



DEAN'S MESSAGE: What's On My Mind



In the two months that I have been dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, I have learned many things. I have learned how to get from MSTF to the Gudelsky building without ever stepping outside. I have learned that our history is rich and deep, and that our year-long bicentennial celebration will be an outstanding way to honor our 200 years of achievements and further enhance our reputation. I have learned that the School of Medicine is an enjoyable and dynamic institution, where people have ambitious goals and are determined and enthusiastic about our missions. I have also learned that there are success stories that need to be shared across the school, from department to department, division to division, program to program, office to office. There are so very many terrific accomplishments and achievements that should be publicized within the medical school and beyond.

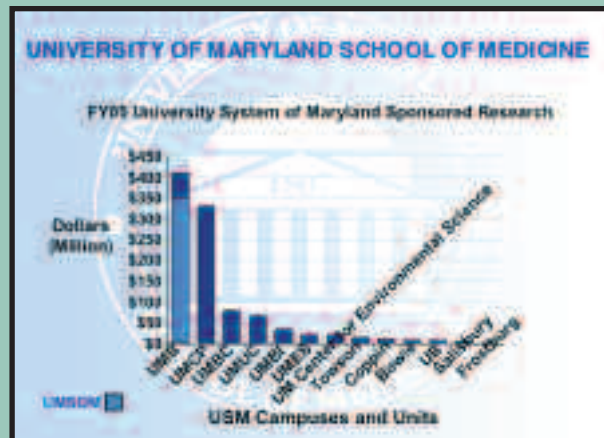
What's on my mind this month is communication. One of the School of Medicine's communications vehicles that we all rely on for information about our colleagues is this monthly newsletter. Soon—hopefully as early as January 2007—we will augment SOMnews by adding a new section on faculty, staff and student accomplishments. There will be additional space to feature news such as grants and contracts, publications, awards and honors, lectures and workshops, appointments and media placements. We will produce an electronic version of this newsletter as well.

I look forward to letting you know what's on my mind each month in SOMnews, as we share in our successes and work together, in the relentless pursuit of excellence, every day.

With very best regards to all,
Sincerely yours,

E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA
Vice President for Medical Affairs, University of Maryland
John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and
Dean, School of Medicine

FY05 stats on School of Medicine-sponsored research (within the University System of Maryland) and NIH awards to U.S. private and public medical schools by rank.



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3	UCSF	\$398,155,644	18	Alabama	\$191,323,520
4	Wash. U. St. Louis	\$377,648,058	19	Emory	\$190,304,668
5	Duke	\$349,678,548	20	McGill	\$174,418,660
6	U. Wash.	\$308,792,765	21	U. Texas SW	\$170,543,372
7	UCLA-Geffen	\$301,795,874	22	Colorado	\$170,318,288
8	Yale	\$298,241,773	23	Chicago, Bronze	\$169,624,348
9	Pittsburgh	\$297,527,728	24	DePaul	\$168,587,847
10	Michigan	\$263,022,138	25	Marquette	\$164,321,717
11	Stanford	\$264,441,696	26	Harvard	\$161,857,797
12	Corn Western	\$260,453,803	27	Albert Einstein	\$158,297,727
13	Boyle	\$258,809,346	28	Wisconsin	\$144,151,683
14	Columbia	\$248,098,281	29	U. Rochester	\$143,258,718
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Michael T. Shipley, PhD

Distinguished Faculty Named to Endowed Professorships

Two long-time School of Medicine faculty members recently were named to endowed professorships, including one in honor of former dean Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP.

Michael T. Shipley, PhD, is the recipient of the Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP

Distinguished Professorship and Myron M. Levine, MD, DTPH, is the recipient of the Simon and Bessie Grollman Distinguished Professorship.

Dr. Shipley is professor and chair of the Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology and director of the Program in Neuroscience. Dr. Levine is a professor in the Departments of Medicine, Microbiology & Immunology and Pediatrics and director of the Center for Vaccine Development.

The Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP Distinguished Professorship recognizes and supports a distinguished faculty member who exhibits exceptional qualities in the fields of biomedical research, education or clinical practice. The goal is to award this professorship to uniquely creative and successful academicians at the School of Medicine. Established this year through the generous support of faculty and staff members, friends and colleagues, the Wilson professorship is a tribute to Dr. Wilson's tenure as dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Wilson retired this past September.

"I had the privilege of serving under Dr. Wilson for 12 of his 15 years as dean and thus the opportunity to witness the tremendous growth of the school under his leadership," said Dr. Shipley. "Dr. Wilson set the highest standards and expected the same of the faculty. It is especially meaningful to be chosen as the first to bear the standard that honors his name. I am filled with a sense of humility and responsibility to do everything possible to advance the principles that Dr. Wilson embodied while he was dean."

Established through the generous philanthropic support of Dr. Jaye Grollman, a 1936 graduate of the School of Medicine, and his sister, Mrs. Evelyn Grollman, the Simon and Bessie Grollman Distinguished Professorship was named in honor of their parents and rewards a faculty member who is actively engaged in medical research and who is considered a leading faculty member by both institutional peers and the broader scientific community.

"I am deeply honored that the School of Medicine has selected me to become the Grollman Distinguished Professor," said Dr. Levine. "Having served as a faculty member for 35 years, I have witnessed extraordinary changes in this institution over these decades as it has become recognized nationally and internationally for excellence in many medical and scientific disciplines. I derive personal satisfaction knowing that I have contributed to a number of those positive changes. The bestowing of the Grollman Distinguished Professorship is a wonderful, tangible acknowledgement of my long service and contributions and I deeply appreciate this gesture."

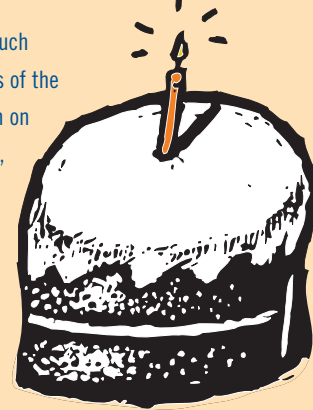
"Both Myron Levine and Michael Shipley are exceptional faculty members who are looked upon as leaders within the School of Medicine and their respective disciplines," said Dr. Wilson upon conferring the professorships just prior to his retirement. "Both are most deserving of these honors."



Myron M. Levine, MD, DTPH

Bicentennial

You won't have to wait much longer to learn the details of the bicentennial year. At noon on Wednesday, November 29, Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, will host a celebration in Davidge Hall to reveal the details of the school's 200th anniversary year. The campus is invited to a birthday party immediately following the press



conference under a tent between Davidge and East Halls. Music, cake and a guest of honor from the past are part of the program. The bicentennial Website, www.som.bicentennial.umaryland.edu, officially will launch on this day, too; please check it regularly for information. For further details, please contact Tasha Rowe at 6.2007 or trowe@som.umaryland.edu.

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QUICK STUDIES

► **Edson X. Albuquerque, MD, PhD**, professor and chair, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, has been awarded a five-year \$3,684,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for his work entitled “Effective Counter Measures against Chemical Threats to the Brain and Age and Sex Effects on Nerve Agents Damage to the Brain and Antidotal Therapy.” Additionally, his department received a five-year \$1,276,000 grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for its Toxicology Training Program, “Neuro, Aquatic and Cellular Toxicology and Epidemiology,” which will support four graduate students and two post-doctorates. ► **Olivia Carter-Pokras, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine, has been appointed a fellow of the American College of Epidemiology. Fellows are distinguished by their significant and sustained contributions to the profession through research or through a leadership role in the practice of epidemiology. Additionally, Dr. Carter-Pokras has been nominated to the Executive Board of the American Public Health Association (APHA). The APHA is the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, representing more than 50,000 members from over 50 occupations within public health.

Three School of Medicine Faculty Members Win Founders Week Awards



Three of this year’s four UMB Founders Week Award winners are School of Medicine faculty.

Alessio Fasano, MD, professor in the Departments of Pediatrics, Medicine and Physiology, director of the Mucosal Biology Research Center and founder of the Center for Celiac Research, is the first recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. UMB President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, created the award

to honor faculty members who “exhibit exceptional creativity and resolve in taking the results of basic research from the lab to the marketplace.”

In 2004, Dr. Fasano, a pediatric gastroenterologist, co-founded Alba Therapeutics Corporation, which holds more than 150 patents developed from Dr. Fasano’s laboratory work on triggers for autoimmune disease. Alba Therapeutics was named a 2006 Maryland Incubator Company of the Year.

Angela H. Brodie, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics, has been named the Research Lecturer of the Year. Dr. Brodie’s pioneering work in the role of estrogens in breast cancer has led to the development of aromatase inhibitors, the most important breast cancer therapy used today. Last year, Dr. Brodie won the world’s top honor for cancer research: the Charles F. Kettering Prize from the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation.



Angela H. Brodie, PhD

Larry Anderson, PhD, a professor in the Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology and the course director for the Structure and Development class, has won the Teacher of the Year Award. Dr. Anderson is well-known for his use of props, animation, audiovisuals, music—and a sense of both humor and drama—to engage students taking his 11-week course in anatomy, histology and embryology. He also incorporates the latest technology into a continuously evolving course outline that covers a variety of imaging modalities such as X-ray, MRI and CT scans.



Larry Anderson, PhD

President Ramsay presented Drs. Fasano, Brodie and Anderson with their Founders Week Awards during this year’s annual Founders Week Black-Tie Gala on October 26.

Visit <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/> for more detailed information on these winners and their awards.



Andrea Meredith, PhD

Researchers Identify Specific Brain Channel that Regulates Circadian Rhythm

Researchers from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Stanford University have identified a specific ion channel

in the hypothalamus of the brain that plays a major role in properly adjusting the body’s internal clock. The discovery could lead to new treatments for illnesses such as hypertension, depression and certain sleep disorders. The results of the study were recently published in the journal *Nature Neuroscience*.

“In humans and animals, appetite, energy, alertness, sleep and libido are regulated over the daily circadian cycle,” says Andrea Meredith, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Physiology, who was lead author on the paper.

“The body’s intrinsic clock provides timing cues for the production of neurotransmitters, cortisol and other hormones that cause blood pressure to increase and body temperature to rise to get the body awake and going. Later, at night, the hormone melatonin is secreted, and blood pressure drops as the body prepares for sleep. Maintaining these physiological rhythms over the day-night cycle is essential to overall health.”

Dr. Meredith and her colleagues wanted to know what happens to the circadian rhythm of nocturnal laboratory animals when the BK ion channel was removed. They hypothesized that this specific ion channel was vital to the proper regulation of the body’s internal clock.

For the study, they compared activity levels of normal laboratory mice with those whose BK ion channel had been eliminated. They observed both groups of animals for a 24-hour period. As expected, normal mice were active when lights were turned off to simulate night. When the lights were turned back on, the mice went to sleep. To reveal the function of the internal clock, the researchers tracked the activity of the mice in constant darkness. “In the absence of a light cue, the internal clock is forced to rely on its own mechanism of time keeping and that time keeping is slightly shorter than a full 24 hours, about 23.3 hours,” says Dr.

Meredith. “In these conditions, normal mice display the appropriate circadian pattern of nocturnal activity.”

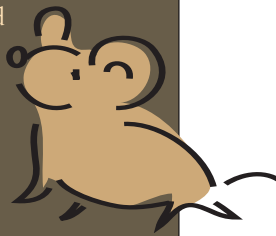
Dr. Meredith found that mice without the BK ion channel maintained a typical level of activity during night and slept during the day when light and dark were used. Their activity, however, became very fragmented when they were kept in constant darkness. “When forced to rely solely on their internal clock, their bodies could no longer tell the difference between when they were supposed to be active and when they were supposed to sleep,” she says.

Dr. Meredith also investigated patterns of electrical activity within the hypothalamus in each animal. “At night, electrical activity is supposed to decrease in an area of the brain known as the suprachiasmatic nucleus. This decrease does not occur in mice that are missing the BK ion channel, indicating that the internal clock of the mice isn’t properly instructing the body to slow down for a period of rest and recuperation. This demonstrates how important the BK ion channel is to the proper functioning and timing of circadian rhythms,” says Dr. Meredith.

She says this study shows that ion channel activity can be manipulated to change a mouse’s internal clock, which could potentially lead to treatments for people who suffer from disrupted circadian rhythms. “If we can target ion channels that regulate clock function, people who suffer from chronic sleep disorders may be able to take a medication that would allow them to have a normal sleep cycle,” she says. “Disorders such as depression are also linked to disruption of circadian rhythms, so this basic research finding may help physicians sort out whether or not depression can be controlled by repairing these rhythms in afflicted individuals.”

Dr. Meredith conducted the research during a post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology at Stanford University. She joined the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine in June.

Funding for the work was provided by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.



Eckert Named New Chair of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Richard L. Eckert, PhD, has been appointed as the new chair of the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. Dr. Eckert comes to the School of Medicine from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where he served as professor of physiology/biophysics, dermatology, reproductive biology, oncology and biochemistry. “Richard Eckert is a wonderful addition to the School of Medicine and brings more than 30 years of research experience to the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology,” says Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA. “He has a wealth of scientific knowledge and experience and will enhance the biochemistry department’s national leadership in key areas of research and education. This history of collaboration will be an important leadership strength.”



Richard L. Eckert, PhD

Dr. Eckert earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin and his master of science and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois, Urbana. He completed post-doctoral work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the Department of Cell Biology and at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics.

Dr. Eckert’s research focuses on understanding how normal surface epithelial cells function to protect people from illnesses and how those cells are altered during disease states, including skin cancer. He has published more than 130 peer-reviewed journal articles, several dozen reviews and more than 130 meeting abstracts. He serves as an editorial board member or reviewer for scientific journals such as the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Endocrinology* and the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*. Dr. Eckert holds two patents from the United States Patent Office and has been continuously funded as a principal investigator since 1989. Currently he is principal investigator on four RO1 awards from the National Institutes of Health and has been supported by the Department of the Navy, the American Cancer Society, the Dermatology Foundation, the American Institute for Cancer Research and the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program’s Breast Cancer Research Program.

“I was attracted to the University of Maryland School of Medicine because of its significant national and international reputation,” says Dr. Eckert. “I believe it will achieve even greater prominence in the future, and I look forward to contributing to that forward movement. The Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology has outstanding scientists and a strong graduate program. My immediate goal is to recruit a talented group of young investigators to further expand the scientific and intellectual reach of the department.”

Dr. Eckert began his chairmanship November 1.

Rock Appointed to Lead the Department of Anesthesiology

Peter Rock, MD, MBA, a nationally known expert in anesthesiology and critical care medicine, will become the Dr. Martin Helrich Professor and Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology. Dr. Rock will also be chief of anesthesiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center. He starts on December 1, 2006.

Dr. Rock comes to Maryland from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, where, since 1999, he has been a professor of anesthesiology and medicine and vice chair of the Department of Anesthesiology. He has also served as the medical director of Respiratory Care at UNC Hospitals.


“Dr. Rock’s intellectual curiosity, superb teaching skills, clinical mastery and managerial excellence will extend the tradition of dynamic leadership in our Department of Anesthesiology,” says Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA. “He is a dedicated researcher with a proven track record for generating research funding from agencies such as the National Institutes of Health. He will be an important leader in our pursuit of excellence in medical education, research, patient care and service.”

Jeffrey A. Rivest, president and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical Center, says, “Anesthesiology plays a crucial role in caring for our surgical and critical care patients, especially with our growth in patient volumes and our investments in sophisticated operating room and intensive care technology. Because of Dr. Rock’s extensive experience and leadership in the field of anesthesiology, he will be a valuable addition to our excellent group of clinical leaders.”

Dr. Rock received his bachelor’s degree from the Johns Hopkins University and his medical degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He completed a fellowship in

pulmonary and critical care medicine and a residency in anesthesiology, also at Hopkins. From 1986 to 1995, he was on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in the departments of medicine and anesthesiology. In 1995, he joined the faculty of the Washington University School of Medicine as professor of medicine and anesthesiology and he served as chief of the Barnes Hospital Division of Anesthesiology. He received a master’s degree in business administration from Washington University’s Olin School of Business.


Dr. Rock says he was drawn to the School of Medicine’s Department of Anesthesiology because of its tradition of leadership in the field. “I intend to continue the department’s dedication to high quality, efficient perioperative care,” he remarks. “I hope to recruit the best residents and train them to be excellent anesthesiologists and physicians as they are the future of the specialty. I also want to help the department make even greater contributions to the specialty of anesthesiology in the areas of patient care, education and research. Faculty development and mentoring are other areas on which I intend to focus.”

Dr. Rock is a highly regarded medical educator whose research interests include acute lung injury, septic shock, pulmonary circulation, perioperative myocardial ischemia, medical informatics and postoperative respiratory complications. 



Peter Rock, MD, MBA



► **Robert A. Barish, MD**, vice dean for Clinical Affairs, and professor, Departments of Emergency Medicine and Medicine, received a certificate of appreciation from the Ohio Military Reserve for his outstanding service to the people of the United States in the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster in 2005 as Commander of the 10th Medical Regiment of the Maryland Defense Force. ► **Toby C. Chai, MD, FACS**, associate professor, Department of Surgery, received a five-year \$319,977 RO1 grant from The National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for his work entitled “Human Bladder Urothelial Cell Structure and Function in Bladder Hypersensation.” ► **Stacey Garrett-Ray, MD, MBA, MPH**, clinical assistant professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, and medical director of the Baltimore City Cancer Program, which is an initiative of the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center, has received a \$65,000 grant from the Maryland affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to provide breast reconstruction services to medically underserved women. The funds will be used to pay for breast reconstruction surgery following mastectomy for several uninsured, low income women in Baltimore City who are being treated at the Cancer Center. ► **John Kastor, MD**, Department of Medicine, has published a book entitled *You and Your Arrhythmia: A Guide to Cardiac Arrhythmias for Patients and Families* (Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2006). Dr. Kastor’s book is currently for sale on Amazon.com. ► **Donald E. Wilson, MD, MACP**, former dean, professor, Department of Medicine, and director, Program in Minority Health and Health Disparities Education and Research, has been awarded the first Group on Student Affairs/Minority Affairs Section (GSA/MAS) Dean’s Diversity Award by the Association of American Medical Colleges. GSA/MAS presents this award to the dean who has demonstrated a sustained and productive commitment to diversity and inclusion at his/her institution. 

School-based Mental Health Issues Were Focus of National Conference

To address the increasing mental health needs of today’s youth, the School of Medicine’s Center for School Mental Health Analysis and Action (CSMHA) hosted a two-day conference this fall to learn more about successful strategies that improve the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents through school-based programs and initiatives. The 10th annual conference, called “Effective Work in Schools: A National Community of Practice on School Mental Health Practice,” brought together mental health and child health experts, advocates, youth, families and policy-makers.


“The school mental health movement reflects a shared agenda—families, schools and communities coming together to develop programs that address unmet needs of youth and help reduce barriers to learning,” says Mark Weist, PhD, a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and director of the CSMHA. “School mental health programs have become a significant force in almost all states, and evidence is emerging that when done well, they can have numerous positive impacts including helping youth do well in school and contributing to significant cost savings. This conference included people from diverse disciplines from around the country and overseas who shared lessons learned and provided helpful resources related to advancing school mental health services in a way that matches the needs of local schools and communities.”

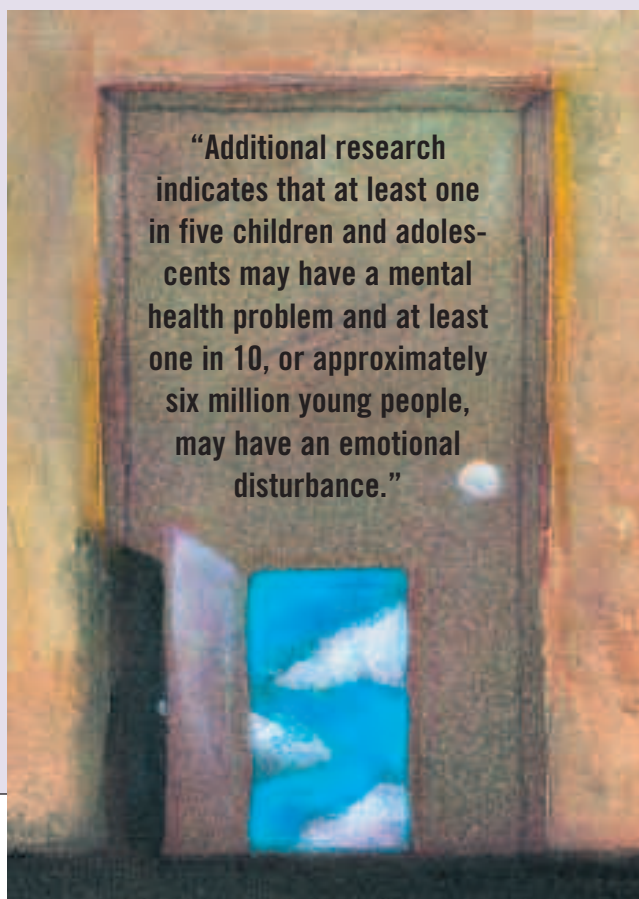
According to Dr. Weist, there is a tremendous need for mental health outreach to youth in the United States and worldwide. “The U.S. Surgeon General’s office recently

reported that 11 percent of young people between the ages of nine and 17 have a major mental illness that results in significant impairment at school,” he says. “Additional research indicates that at least one in five children and adolescents may have a mental health problem and at least one in 10, or approximately six million young people, may have an emotional disturbance. These findings highlight the limited capacity of existing mental health services in meeting an ever-growing demand because, unfortunately, an estimated two-thirds of all young people with mental health problems are not getting the help they need.”

Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the CSMHA aims to strengthen policies and programs in school mental health in order to improve

learning and promote success for America’s youth. Its annual conference provides a forum for diverse groups of professionals to join together to engage in dialogue, collaboration and mutual support with a goal of improving the emotional, behavioral and school functioning of children and adolescents from pre-school through high school and beyond.

This year’s conference in Baltimore consisted of more than 100 sessions, including youth and plenary panels. Science-based practices and programs were highlighted throughout the presentations. The keynote addresses were given by Dr. Lucille Eber, coordinator of Illinois Statewide, and Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Additional speakers included Nancy Grasmick, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools, Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings and Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Baltimore City Health Commissioner. 



Mark Weist, PhD, and Sylvia McCree-Huntley, training manager for the CSMHA.

Another Successful Mini-Med School!

The University of Maryland School of Medicine's sixth annual Mini-Med School ended October 4 with a graduation ceremony for its 150 participants. Accompanied by Claudia Baquet, MD, MPH, associate dean for Policy & Planning, and professor, Department of Medicine, Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, handed out graduation certificates. Dean Reece received an enthusiastic welcome from the crowd as he participated in his first Mini-Med School graduation as the SOM's new dean.

As the students enjoyed their graduation cake and snapped pictures of each other with their graduation certificates, many of them were already making plans to return again next year. Justin Anderson, who is a Mini-Med vet even though he's only in the fourth grade, was encouraged to bring some classmates with him next year. "Can I really?" he asked. "That would be really cool."

Many of the participants came in groups. Reverend Doctor Patricia Johnson, Reverend Doctor Alfreda Wiggins and Reverend Doctor John Wright brought members from their congregations. Reverend Johnson remarked, "We glean tidbits of health information from these Mini-Med lectures which we then incorporate into our sermons on Sundays. You might not think that one could go from medicine to religious gospel and make the message work, but you'd be surprised. Mini-Med is very helpful in this respect, and I'm grateful I can spread the word to my congregation."

The Provident Helene Fuld Nursing Alumni Association, the Gamma chapter of the Chi Eta Phi sorority for nurses and the Black Nurses Association of Baltimore also were well represented.

Mini-Med School is a series of five free sessions designed to inform local residents on how to improve their health and well-being through lectures describing medical advances and breakthroughs, the latest research and new medical technologies in a variety of topics. The program, which is part of an initiative started by the National Institutes of Health, began September 6 and is conducted by top physicians and researchers from the School of Medicine. It is offered free of charge to all community members. Two topics are discussed each week (except for graduation week, when only one topic is covered), and

the audience is able to ask questions after each topic presentation.

This year's topics included asthma and allergies by Dr. Pam Amelung; dementia by Dr. Leke Ogunmefu; diabetes and its complications by Michelle Rubio, RN, and Dr. Tom Donner; hearing loss by Dr. David Eisenman; the importance of vaccines by Dr. Jim Campbell; smoking cessation by Dr. Kevin Ferentz; sickle cell disease by Dr. Neil Grossman; HIV/AIDS by Dr. Charles Davis; and advances in radiology by Dr. Reuben Mezrich.

Plans for a special bicentennial Mini-Med School during fall 2007 are in full-swing. Check the Mini-Med School website at <http://medschool.umaryland.edu/minimed/> during 2007 for more information.



Dean Reece congratulates Mini-Med veteran Justin Anderson as he completes his fifth session of Mini-Med School.



Top: Claudia Baquet, MD, MPH, associate dean for Policy & Planning, congratulates one of several married couples who attend Mini-Med School together. Middle: Reuben Mezrich, MD, PhD, professor and chair, Department of Diagnostic Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, answers questions after giving his presentation. Bottom: Proud students show off the t-shirts they receive on graduation night!

Student

QUICK STUDIES

Kathryn Cobb, MSIII, has been selected as the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) liaison to the Medical College Admission Test, Test Development Advisory Committee. Kathryn's annual term on the OSR will be renewable until her graduation from medical school.

Matthew Folstein, MSII, was one of five UMB students to receive a William Donald Schaefer Scholarship. The scholarships are funded with \$150,000 in state grants and awarded to graduate students at Maryland institutions who are preparing for careers in public service. Scholarship winners must promise to meet graduation requirements and serve at least one year in public service for each year of scholarship money, which can be up to \$8550 per year.

Reminder:

White Coat Ceremony

November 2, 2006
1:00 to 3:00 PM
MSTF Auditorium

All are welcome; please attend to support our first-year students!

Mark Your Calendars!

The Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology presents a special lecture by

E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA

Vice President for Medical Affairs, University of Maryland John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor and Dean, School of Medicine

"Oxidative Stress, Signaling and Diabetic Embryopathy"

with a special introduction by

Richard L. Eckert, PhD, MS

New chair of the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

**Monday, November 13, 2006
4:00 PM**

**Taylor Lecture Hall
1st Floor, Bressler Research Building**

Reception immediately following the lecture

RSVP by November 10 to Kathleen Reinecke at kreineck@umaryland.edu

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