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AOA banquet March 25

Forty-five IUSM students will be inducted March 25 in the Indiana chapter

of the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society.

AOA is the only national honor medical society in the world and elects outstanding medical students, graduates, alumni, faculty and honorary members to its ranks. The IUSM inductees will be recognized at a banquet at the Ritz Charles.

The new inductees will join about 1,800 members of the Indiana Chapter of AOA.

Students from the Class of 2003 to be inducted: Matthew Aagesen, Joel Baumgartner, Daniel Branham, Ryan Buss, Matthew Butrum, Jennifer Conner, Sarah Crane, Jared Dhaemers, Robert Dinn, Shane Ditty, Darryl Dixon, Patricia Engle, Matthew Fiegel, Brandy Garrett, Jonathan Hansen, Kelly Johnson, Emily Jungers, Udaya Kakarla, Shannon Kauffman, Joshua Kiline, Whitney Lee, Ashley Malcom, Natasha Morris, Chandra Ostrignaim, Melissa Rutigliano, Laurie O'Maley Shipchandler, Taha Zoher Shipchandler, Eva Smietana, Matthew Snyder, Katie Stanton, R. Matthew Strother, Samantha Svarczkopf, Jennifer Vibul and Cynthia Williams.

Class of 2004 inductees include: Brett Barkimer, Jason Bowman, Junzo Chino, Benjamin Coons, Carrie Gick, Margaret Grisell, Michael Hobson, Shari Nemeth, Sharon Poisson, Thomas Ricke and J. Benjamin Smucker.

Also to be inducted are several physicians affiliated with the School, including (Faculty) Paul Nelson, MD, professor of surgery and director of the school's neurosurgery section; George Sarosi, MD, professor of medicine and medical director at the Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center; (Alumni) David Matthews, MD, assistant professor of general surgery; Jim Gus Megremis, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics; (staff) Robert A. Campbell III, MD, general surgeon; Todd Nebesio, MD, pediatrician; and David Rosenman, MD, internist.

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NSF director to speak at AVIDD dedication

The Analysis and Visualization of Instrument-Driven Data (AVIDD) Facility will be dedicated at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, in ceremonies at the Wrubel Computing Center atrium on the IU-Bloomington campus.

Peter Freeman, assistant director of the National Science Foundation's Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, will be the guest speaker for the dedication. Demonstrations of the facility and tours of the Wrubel Computing Center Machine Room will follow the dedication. Refreshments will be served.

For those who are located on the Indianapolis campus and are unable to attend, the event will be broadcast live in the University Library, Lilly Auditorium at IUPUI.

For more information, see www.indiana.edu/~uits/rac/avidd/

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Mark your calendar for a night of entertainment

IUSM students will soon trade their stethoscopes for the spotlight in an annual program that benefits the city's homeless.

The annual Evening of the Arts showcases students' music, dance, stage-skit and talents in a variety of acts. Medical faculty, residents and staff also will perform. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 28, at the University Place Conference Center auditorium.

Artwork and photography produced by the medical students will be on display and sold that evening at a silent auction.

Proceeds from the event are used to purchase medical equipment and supplies for Indianapolis-area homeless clinics. IU medical students and residents often volunteer their time to help provide patient care as part of the IU School of Medicine's Health and Homelessness Project.

Tickets for Evening of the Arts are \$8 each and may be purchased at the door.

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2004 Beering Award nominations sought

Nominations for the 2004 Steven C. Beering Award for the Advancement of Biomedical Science are being solicited from faculty.

The nominations should be accompanied by a summary statement emphasizing the most important academic accomplishment(s) of the nominee, the importance to biomedical or clinical science and why the nominee is deserving of this honor.

Nominations should include a curriculum vitae and a list of key publications. All information should be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 16, to Amy-Jeanne Sayre, Academic Administration, 1120 South Dr., Fesler 318. Questions can be sent to her at 274-7214 or asayre@iupui.edu.

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Calling all volunteers: Good Samaritan Clinic needs you

The faces of IU medical students, doctors, nurses, residents and fellows are familiar at the Good Samaritan Clinic. They, along with other Indianapolis

area physicians, nurses and volunteers staff the part-time clinic each Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 11 Eastern Ave.

The clinic serves adults and children in the neighborhood who have general medical problems typically seen in an ambulatory clinic.

Francis Dillon, MD, assistant professor of anesthesia, can't say enough good things about the clinic and what it does for those who seek its services and those who provide those services.

There have been lots of people who have volunteered at the clinic since it opened its doors about 10 years ago. Some have been there for the long haul, others haven't.

"Long-term commitments are not our style," says Dr. Dillon. "We think this is a perfect opportunity for Indianapolis doctors and nurses to help needy patients without leaving home or country, and without forcing a drastic reorganization of one's schedule."

Typically, volunteers work one Thursday night a month, but that arrangement is as flexible as it needs to be, he said.

"The work is very gratifying, paperwork minimal, access to medications and laboratory studies excellent, follow-up superb, and we all cooperate in staffing the cases: Students, residents and physicians, regardless of level of specialization or degree of training, can perform well and comfortably in this clinic environment," he said.

Individuals interested in more information may contact Dr. Dillon at 278-3448, or fdillon@iupui.edu, or Robert Byers, MD, at 274-4160, or by e-mail at rbyers@iupui.edu. Dr. Dillon said volunteers without medical training also are needed.

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Death and dying focus of Medical Humanities program

"Studying the Dying Poor: Moral Duties and Dangers" is the topic of the Wednesday, March 26, Seminars in Medical Ethics and Humanities. The lecture is from noon to 1 p.m. in room 301 of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

Speakers will be Betsy Fife, PhD, IU School of Nursing, and Jennifer Girod, RN, IU Department of Religious Studies.

To reserve a lunch, contact Judi Campbell at 274-4740, or by e-mail at jizukac@iupui.edu.

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Spirituality and medicine conference to be March 27-28

Medical students, residents, faculty and other health care providers are invited to attend "Spirituality and Healing in Medicine: A Multi-Cultural Approach" presented by Harvard Medical School (The Mind/Body Institute) and George Washington University (Institute for Spirituality and Health).

The conference will be March 27-28 at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis. Featured speakers include Herbert Benson, MD, Christina Puchalski, MD, and Harold Koenig, MD.

Continuing education credit is available for most professionals. Tuition is \$350 for physicians and \$150 for others. For a brochure and registration information visit www.cme.hms.harvard.edu. Call 317-962-3591 for scholarship information.

The conference is hosted by Clarian Health Partners and supported through a

grant from the Methodist Health Foundation.

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JSB History of Medicine lecture March 27

The March 27 John Shaw Billings History of Medicine lecture will be presented by Jack Welsh, MD, at 4 p.m. in room 301, Ruth Lilly Medical Library. Refreshments to be served beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Welsh has long been interested in medicine of the Civil War, including what wounds and illnesses debilitated or caused death. He has conducted extensive research into the medical histories of both Union and Confederate officers and the practice of medicine at that time.

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Combined Seminar Series speakers for March

The Combined Seminar Series is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. The agenda includes:

March 19 -- Guy Sauvageau, MD, PhD, associate professor of medicine, University of Montreal, scientific director of the Leukemia Cell Bank of Quebec, "Hox and Polycomb Group Genes in the Regulation of Stem Cell Proliferation"

March 26 - Craig Jordan, assistant professor of medicine and of microbiology and immunology, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, University of Kentucky Medical Center. His topic is "Molecular Characterization of Human Leukemic Stem Cells - Strategies for Induction

of Preferential Apoptosis."

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Proposals sought for educational research grants

Proposals for Educational Research and Development Grants will be accepted until **Tuesday, April 1**. The grants are designed to stimulate faculty innovation in educational research and development. The University of Wisconsin, Madison, has had a similar program that not only improved teaching for students and house staff, but also led to a significant amount of extramural funding in this area. This is the fourth year IUSM has participated in such a program.

Stimulation of educational research and development is particularly timely as we continue to improve our curriculum. We are particularly interested in projects that facilitate interdisciplinary and inter-unit learning for medical students, residents and other health care professionals throughout Indiana. Innovations in medical education that are of particular interest include: web-module development, the use of PDAs in the curriculum, faculty development, the use of standardized patients in the curriculum, teaching and assessing competencies, intersession development, and program evaluation. Average amounts of funded grants have been approximately \$5,000 and no grant request will be considered that exceeds \$10,000.

2003 Educational Research And Development Grants

Objectives

1. Development of innovative pre- and postgraduate curricular programs.
2. Provide pilot projects designed to lead to extramural funding.

The Program

A total of \$50,000 will be made available from IUSM to support innovative

projects designed to improve medical education. It is anticipated that grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded this year. Successful applicants will be eligible to apply for a second grant during the next academic year, pending availability of funds and evidence of progress. Faculty who commit 80 percent of their time to medical school activities are eligible to apply, irrespective of their university appointment.

The program is modeled after successful school of medicine programs at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and the University of Washington, Seattle. Details of the Wisconsin program were published in *Academic Medicine* (73:756-761, 1998).

Review Criteria

A broad range of projects will be considered including evaluation of student progress, teaching methods, distance learning, etc. Emphasis will be placed on projects that will help to implement the competency-based curriculum.

The review process will consider:

1. Applicability to required curriculum for pre- and postdoctoral trainees.
2. New replacements to the existing curriculum (not add-ons).
3. System-wide applicability.
4. Potential usefulness for both medical students and house staff.
5. Evaluation of the proposed project.

Applications

The applications must be submitted electronically and contain a title page (form attached) and the following sections: (1) Specific Aims, (2) Significance, (3) Project Plan, (4) Plans for Evaluating the Project, (5) NIH format biographical sketches of the professional personnel involved in the project, (6) Budget, and (6) Letter of support from PI's department chair or center director. Sections 1 through 4 must not exceed four single spaced pages and the one-page budget must be broken down into the categories of salaries, supplies, and equipment. Please note that justification is required for each item on the budget.

Review Process

The executive associate dean for educational affairs will appoint reviewers. Applications should be sent to Dr. Paula Smith, assistant dean for medical education, by e-mail by Tuesday, April 1. Her e-mail address is psmith4@iupui.edu.

Progress Reports

An interim progress report will be due six months after the start of the project. A final 12-month progress report will be due within 30 days after the end of the project period, containing the results obtained and a summary of how funds were expended. A poster session/demonstration (open to students and faculty) will be required for all funded projects at the end of 12 months.

Educational Research Assistance

The Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs has experts in medical education research who are willing to assist with the design of your project. They can be reached at 274-4556.

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Discount still available for summer day camp

Parents registering their children for the 2003 IUPUI Sport Complex Summer Day Camp before Monday, March 31, are still eligible for a \$10 discount. This is the 17th year for running the Day Camp, which is geared for children ages 5 - 12.

In addition to the Day Camp, seven other sports camps are offered at the IUPUI Sport Complex. Those camps focus on the following sports:

- Diving
- Synchronized Swimming
- Lacrosse
- Tennis

- Soccer
- Track & Field
- Swimming

For additional information, see www.sportcomplex.iupui.edu or to register see www.iunat.iupui.edu/Registration/. Questions also can be addressed to the Camp Hotline at 278-1778.

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Honors

Tracy Anthony, PhD, assistant scientist/assistant professor of biochemistry at the Evansville Center for Medical Education, is being awarded the Peter J. Reeds Young Investigator Award by the American Society for Nutritional Sciences. The award is given for outstanding research in macronutrient metabolism accomplished within five years of receiving a doctorate. The award will be presented at the Experimental Biology meeting in April in San Diego.

Jeffrey Rothenberg, MD, has been elected secretary/treasurer of the Indiana Section of the American College of Obstetricians and gynecologists. His three-year term begins in October.

Max Schmidt, MD, PhD, will be awarded the American Association for Cancer Research PanCAN Career Development Award in Pancreatic Cancer Research for his proposal "Chemopreventative role of cyclooxygenase inhibitors in pancreatic tumorigenesis." He will be recognized April 6 at an awards ceremony during the 94th AACR Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, March 22, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis.

The guest will be Rowan Candy, PhD, IU School of Optometry, who will discuss visual development in infants.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at soundmedicine.iu.edu/.

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IUSM Special Events Calendar online

A Special Events Calendar for presentations, symposiums, conferences and other activities at IUSM can be found on the School's Web page at www.medicine.iu.edu under the Quick Links menu. The calendar also can be accessed directly at wwwdb.ucs.indiana.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar.

To place an item on the calendar, submit it via the form available as a link on the calendar Web site.

The calendar is designed as an informational tool for upcoming events and to help people avoid scheduling events simultaneously that might attract the same audiences.

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Submissions to Scope

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

There are four easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- fax the information to 278-3502
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into *Scope* Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

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