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## Hundreds Attend 1st Annual Fund for Medicine Gala

More than 350 local business leaders, alumni, donors, faculty, staff and students attended the first annual University of Maryland School of Medicine Gala on March 20, 2004, at the Montgomery Park Business Center in Baltimore. Hosted by the University of Maryland School of Medicine Fund for Medicine, the gala raised \$250,000 to benefit the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center and the University of Maryland Hospital for Children.

"The gala was a terrific event that captured the spirit of the School of Medicine and focused attention on our rich history and vision for the future," says Patrick Madden, associate dean for Development. The gala featured a retrospective look at the



Seated, left to right: Patricia Wilson; Dean Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP; Ann Ashby, assistant dean for Strategic Planning & Special Projects; Melvin Sharoky, MD, '76, and Alexias Sharoky. Standing: Anne Ramsay; President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil; Christine Sarbanes, Honorary Gala Chair; Senator Paul Sarbanes; Chancellor William "Brit" Kirwan, PhD; and Edmond F. Notebaert, CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System.

School of Medicine through a series of timeline displays. Beginning with the chartering of the school by the Maryland legislature in 1807, the presentations highlighted the achievements of faculty physicians and researchers over the last two centuries.



Left to right: Bernie Carpenter, executive director, UPI; Robert A. Barish, MD, associate dean for Clinical Affairs; and Adrian Bergin, administrator, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences.

The gala served as the official introduction of the Fund for Medicine Campaign. "As we prepare to celebrate the School of Medicine's bicentennial, there will be many opportunities for us to highlight the teaching, research and medical achievements that have allowed us to become a national leader in academic medicine," says Dean Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP.

The Fund for Medicine was established to create a philanthropic identity for the School of Medicine, to provide a means for patients to demonstrate their appreciation to faculty physicians, and to insure that the School of Medicine remains on the cutting edge of biomedical research and education.

"The Fund for Medicine creates an extraordinary opportunity for donors to contribute to the discovery of miraculous cures and wondrous technologies just over the horizon," said Christine Sarbanes, the honorary chair of this year's gala and member of the School of Medicine Board of Visitors.

## Record Healthcare Services Grant Awarded to School of Medicine

The School of Medicine has been awarded the largest healthcare services grant in its history. The \$64 million five-year grant will be used by the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) to provide care, treatment and counseling to people living with AIDS in Africa and other developing countries.

The award is part of a \$335 million grant to a five-member consortium, led by Catholic Relief Services. The Maryland-based consortium includes the Interchurch Medical Assistance of New Windsor, Maryland, the New York-based Catholic Medical Mission Board, and the Washington, DC-based Futures Group. Together, the consortium has extensive international experience and expertise in the delivery of HIV care, prevention and support efforts.

The grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration will enable the consortium to nearly double the delivery of anti-HIV drugs to HIV-infected persons in parts of Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America. "The consortium will expand, on a sustainable basis, the provision of durable therapy to the greatest number of needy patients," says Robert R. Redfield, Jr., MD, professor of medicine and microbiology & immunology, and director of the IHV's Clinical Care and Research Division.



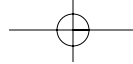
Robert Redfield, MD

In addition to providing anti-retroviral therapy, the consortium will provide a wide range of support services to people living with HIV/AIDS. These services include a wide range of prevention and treatment activities, counseling, income generation projects for people living with HIV/AIDS and care for AIDS orphans.

Patients will be from both rural and urban settings and from the poorest segments of society. Rural populations are heavily weighted toward small scale farmers which now face the added threat of food insecurity due to decreased productivity resulting from AIDS. Urban populations include the poor, homeless and people from all walks of life.

"I am especially pleased that School of Medicine faculty will provide this necessary care where it is needed most," says Dean Wilson. "I hope this is only the beginning of a long and productive relationship with Catholic Relief Services and other faith-based organizations that make up the consortium."

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## Quick Studies

**Paul S. Fishman, MD, PhD**, professor, Department of Neurology, was honored at the National Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Ball in March. Dr. Fishman is a member of the Alzheimer's Association Medical and Scientific Advisory Board and has contributed significantly as a volunteer and member. The Med-Sci Board grappled with tough ethical issues about informed consent and use of experimental treatments on people with Alzheimer's disease, and after extensive research the board developed guidelines for these issues that the National Alzheimer's Association adopted. The guidelines will be disseminated to research institutions around the world, providing essential ethical guidance.

**Douglas O. Frost, PhD**, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, received a National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression 2004 Distinguished Investigator Award. Dr. Frost will receive \$100,000 of funding over the next year to use toward research of severe neurobiological disorders.

**Vera A. Golovina, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Physiology, received a five-year \$1,396,750 grant from the National Institutes of Health National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke for her project entitled "Altered Glial Calcium Signaling in Neurodegeneration."

**Barbara C. Hansen, PhD**, professor, Department of Physiology, has been awarded a one-year \$360,900 contract from Eli Lilly for a study titled "Pharmacokinetic and Efficiency Study of LP-10152 on Diabetic Rhesus Monkeys." Dr. Hansen also has received a one-year \$206,600 award from GlaxoSmithKline for her study entitled "Evaluation of GW625019 in Obese, Pre-Diabetic Rhesus Monkeys."

**Paul M. Hoffman, MD**, professor, Department of Neurology, received an Under Secretary of Health Commendation from the Veterans Affairs Health Administration for his accomplishments during his tenure as Director of Medical Research Service, Office of Research and Development, Veterans Affairs Health Administration. The commendation is granted for special effort and outstanding performance in the public interest.

**Susan I. V. Judge, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Neurology, was elected to membership in the Society of General Physiologists. With total worldwide membership reaching about 800, the society numbers approximately 640 US members. Dr. Judge joins only eight other such members at UMB.

**King F. Kwong, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Surgery, has been named the 2004-2006 John Alexander Research Scholar by the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS). Additionally, Dr. Kwong was awarded a two-year \$100,000 AATS research grant for his project, "Proteomic Analysis of Metastatic Mechanisms in Lung Cancer," which seeks to identify key proteins involved in the transformation of the stationary tumor cell into one that is metastatic through state-of-the-art proteomics techniques. Administered by the Graham Education and Research Foundation, the grant is awarded to encourage research and training for young cardiothoracic surgeons and was presented during the April 2004 AATS Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada.

**Yolanda Lenzy, MS IV**, was selected by the Review Committee for the Minority Trainee Research Forum for a full travel fellowship to give an oral presentation and present a poster on her research accomplishments at the Minority Trainee Research Forum in San Diego in March. Only 60 individuals across the country were invited to present at this forum: ten high school, ten undergraduate, ten medical, ten graduate, ten post-baccalaureate, and ten residents. Ms. Lenzy had the unique opportunity to converse with her peers from around the nation, as well as to meet with representatives from academia, the pharmaceutical industry and the National Institutes of Health.

**Kathy Maddock**, senior administrator, Department of Family Medicine, recently met the requirements to attain Fellow status in the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE). As an ACMPE Fellow, Ms. Maddock has mastered the highest standards of performance in the field of medical practice management. The purpose of the ACMPE is to encourage administrators to improve their proficiency in medical practice management for the betterment of themselves and their organizations.



L-R: Dean Wilson, Kevin Cullen, MD, John Ashworth, CEO, University of Maryland Medical Center, and Ed Notebaert, CEO, University of Maryland Medical System at a March 8th reception honoring Dr. Cullen. Dr. Cullen is the new director of the School of Medicine's Program in Oncology and of the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center.

## 2004 Commencement Schedule

### Thursday, May 20, 2004 – Precommencement Ceremonies

Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science – 10:00 am @Nursing Auditorium  
Medical & Research Technology – 10:30 am @Terrace Lounge, Student Union  
Genetics Counseling – 11:00 am @Health Sciences Facility II Auditorium

### Thursday, May 20, 2004 – Doctoral Robing Ceremony

6:00 pm @MSTF Auditorium

### Friday, May 21, 2004 – Precommencement Ceremony

8:00 am @Joseph Myerhoff Symphony Hall

### Friday, May 21, 2004 – Commencement Ceremony

University of Maryland, Baltimore

3:00 pm @1st Mariner Arena

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that in 1951

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Stewart and

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Charles were

the first African-

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**Reminder:** All School of Medicine faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the monthly School of Medicine Council meetings. The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19th, in the VA's John Dennis Auditorium on the 2nd floor.

