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IUSM faculty member in national spotlight

Charles M. Clark Jr., M.D., professor of medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine, in his role as steering committee chairman of the National Diabetes Education Program, accepted the 2000 Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service in Washington, D.C., May 9.

The National Diabetes Education Program was recognized for its successful media campaign to reach minority populations at risk for diabetes.

The annual Department of Health and Human Services Honor Awards Ceremony was hosted by Secretary Donna Shalala.

The 1998 campaign included a general awareness campaign, Many Faces of Diabetes; a Hispanic/Latino campaign, Rayos y Truenos (Thunder and Lightning); a campaign aimed at African Americans, Give It Up; and others directed at Asian American/Pacific Islander population, Native American Indian population and Caucasians which aired in 1999.

The general awareness campaign targeted the 16 million Americans with diabetes to encourage effective management of the disease. It aired 41,389 times as a public service announcement on 274 television stations in 196 cities in 48 states and on 243 cable stations in 220 cities in 44 states.

Rayos y Truenos was presented on TV, radio and print public service announcements countering the fatalistic belief that diabetes complications are inevitable. In the first 11 months, it reached 6.6 million people through TV, 8 million through radio advertisement and more than 6 million through print advertising.

Give It Up was a radio public service announcement that aired 36,090 times on 597 stations in 295 cities in 49 states. It encouraged families to support members with diabetes in their efforts to eat fewer high fat foods.

NDEP is cosponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health.

Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death and one of the leading causes of disability in the United States. It contributes to more than 193,000 deaths each year and affects certain racial and ethnic populations disproportionately.

Dr. Clark, who also is a professor of pharmacology and toxicology at IU School of Medicine, is director of the Diabetes Research and Training Center at IU. Since 1976, Indiana University has been home to one of the five original DRTCs, which were established by a mandate from Congress as a recommendation of the 1976 President's Commission on Diabetes.

Dr. Clark, who spent the past year on sabbatical in Argentina, will return to IUSM in late June.

Briefs

Alumni weekend

Spring has sprung so the annual Spring Medical Alumni Weekend can't be far behind. This year's event will be May 19-21.

All alumni, spouses and guests are invited to attend an opening reception on Friday from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Courtyard of University Place Hotel.

The 53rd Annual "Strawberry Shortcake" Alumni Awards Luncheon will begin at noon Saturday in the tent outside University Place Hotel.

The classes graduation in years ending with a 0 or 5, except 1985 and 1995, along with the two classes from 1942, are celebrating special reunions. Information on the individual reunions is available from the Office of Alumni Relations.

Information on "New Horizons in the Practice of Medicine," the continuing medical education course offered on Friday is available on the Alumni Relations Web site.

For more information on the weekend's events or to register, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at

317-274-8828 or visit the secure Web site at <http://www.indiana.edu/~alumni/ipreunion/spmed00>.

Newest doctors receive diplomas on Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 14, 263 of Indiana's newest physicians took the Hippocratic oath following graduation ceremonies at the RCA Dome and Indiana Convention Center.

Following the commencement processional for all schools at IUPUI, medical student graduates reassembled on the stadium floor for the administration of the Hippocratic Oath, diploma presentations and hooding ceremony.

The 2000 IUSM medical school graduates will get a short breather before beginning their residency programs this summer.

ISMA offers new half-tuition scholarship

The Indiana State Medical Association is funding a new scholarship program, awarding half tuition per year for the four years at IUSM.

Two students already have been selected as recipients of the new scholarship. They are Emily Jungers and Michael Hancock, both first-year medical students. Two additional students will be selected in each of the next three years until a total of eight students receive funds in any given year.

Each student awarded funds signs an agreement to practice in Indiana beginning five years after completing medical school, which allows for completion of residency training. There is no stipulation regarding specialty area. Students are monitored and selected by IUSM based on need and academic achievement.

Through its various scholarship and loan funds, the ISMA has awarded more than \$1.3 million to medical students from Indiana.

May speakers for Combined Seminar Series

Speakers for the May sessions of the Combined Seminar Series, conducted from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium, include:

May 3 -- Arthur Brothman, PhD, professor of pediatrics, director of cytogenetics, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, "Cytogenetics of Prostate Cancer: What You See Isn't Always What You Get."

May 10 -- Amato Giaccia, PhD, associate professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, Division of Radiation Biology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, Calif., "Regulation of the p53 and PTEN Tumor Suppressor Genes by Hypoxia."

May 17 -- Claire Walczak, PhD, assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, Medical Sciences Programs, IU-Bloomington, "Molecular Control of Microtubule Dynamics: A Comparison Between XKCM1 and the Anti-Cancer Drug Taxol."

May 24 -- Robert Eisenman, PhD, Division of Basic Sciences, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, "A Transcription Factor Network Regulating Cell Proliferation and Differentiation."

May 31 -- Lorraine Albritton, PhD, associate professor of microbiology, University of Tennessee, "A Point Mutation in the Binding Subunit of the Retroviral Envelope Arrests Virus Entry at Hemifusion Intermediate."

TERA Awards presented to 61 IUSM faculty

The 1999 Teaching Excellence Recognition Awards have been presented by the Trustees of Indiana University. First presented in 1997, TERA Awards are designed to emphasize the university's commitment to reward sustained dedication to outstanding teaching. Award winners for 2000 at IUSM, based on recommendations by chairmen and center directors, include:

Mary Pell Abernathy, MD, Stanley Alexander, MD, Jonathan Anagnostou, MD, Susan Ball, MD, David Bell, PhD, Paul Blusys, MD, Stephen Bogdewic, PhD, John Bradley, MD, Mark Braun, MD, David Canal, MD,

Richard Childress, MD, Mary Ciccarelli, MD, Timothy Cordes, MD, Thomas Davis, MD, PhD, Rodney Deaton, JS, MD, JD, Mark Deeg, MD, Stephen Dlouhy, PhD, Taihung Duong, PhD, Stephen Echtenkamp, PhD, John Emhardt, MD, Scott Engum, MD,

Margaret Gaffney, MD, Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, Kenneth Gwartz, MD, Maureen Harrington, PhD, Adhy Helmy, MD, Debra Helper, MD, Joseph Hingtgen, PhD, Thomas Hurley, PhD, Jean Hureau, MD, Mary Jacobs, MD, Henry Jones, MD, Cheryl Keech, MD, John Kincaid, MD,

Jeffrey Lane, MD, Sue London MLS, Palmer MacKie, MD, Faye Magneson, MD, Peter Marcus, MD, Philip Merk, MD, Frank Messina, MD, Lyree Mikhail, MD, Philip Morton, MD, Brenda O'Hara, MD, Thota Rao, MD, Terry Reed, PhD, Raoul Rosenthal, PhD, Kenneth Ryder, MD, PhD,

Robert Schloemer, PhD, Mark Seifert, PhD, Darryl Smith, MD, Robert Tarver, MD, Patricia Treadwell, MD, Michael Vasko, PhD, Mark Walsh, MD, Kathleen Warfel, MD, Edward Weisberger, MD, Joanne Wojcieszek, MD, Donald Wong, PhD, Mona Wooten, MD, and Chi-Wah Yung, MD.

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