

NEWS

3rd Annual Mini-Med School

The University of Maryland School of Medicine will hold its 3rd annual Mini-Med School for the community this month, with classes on five consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, beginning September 10th and ending October 8th. Classes will be held in the Freshman Lecture Hall.

TOPIC	SPEAKER
Medicine as a Profession	Frank M. Calia, MD, MACP, Vice Dean
Anatomy	Larry Anderson, PhD, Professor, Anatomy & Neurobiology
Complementary Medicine	Brian M. Berman, MD, Professor, Family Medicine
Lower Back Pain	Mary M. Rodgers, PhD, Professor & Chair, Physical Therapy; Roy H. Bechtel, PT, PhD, Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy
Colon Cancer	Bruce D. Greenwald, MD, Associate Professor, Medicine
Hepatitis	Charles D. Howell, MD, Associate Professor, Medicine
Total Joint Replacement	Vincent D. Pellegrini, Jr., MD, Professor & Chair, Orthopaedics
Arthritis	Barbara White, MD, Professor, Medicine
Menopause & Hormone Replacement Therapy	Sandra E. Brooks, MD, Associate Professor, Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences
Graduation	Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP, Dean

The 2003 Mini-Med School was underwritten by a generous grant from Pfizer. A Mini-Med School Webpage was developed to enable our students to register on-line, as well as to provide the current curriculum and materials from the 2001 and 2002 sessions. Check it out at <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/minimed>.

If you have questions about Mini-Med School, please contact Heather Graham in the Office of Public Affairs at 6-1521.



Pfizer L-R: Pfizer's Manny Magoulakis, district manager Roger Clark, Jennifer Litchman, assistant dean for Public Affairs, Pfizer's Valerie Anderson and Shaun Gause stop by the 14th floor of Bressler to deliver the news that the School of Medicine received a \$10,000 unrestricted grant for this year's Mini-Med School.

Meredith Bond Named New Physiology Chair



MEREDITH BOND, PHD, whose research on the cellular mechanisms of heart muscle contraction has contributed to the understanding of heart disease and hypertension, has been named chair of the Department of Physiology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Dr. Bond comes to the University of Maryland from the Lerner Research Institute of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where she was senior staff scientist in the Department of Molecular Cardiology. She simultaneously held the position of professor of physiology and biophysics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

"The University of Maryland already has one of the top physiology departments in the country, with productive investigators and strong programs in cardiovascular research, neuroscience, and reproductive endocrinology," says Dr. Bond. "I plan to recruit young scientists in those areas of strength while pursuing collaborations in new research frontiers, such as genomics and proteomics."

In her research, Dr. Bond has employed novel techniques to better understand the molecular and cellular processes involved in the contraction of the heart. For example, she has used a "gene chip" to create a fingerprint of human heart failure. RNA from the heart binds to the chip, which provides a platform for gene expression. "The pattern of gene expression in failing hearts is different than the pattern in healthy hearts," says Dr. Bond. "In the future, this gene fingerprint may be used to predict the likelihood of heart failure."

Dr. Bond joined the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1986, after completing fellowships at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Dr. Bond is a member of the American Physiological Society, the Biophysical Society, and the American Society for the Advancement of Science. In 2002, she won the Research Merit Award from the American Heart Association. She received a BA from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Bond replaces Mordecai P. Blaustein, MD, who led the department for 24 years. Dr. Blaustein will remain on the faculty at the School of Medicine.

TWO INTERIM CHAIRS PROMOTED TO CHAIR

Hugh E. Mighty, MD, was named chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, and Sanford A. Stass, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Pathology.



DR. MIGHTY was named interim chair of his department in January 2000. An alumnus of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dr. Mighty completed his residency and two fellowships at the University of Maryland Medical Center. He is one of only a few physicians in the nation board-certified in both maternal-fetal medicine and critical care medicine.



DR. STASS had been interim chair of pathology since July 1998, and until recently was also director of the Program in Oncology and director of the Greenebaum Cancer Center, positions he relinquished in order to focus on the pathology department. Dr. Stass is also currently interim chair of the Department of Medical & Research Technology.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Maryland Health Care Commission's annual HMO Press Conference will be held on Monday, September 29th at 11:00 AM in the HSFII Seminar Room. This event is open to all UMB faculty, staff and students.

A Letter of Thanks

Todd W. Flannery, MD, '03, sent a letter to the School of Medicine to express his thanks for the medical education he received here. We share his letter below:

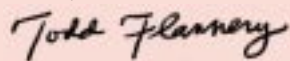
Dear Dr. Wilson, Dr. Calia, Dr. Gladstein, and Dr. Plaut,

The University of Maryland School of Medicine and its faculty have offered me an excellent education. The education incorporated not only medicine but life as well. I feel compassion for my patients and find the most important aspect of medicine is to understand my patients' needs, physically, mentally, and emotionally. The education and people at the University of Maryland have contributed extensively to my ideals. The School of Medicine truly cares for its students. I would like to thank everyone involved.

Thank you for the kind gift I received when I was granted with the Balder Scholarship and for the financial aid throughout my four years. Graduation Day was a proud moment for my family and me, and I know that my accomplishments reflect the work ethic, compassion, and desire to learn instilled in me by the School of Medicine. I hope one day to be able to contribute to the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

I wish you, the faculty, and administration the best in the next year and look forward to returning to the University of Maryland as a resident in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Sincerely,



Todd W. Flannery, MD



2ND ANNUAL STUDENT CLINICIAN CEREMONY

Left to right: Third year medical students CAROL LIN, HIROKO BECK, KATIE MARKS, and LEENA MITTAL share a smile after receiving their professionalism pins, denoting commitment to the profession of medicine, at the Second Annual Student Clinician Ceremony. At the July ceremony, students placed the pins on one another's white coats. The ceremony emphasizes humanism as students learn to interact with patients in their third year of medical school.

Recognition & Service Awards Recipients

The 2002–2003 Campus Recognition and Service Awards were bestowed upon the following School of Medicine employees who have served the University of Maryland Baltimore with a steadfast commitment to the university vision and campus community.

20 YEARS

- Vicky Albrecht, Department of Medicine
- Nevaro E. Andrews, Department of Pathology
- Rahmatollah Abe Baalness, Department of Medical & Research Technology
- Diane Blueford, Department of Medicine
- Sharon A. Bowser, Dean's Office, Information Technology
- Lisa G. Gettings, Shock Trauma Center
- Susan L. Hobbs, Dean's Office, Research
- Joyce V. Johnson, Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science
- David E. Lewis, Department of Biochemistry
- Barbara A. Orla, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine
- Janet M. Wilhelm, Department of Microbiology & Immunology

25 YEARS

- Gregory Robert Beal, Department of Medical & Research Technology
- Terrence Ray Hooper, Veterinary Resources
- Dorothy A. Klingelhofer, Department of Pediatrics
- Gregory John Kuzbida, Department of Medicine
- Joann S. Meekins, Department of Pathology
- Mildred M. Michalisko, Department of Pathology
- Yvonne Summers, Department of Pediatrics
- William Archer Whiteford, Dean's Office, Video Press
- James Anthony Wright, Veterinary Resources

30 YEARS

- Frank M. Calia, MD, MACP, Vice Dean
- Perry E. Comegys, Department of Pathology
- Linda L. Finazzo, Retiree, Department of Medicine
- Gregory F. Handlir, Dean's Office, Resource Management
- Yu Leong Lim, Department of Medicine
- Bernadette M. Pasko, Department of Neurology
- Jean Marie Roth, Dean's Office
- Cheryl V. Wainwright, Veterinary Resources

35 YEARS

- Barbara Fisher, Department of Pediatrics
- Ronald W. Grochowski, Department of Medicine
- Irene B. Hopkins, Department of Pediatrics
- Eunice P. Katz, Department of Medicine

JARRELL NAMED SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN

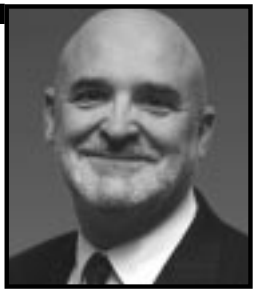


BRUCE E. JARRELL, MD, professor and chair, Department of Surgery, has been named senior associate dean for Academic Affairs, effective September 1. He will be responsible for the offices of admissions, medical education, student affairs, graduate & continuing medical education, and student & faculty development. In the short term, Dr. Jarrell will continue in his role as chair of surgery. He will be located at 14-031 Bressler and can be reached at 6.1862.

CONGRATULATIONS!



University of Maryland Medical System Names New President and CEO



EDMOND F. NOTEBAERT, a nationally recognized health system leader who headed the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Health System (CHOP) for 13 years, has been named president and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System, effective this month. Notebaert will succeed Morton I. Rapoport, MD, who led the development and successful transformation of the University of Maryland Hospital into a world-class, six-hospital system over the last 20 years.

"Ed understands academic medicine and the important connections between basic science research, patient care and teaching," says Dean Wilson. "I look forward to working in partnership with Ed to advance both of our respective institutions."

"Joining the University of Maryland Medical System is a great honor for me," says Mr. Notebaert. "I am attracted to the diversity of the institutions within the medical system—the academic, community and specialty settings—and I want to continue to help these institutions grow and thrive. I'm delighted to be part of the University of Maryland Medical System family."

At CHOP, Notebaert successfully managed more than \$1 billion of construction, renovation and facilities expansion, oversaw significant growth in patient volume and created successful fund-raising programs. He partnered with the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine as well as community physicians to deliver the best medical care to patients. Under his leadership, CHOP's research grants quadrupled to \$42.5 million, a new 450,000-square-foot building housing research laboratories was constructed and filled with newly recruited scientists and 36 endowed chairs were established.

A native of Tennessee, Notebaert received his undergraduate degree from Ohio State University and served in the Marine Corps. He obtained a law degree at the Cleveland State University's Marshall College of Law and a master's degree in public health with a specialization in medical and hospital administration at the University of Pittsburgh. He also completed Harvard's Program for Health Systems Management.



HSFII SPACE ALLOCATION

The following programs have been allocated space in Health Sciences Facility II. Occupation of the new research building is expected by the end of the month.

Department/Program	NASF	Net Increase
• Anatomy	9,777	3,203
• Biochemistry	3,722	2,263
• Center for Vaccine Development	6,712	3,705
• ORC for Mucosal Biology	5,127	5,127
• Epidemiology	2,017	2,017
• Microbiology	2,935	None
• Medicine/Infectious Disease	2,500	None
• Orthopaedics	1,598	None
• Bio-Safety Level 3 Core	5,738	New
• Seminar/Conference Room	5,616	New

The University of Maryland Statewide Health Network (UMSHN) is taking part in the nationwide initiative "Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day" on Tuesday, September 16th. This year's event focuses on topics targeted to minority groups, health screenings for HIV/AIDS, asthma, cardiovascular disease, and oral cancer, and will provide information for the uninsured. If you are a healthcare professional wishing to participate, please contact Denise Papathakis at the UMSHN at 410-706-5228 or via email at dpapathakis@som.umaryland.edu.



DRS. REGINE & MIGHTY WELCOMED AS NEW CHAIRS

L-R: WILLIAM F. REGINE, MD, professor and chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, JOHN W. ASHWORTH, III, CEO, University of Maryland Medical Center, HUGH E. MIGHTY, MD, FACOG, associate professor and chair, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, and dean DONALD E. WILSON, MD, MACP, at a reception honoring Regine and Mighty, who were recently named chair of their respective departments.

RAD: INCREASE YOUR SAFETY ON CAMPUS

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), is a series of basic physical defense classes designed to equip participants with the knowledge and tactics necessary to escape abductive-type encounters perpetrated against them. The course teaches confidence and awareness, as well as common sense approaches to safety on campus. Instructors are campus police officers.

Held on six consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays, the next series for women begins on September 15. RAD classes are held in the campus athletic center and students can choose between two classes, 12:00-1:00 p.m. or 5:15-6:15 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 and includes a portable lifetime membership. A separate class for children is scheduled for mid-December, while the date and time for the men's class has not yet been determined.

For more information on any of the programs or to register, call 6.1408 and ask for Officer McLean or Corporal Griffin.

FACULTY SENATORS FROM THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The following faculty have been elected to represent the School of Medicine on the 2003 – 2004 UMB Faculty Senate:

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| • Lindsey Alger, MD (OB/GYN) | Re-elected – Term expires 2006 |
| • Barry S. Handwenger, MD (Medicine) | Re-elected – Term expires 2006 |
| • M. Jane Matjasko, MD (Anesthesiology) | Newly elected – Term expires 2006 |
| • John A. Kastor, MD (Medicine) | Newly elected – Term expires 2006 |
| • C. William Balke, MD (Medicine) | Term expires 2004 |
| • Robert J. Bloch, PhD (Physiology) | Term expires 2004 |
| • Karen D. Fairchild, MD (Pediatrics) | Term expires 2004 |
| • Stephen C. Jacobs, MD (Surgery) | Term expires 2004 |
| • Carol Koski, MD (Neurology) | Term expires 2004 |
| • Carol O. Tacket, MD (Medicine) | Term expires 2004 |
| • William C. Gray, MD (Surgery) | Term expires 2005 |

Quick Studies

Thomas W. Abrams, PhD, associate professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neurosciences Study Section 7 for the NIH. His term expires June 30, 2006.

Laure Aurelian, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, was awarded a five-year R01 grant for \$1.8 million entitled “Neuroprotection and ERK Activation by HSV-2 Gene IC10PK” from the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Dr. Aurelian’s grant investigates the apoptotic activity of HT1 in skin melanocytes and melanoma as it relates to the development of novel gene therapies.

Robert A. Barish, MD, associate dean for Clinical Affairs and professor, Departments of Surgery and Medicine, was presented with the George Washington University Emergency Medicine Residency Career Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution toward the advancement of academic emergency medicine nationally and internationally.

Angela Brodie, PhD, MH, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, received news from the National Cancer Institute that her \$1.8 million grant entitled “Aromatase and Breast Cancer” will be renewed for five years. The use of aromatase inhibitors will be investigated in a novel animal model to devise new strategies for treating breast cancer based on their mechanism of action.

David R. Burt, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, was awarded an R21 for three years by the NIH. His \$500,000 grant is entitled “GABA Receptor Regulation by Splicing Truncation.” The goal of Dr. Burt’s project is to find the role of a novel form of alternative splicing of the GABA receptor alpha4 subunit mRNA which results in its severe truncation.

Francesco Celi, MD, assistant professor, Department of Medicine, won the Passano Physician Scientist Award for his studies on the role of thyroid hormone metabolism in insulin resistance.

Louis DeTolla, VMD, PhD, associate professor, Departments of Pathology and Medicine, Director, Comparative

Medicine and Chief, Veterinary Resources, hosted the Applied Research Ethics National Association and the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare-sponsored Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee 101.5 Meeting in June at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

S. Michael Plaut, PhD, associate professor, Department of Psychiatry and assistant dean for Student Affairs, participated in the 2nd International Consultation on Erectile and Sexual Dysfunction, organized under the auspices of the International Consultation on Urological Diseases and the World Health Organization, in Paris from June 28-July 1.

Yun Qiu, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, received a three-year grant for \$555,537 from the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program for a study entitled “The Role of Pim-1 Kinase in Prostate Cancer Progression.” This project seeks to understand the molecular mechanism underlying prostate cancer progression.

Dakara Rucker, MSIV, was awarded one of 35 National Medical Fellowships. The fellowship reflects her potential for a career in research and academic medicine. She will conduct research on apoptotic genes in melanoma with Dr. Laure Aurelian during her senior year.

Carol O. Tacket, MD, professor, Department of Medicine, has been selected as the winner of the prestigious Marion Spencer Fay Award. Given annually since 1963 by the National Board for Women in Medicine, this award honors the nation’s outstanding female physician/scientist. The winner is selected from a field of acclaimed specialists in various areas of science and medicine following a rigorous screening and peer review process. Dr. Tacket will be honored this month at the National Board’s gala fiftieth anniversary celebration in Philadelphia.

Ronald S. Wade, director, Anatomical Services Division, has been elected to the governing board of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists and will serve a three-year term as Special Councilor, Anatomical Services.

Daniel Weinreich, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, was informed that his R01 was renewed for four years. The \$1.2 million NIH grant is entitled “Chemoreception and Signal Processing in Vagal Afferents.” Dr. Weinreich’s project investigates functional interactions between mast cells and primary sensory neurons in hypersensitivity diseases.

Paul J. Yarowsky, PhD, associate professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, received a three-year \$564,000 NIH grant entitled “Study of Down Syndrome Cortical Development by MRI/DTI.” This grant investigates whether the formation of the cortex is abnormal in Down Syndrome and in an animal model of Down Syndrome by MRI and DTI.

Anthony A. Gaspari, MD, professor, Department of Dermatology, has been named interim chair of the department, effective September 1. The former acting chair, Joe Burnett, MD, is retiring.

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Did you know that in 1973 out of state tuition was \$2,170? In 2003, out of state tuition is \$28,869.