbiology and Immunology, and director, Center for Vaccine Development, was also on the panel.

## University of Maryland Medical Center Sponsors DMRT Scholarship

The University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) will sponsor a Laboratories of Pathology Education Assistance Program for students in the Department of Medical & Research Technology. The scholarship's goal is to help alleviate the shortage of medical technologists in pathology; upon graduation, students receiving the scholarship will work at the medical center for a minimum of six months.

Scholarships were given to five students this year. Scholarships are based on academic excellence, professionalism, meeting all hiring requirements of UMMC and a commitment to work for at least six months for each semester of financial aid received. The financial aid is available for each of the four semesters necessary to complete the degree, but must be reapplied for each year.



L-R: Vice Dean Frank M. Calia, MD, MACP, scholarship winners Alicia S. Porter, Anthony V. Herrana, Dawn M. Craft, Sanford A. Stass, interim chair, Department of Medical & Research Technology (DMRT), scholarship winner Judith K. Ogle, and John W. Ashworth, III, EVP & COO, University of Maryland Medical Center, at a December 3 ceremony to announce a new scholarship for DMRT students sponsored by the medical center. Scholarship winner Ecbendu N. Ibe is not pictured.

**VIDEO PRESS**, the School of Medicine's Academy Award-winning filmmakers, have an exciting follow-up to their documentary "Med School." The Discovery Health Network will premier "To Be a Doctor" on January 18 at 9 pm EST. Viewers will watch the original cast be transformed from students to doctors. Check your TV listings for channels.

## Quick Studies

Angela M. H. Brodie, PhD, professor, and Vincent C.O. Njar, PhD, associate professor, both of the Department of Pharmacy & Experimental Therapeutics, received a patent for their "Novel 17-Azoly Steroids Useful as Androgen Synthesis Inhibitors" invention.

Kenneth H. Butler, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Surgery, is the 2002 recipient of the National Emergency Medicine Faculty Teaching Award from the American College of Emergency Physicians. The award was presented in October during the organization's annual meeting held in Seattle, Washington.

Marian LaMonte, MD, MSN, associate professor, Department of Neurology, and director, Maryland Brain Attack Center, was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the NIH to examine the use of a non-invasive, portable monitoring device to detect stroke subtype in acute stroke patients.

Richard F. Macko, MD, associate professor, Departments of Neurology and Medicine, has received a five-year \$1.5 million Stroke-Research Enhancement Award Program Grant from the Veterans Administration to study "Novel Inflammatory-Prothrombotic Mechanisms in Stroke, their Molecular and Genetic Regulation, and Biological Adaptations with Motor-Learning Based Exercise Training." Dr. Macko also received a one-year \$250,000 equipment award from the Veterans Administration Rehabilitation Research and Development for a Human Performance and Cortical Electrophysiology lab.

Jane Matjasko, MD, professor and chair, Department of Anesthesiology, who served as director of the American Board of Anesthesiology since 1992, is currently serving as the organization's president.

The University of Maryland Statewide Health Network (MSHN) was presented in November with the Outstanding Rural Health Achievement award at the 2002 Rural Maryland Development Health Care Summit, hosted by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Office of Primary Care and Rural Health. MSHN's success is attributed to its collaboration with various Garrett County health agencies to bring rural populations quality health education programs. MSHN developed a colorectal cancer education program that performed an impressive 49 sigmoidoscopies and/or colonoscopies in Garrett County, compared to a state average of 29.7. The MSHN is directed by Claudia R. Baquet, MD, MPH, associate dean for Policy and Planning, and director, Cancer Disparities Research, Greenebaum Cancer Center.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Dean Wilson will deliver his annual State of the School Address on Wednesday, January 22nd at 3:00 PM in the MSTF Auditorium. A reception will follow the dean's address, entitled "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." All are welcome!**