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IUSM students receive AMA Leadership Awards

Two of the 15 American Medical Association Foundation 2007 Excellence in Medicine Awards were awarded to IUSM students.

Greg Berman, a fifth-year MD/MBA student, and **Kristen Spisak**, MS 4, each have been awarded a 2007 AMA Foundation Leadership Award.

Berman is the volunteer co-founder and advisor for Rock for Riley, a benefit concert for Riley Hospital for Children. In the past three years, Rock for Riley has raised more than \$450,000 for the hospital. Berman conceived the idea of the benefit rock concert when he was a freshman medical student and through persistence developed the idea into an entertaining, fund-raising success.

Spisak has assumed leadership roles on the regional, state and national levels of the AMA-Medical Student Section. She has served as chair of the regional and the state organizations and in those roles has planned conferences, formed new chapters and overseen service projects. She also served as a state delegate to the national meeting three consecutive years and has attended the AMA Political Action Committee's Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. Back in Indiana, Spisak has lobbied state legislators, discussing issues as diverse as medical student debt and the need for medical coverage for the uninsured.

The AMA Leadership Award provides medical students, residents, fellows, young physicians and international medical graduate physicians special training to develop their skills as future leaders in

medicine. Recipients of the award demonstrate outstanding non-clinical leadership skills in advocacy, community service or education. The objective of the program is to encourage involvement in organized medicine and continue leadership development.

Berman and Spisak will be presented their awards at the 2007 AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., Feb. 13-14.

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IUCC accepting applications for summer internships

High school and undergraduate students planning cancer research careers may get some hands-on experience this summer working with physicians and researchers at the Indiana University Cancer Center.

Applications are being accepted for the nine-week IU Cancer Center Summer Research Program, June 4 to Aug. 3. The program seeks to increase the number of cancer researchers among underrepresented groups. Information about the program and applications are available through the IU Cancer Center's web site at www.cancer.iu.edu. The deadline for submitting applications is **Thursday, March 1**. Applicants will be notified by April 1.

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Research fellowships in health services, outcomes available

The Center for Excellence for Implementing Evidence Based Practice at the Roudebush VA Medical Center is seeking applications for special research fellowships in health services, outcomes and implementation research. The center's mission is to discover, implement and sustain the adoption of best practices using health information technology to improve health care delivery. The center participates in a unique collaboration with the Center for Aging Research and the Medical Informatics programs of the Regenstrief Institute/Indiana University School of Medicine, the Purdue University Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering, and other centers, programs, departments and hospitals on the IUPUI campus.

Coursework in clinical research methods, clinical trials, implementation research, biostatistics, epidemiology, grant writing, research ethics, informatics, patient safety, and numerous electives is offered by outstanding IU and Purdue faculty on the IUPUI campus. A master of science in clinical research is available as an option within the fellowship.

Areas of research include (but are not limited to):

- Health services and outcomes research
- Medical informatics and health information technology
- Implementing evidence-based practice
- Patient safety
- Mental health, stroke, pain, cancer, and diabetes as special emphasis conditions

Fellowship positions are currently available and provide up to 2 years of funding for formal training and mentored clinical research. In addition to a competitive stipend, benefits include health insurance, tuition and fees, and pilot research funding. If you know of qualified candidates, contact Kurt Kroenke, MD, at kkroenke@iupui.edu, or 630-7447. Candidates must be U.S. citizens.

Physicians must be either board-eligible or certified in a recognized medical specialty. Applicants from clinical disciplines requiring doctoral level education to qualify as an independent practitioner must possess the required degree (e.g. DDS, PharmD, DPT, etc.). Nurses, social workers, dieticians, and health care administrators must possess at least a master's degree. Applicants in health systems fields that do not involve clinical certification or licensure (e.g. anthropology, sociology, computer science/medical informatics, engineering, etc.) must hold a PhD, or equivalent degree or demonstrate that all degree requirements have been completed.

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Life-Health Sciences Internships seeks project descriptions

The Life-Health Sciences Internship program is funded by an IU Commitment to Excellence grant to Simon Rhodes, associate dean for graduate studies, and Douglas Lees, chair of IUPUI Department of Biology. This program provides IUPUI undergraduates with a chance to gain experience and explore health-related careers through internships with on-campus and campus-affiliated locations.

Undergraduate IUPUI life and health science majors may apply starting this spring for openings beginning in the fall semester 2007. Interested laboratories of the Indiana University School of Medicine are asked to provide descriptions of projects in which students could participate. The program provides the student's pay; your laboratory provides the quality experience. The Life-Health Sciences Internship program will screen applicants before discussing their placement with laboratories.

Please submit project and laboratory research descriptions or direct any questions to Brandi Gilbert, director of Life-Health Sciences Internships, Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room 207, or phone 278-3637. She also can be reached by email at brgilber@iupui.edu, or fax at 278-5211.

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That's entertainment: Evening of the Arts to be Feb. 3

The 2007 Evening of the Arts, which features IUSM students and faculty, has a new venue for the annual fundraiser for the city's medical clinics for the homeless and needy. Traditionally held at the University Place Conference Center, this year's show will be at Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet School, 1140 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. Entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

About a dozen student acts including dance acts and classical and contemporary musical arrangements, are scheduled. For the second year, an original composition by Ben Lippincott, MS 2, will be performed by a string quartet.

Students, faculty and staff also donate art work and photography to EOTA for a silent auction.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission. For more information, email eotaiusm@iupui.edu, or contact the IUSM Mentoring and Student Development Office at 274-7173.

Proceeds benefit people served by Wheeler Mission, Genessaret Free Clinic, St. Thomas Clinic and Indianapolis homeless programs.

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Christian Medical Association hosts speaker

Ruth Bolton, MD, president of the National Christian Medical and Dental Associations, will present “Can Doctors Be Values-Neutral?” on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Emerson Hall auditorium. A pizza lunch will be provided.

For more information, go to <http://www.iupui.edu/~cmds/>.

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Public health before the World Health Organization – Feb. 8

“International Public Health Before the World Health Organization” will be the topic of Theodore Brown, PhD, during the Thursday, Feb. 8, lecture in the Medical Library, room 301. Dr. Brown, who is a professor of history, community and preventive medicine and of medical humanities at the University of Rochester, will speak at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m.

The presentation is co-sponsored by the John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society, the Medical Humanities Program at IUPUI and the IU Center for Bioethics.

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Leadership forum – messages for a diverse, inclusive workplace

“Microinequities: The Power of Small,” an IUPUI Leadership Forum, will be presented by Stephen Young Friday, Feb. 16, at the University Place Hotel ballroom.

The program begins with registration and a continental breakfast from 7:30 to 8 a.m. followed by Microinequities I from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and Microinequities II from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants who have heard Young present Microinequities I have the option of attending the entire day or just the afternoon session. Reservations are requested by **Friday, Feb. 2**, to Lynnell Lindle at <mailto:llindle@iupui.edu> or 274-8932.

Young is co-founder and senior partner of Insight Education Systems, a management consulting firm specializing in diversity leadership and organizational development services.

The morning session focuses on the effects of micro-messages in the workplace and delivers critical concepts and skills that are applicable instantly when participants return to the workplace. The afternoon session provides tools for implementing change in the workplace.

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AAMC seeks nominations for Nickens awards

The AAMC is soliciting nominations for the annual Herbert W. Nickens Award, as well as nominations for the Nickens faculty fellowship and medical student scholarships. Nominations for all three awards must be received by **Monday, April 2**.

The Herbert W. Nickens Award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to

efforts that promote justice in medical education and provide equal health care for all Americans. The recipient will receive a \$10,000 award at the AAMC's 2007 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Nominees may come from the fields of medicine, education, law, nursing, public health, or social sciences.

The Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member, committed to a career in academic medicine, who has demonstrated leadership in addressing inequities in medical education and health care. The fellowship recipient will receive a \$15,000 grant to support his or her academic and professional activities over a 2-year period.

The Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarships are awarded to five outstanding students entering their third year of medical school who have demonstrated leadership in addressing the educational, societal and health care needs of minorities. Each recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

For more information:, contact Juan Amador, AAMC Division of Diversity Policy and Programs, at NickensAwards@aamc.org, or go to www.aamc.org/about/awards.

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IU-Kenya Partnership benefit art show

A benefit for the IU-Kenya Partnership – Skies.Stripes.Red.Roar – will be Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Studio School and Gallery, 5610 E. Washington. The benefit will feature paintings, giclées, photographs, custom coffee-table books and other art inspired by a trip to Kenya and Tanzania.

The preview art show will begin at 5 p.m. and the cost is \$50 per person in advance and \$60 at the door. Representatives from the IU-Kenya Partnership and the artist, Quay Kester, will be present. The general show will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Students are \$15.

See studioschoolgallery.com/IUKenyaBenefitFEB10.htm for a sneak preview of the art and to order tickets.

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Rotary Raffle for Riley – win a trip to Kenya

Hoosiers have the chance to help children “across the street and around the world” – and win an African safari – by taking part in the Rotary Raffle for Riley. The Rotary Club of Indianapolis will hold its first raffle to benefit Riley Hospital and needy children in Africa.

“In 2005, the Rotary Club of Indianapolis pledged to raise \$1 million for Riley Hospital for Children,” said Elaine Bedel, club president. “This raffle will raise thousands of dollars toward that goal.”

The Rotary Raffle for Riley grand prize is a luxury seven-day, all-expenses-paid Kenyan safari for four, arranged with the help of the Nairobi Rotary Club. Second prize is a seven-day, all-expenses-paid trip for two to Jamaica made possible through the Rotary Club’s partnership with the Savannah La Mar Rotary Club. Third prize is \$5,000 in cash.

Only 1,500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 each. Winners will be drawn on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the children at Riley Hospital; a portion also will support an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya, for children who have lost their parents primarily due to the AIDS epidemic, a program aimed at curbing violence among youth in Savannah La Mar, and AMPATH - the IU School of Medicine-Moi University project to treat HIV-positive adults.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Rotary office at 631-3733, or e-mailing sharmless@indyrotary.org.

To see a three-minute video describing the project against the backdrop of the African plains, visit <http://www.indyrotary.org/>.

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Cheer the Colts and support IUSM

Attention Colts fans: Meteorologist Dave Price and the CBS Early Show are hosting a rally at The Alley and IUSM students, faculty and staff are invited. This is an opportunity to support the Colts and your school while appearing on live national television. Wear your white coat or IUSM shirts/sweaters/jackets and join the group gathered at 12th Man Alley, just south of the RCA Dome from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29.

Contact Dave and CBS at malto:CNDallaccess@cbsnews.com to let them know if you plan to attend to cheer your team to victory in Super Bowl Forty-One.

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Summer Research Scholarship winners

Three IUSM students have been selected as a 2007 Summer Research Scholarship recipient. The selection was based on the students' 2006 Summer Research in Academic Medicine poster and oral presentations at the Jan. 19 IUSM Student Research Forum.

The recipients:

- Matthew James Locker, MS II, the Hazel and Tommy Thompson Cardiac Research Scholarship, a \$2,500 award
- Julia Joyce Walker, MS II, the \$8,300 Claude Smith Black Scholarship
- Ian Robert Nelson, MS II, the \$2,500 William and Fern Groves Hardiman Scholarship

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Gregory Gramelspacher, MD, associate professor of medicine and director of the palliative care program at Wishard Memorial Hospital, has been nominated for the 2006 Association of American Medical Colleges Humanism in Medicine Award. The award, supported by Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative, recognizes an individual with the finest qualities of healing who exemplifies humanism in medicine. He was nominated as a positive and caring role model by his students. Dr. Gramelspacher's plaque will be presented Jan. 29 at the IUSM Executive Committee meeting.

Daniel R. Meldrum, MD, associate professor of surgery and cellular and integrative physiology, has been named the associate editor of two journals: the *Journal of Surgical Research* and *SHOCK*. The terms on these associate editorships are 3 years and open-ended, respectively. Dr. Meldrum recently completed terms as a regular editorial board member for each of these journals.

Ora Pescovitz, MD, executive associate dean of research affairs and CEO of Riley Hospital, was honored with a Torchbearer Award for Health, Medicine and Life Sciences. Marion County Health Department Director **Virginia Caine**, MD, an associate professor of medicine, received the Trailblazer Award. The award is sponsored by the Indiana Commission for Women and was presented at the third annual Salute to Women gala Jan. 23.

Ben Tsai, MD, resident in surgery, has been invited to serve a 3-year term on the editorial board of the *Journal of Surgical Research*. Dr. Tsai is the only resident on the Editorial Board.

Meijing Wang, MD, MS, assistant research scientist in the Department of Surgery, is the recipient of the NIH Pathways to Independence Award. This new award is designed to provide NIH-funded transition from training to the assistant professor level. It provides 2 years of K-level funding and 3 years of R-level funding. Thus far, Meijing has been the only recipient of this award in Indiana. Daniel Meldrum, MD, is the mentor on this award.

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This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. Co-host of this week's program is Steve Bogdewic, PhD, and Kathy Miller, MD.

This week, Kathy Miller, MD, an IU Cancer Center breast cancer specialist, will update listeners on the latest developments in cancer research and treatments. For the second consecutive year, the number of cancer deaths in the United States has decreased dramatically and the American Cancer Society attributes the drop to early detection and more effective treatments.

Contributing reporter Shia Levitt investigates the controversial new patent laws in India and why the Swiss pharmaceutical company, Novartis, is challenging the rejection of one of its patents despite the medication's successful patent application in 40 other countries. For years, India had been a major source of low-cost generic drugs until a requirement by the World Health Organization to overhaul the drug patent laws set a new standard that may cause serious implications for future access of drugs worldwide.

The National Institutes of Health sponsored Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent and Vital Elderly (ACTIVE), a special study to demonstrate how mental exercises like memory games and pattern recognition training can help to slow the loss of memory in older adults. National Public Radio's Joseph Shapiro reports on this study and the importance of exercising an aging brain.

As the leader of the group from Indiana participating in the ACTIVE study, Frederick Unverzagt, PhD, a neuropsychologist and associate professor of psychiatry at IUSM, continues the discussion on mental exercise and talks about the benefits to the aging population.

Jill Bolte Taylor, PhD, a neuroanatomist at IUSM, is the author of *My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey*. Her self-published book chronicles the moments during and after she suffered a rare form of stroke more than 10 years ago. Dr. Taylor talks in detail about the excitement of being a scientist and the ability to personally observe her mind deteriorating.

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

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Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips

Online registration and a list of grand rounds, conferences and courses are available on the Continuing Medical Education website at cme.medicine.iu.edu.

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Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at [the new Scientific Calendar website](#). To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site [at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar).

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- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

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

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

- acronyms
- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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