



Welcome: A Message from the Dean

Welcome to Drexel University College of Medicine's online Alumni Magazine! We are very excited to share this innovative new publication with you, our graduates, students, faculty and friends.

The College of Medicine draws strength from and flourishes because of our multifaceted history. We are extremely proud of the rich legacies of our two pillars of American medicine: Woman's Medical College and Hahnemann University. The tradition of excellence in medicine and the heritage of these great institutions are the strong foundation that supports the core values and principles of the Drexel University College of Medicine today. The online College of Medicine Alumni Magazine is a celebration of these cherished roots and an illustration of how they continue to inspire our future.

The mission of this new online alumni magazine is to tell the story of our alumni, faculty/staff, students, and the college in a deeper, more personal way. It is our hope that you will want to learn more about our rich and vibrant culture, our programs and initiatives, and the people involved in creating, living, and enriching the lives of others because of it.

This, our first issue, is particularly compelling in terms of how legacies shape the present, and therefore the future, of medical education. Eugene Hong, M.D., Chair of the Department of Family, Community & Preventive Medicine, discusses how Drexel is providing a solution to a growing problem in Family Practice. Our innovative academic curriculum, the Program for Integrated Learning (PIL), builds upon over twenty years of experience to prepare tomorrow's physicians. Associate professor in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Christian Sell, Ph.D., shares his groundbreaking research on aging. There are also profiles of Mary Oda, M.D., WMC '46, and Joseph DiPalma, M.D., Ph.D. whose stories are paradigmatic representations of our legacy, as seen in the profiles of current students and residents.

As always – we want to hear from you! Please let us know what aspects of the Drexel University College of Medicine you would like to see us cover in future issues. What topics interest you? Who and what would you like us to feature? In addition, we invite you to share your professional and personal stories with us. Graduates of the Drexel University College of Medicine are spread throughout the globe and have touched many lives as physician-healers. When you read the online Alumni Magazine, we hope it instills pride in our recent achievements and in the more than 155-year history underlying Drexel University College of Medicine. We look forward to the future with excitement and the greatest of expectations.



