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# Behind the Scenes



## The End Is the Beginning

The 2011 Drexel University College of Medicine Commencement took place on Friday, May 20, at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Guests and participants arriving for the ceremony wove their way around and through an 81-foot-tall replica of the Eiffel Tower (installed for the Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts), a spectacular sight that lent a new dimension to this year's photographs. U.S. Surgeon General Regina M. Benjamin, M.D., delivered the

Commencement address, "Making a Difference." The College bestowed upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Science, for her promotion of preventive medicine and her service to the nation. Also receiving an honorary degree was former U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, who was presented with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, in recognition of his contributions to the citizens and law of the nation.

*"One person can  
make a difference  
in medical policy  
and medical practice"*

*– Surgeon General Regina Benjamin*



### 461 New Scientists and Physicians

#### DEGREES AWARDED:

273 Doctor of Medicine

- 1 joint M.D./Ph.D.
- 1 joint M.D./MBA
- 1 joint M.D./MPH

20 Doctor of Philosophy

155 Master of Science

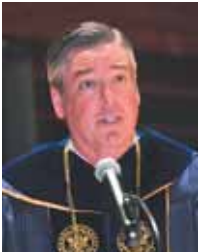
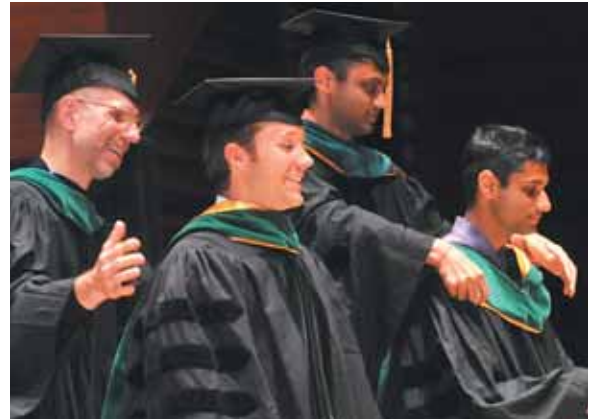
13 Master of Laboratory  
Animal Science

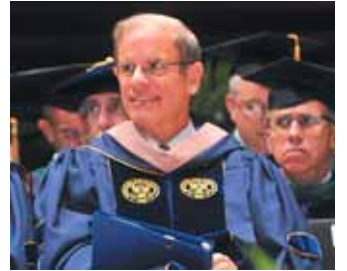
*"I urge you to be  
political activists..."*

*It has to be about our  
national priorities"*

*– Former Senator Arlen Specter*

The medical student Class of 2011 – the largest in the school's history – donned their regalia in advance for their formal portrait at the Queen Lane Medical Campus with Drs. Schindler, Fuchs, and Homan.





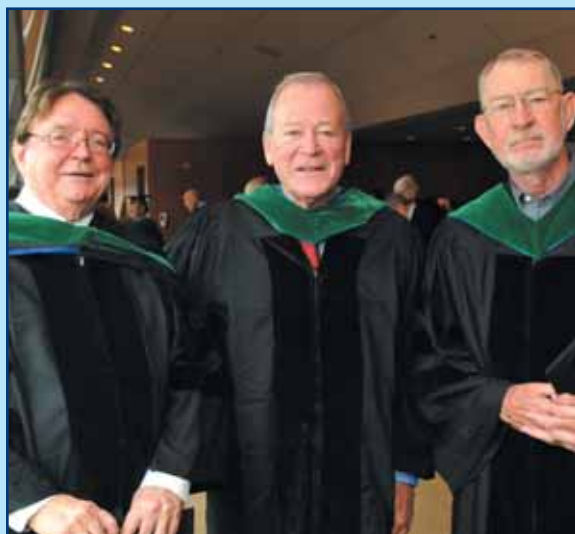
# Alumni Weekend May 6-7



**Save the Date in 2012** Alumni Weekend, May 4-5 – Class Representatives are needed for years ending in 2 or 7.  
50 Year Reunion, May 16-17 – Are you a 1962 graduate? Be a class rep for your reunion! Call 866-373-9633 or email [medical.alumni@drexel.edu](mailto:medical.alumni@drexel.edu).

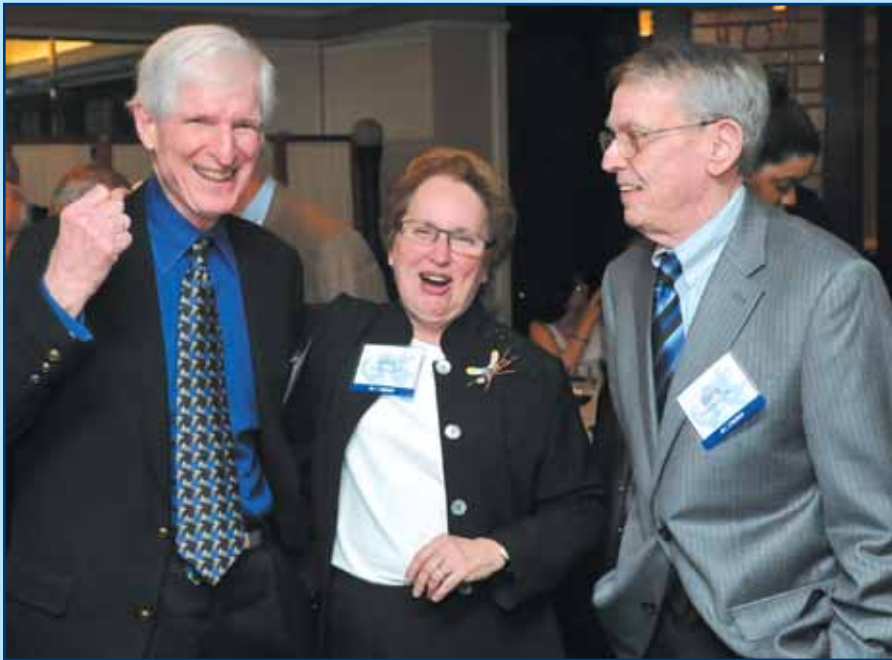


# 50th Reunion May 18-20



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# Alumni Induction Luncheon

Graduating medical students were inducted into the Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association at a luncheon on May 18.



Alumni Association President Joseph Capo, M.D.; Vice Dean Barbara Schindler, M.D.; and Professor Richard Hamilton, M.D., HU '87, chair of the Department of Medicine and keynote speaker at the luncheon.



As their gift to the school, the Class of 2011 commissioned a mural representing the history of the College. The class presidents (l-r) Amber-Nicole Bird, Julie Krueger, and Anna Rossovsky stand in front of the installation at Queen Lane.

# Professional Studies Reception



Diana Truong, Iok Seng Wong, Dr. Robert McKenzie, Elizabeth Gantan, and Glenys Castro, all Biological Science, enjoy the reception on May 18.



Pamela Bagsiyao, Medical Science



Sarah Tweddell, Kimberly Ting, Hannah Karp, Sana Haq, Interdepartmental Medical Science



Karen Chao and Arvind Gowda, MMS



Kethia Eliezer, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences



Emily Stumpf, Janny Rivera, Justin Lingel, Regan Roat, Eric Gomez, Lucy Uber, Gwyneth McNeill, IMS



Daniel Bukowski, Jaclyn Snyder, Julie Butler, Elizabeth Tursi, Andrea Moffitt, Joseph Katz, and (not pictured) Soah Kang, Master of Laboratory Animal Science graduates, are headed to vet school.



Andrew Trontis and Nischal Nadig, MMS



Ruhina Kaka and Sana Shaikh, MBS



Justin Lingel, IMS



Adam Becker, Regan Roat, Lucy Uber, Gwyneth McNeill, Janny Rivera, and Mora Puértolas, IMS



Sanjana Bhatia, IMS

# Biomed Awards Reception

Graduating doctoral students were presented with their hoods on May 19 at an awards ceremony and reception given by the Office of Biomedical Graduate and Postgraduate Studies. Barry Waterhouse, Ph.D., vice dean, presided over the event in honor of the doctoral and Master of Science candidates on the eve of Commencement. Faculty and staff members, continuing students, family and friends celebrated with the graduates.

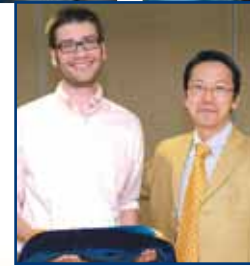
**Students Christina Kollias, Shawn Keogan, and Alicia Holmgren, with Meghan Wynosky-Dolfi and Danielle Loughlin, who were about to receive their Ph.D.'s.**



**Dr. Jed Shumsky, with graduating student Steven Jones, and Tracey Bracale, program administrator.**



**Karyn McFadden, Dr. Irwin Chaiken**



**Adam Leman, Dr. Eishi Noguchi**



**Kasturi Chatterjee, Dr. Lawrence Bergman**



**Julianna Deakyn, Nadia Tikhmyanova**



**James Alaro, Viraj Sanghvi, Saifur Rahman**



**Viraj Sanghvi, Dr. Laura Steel**



**Rani Vasudeva, Dr. Barry Waterhouse**



**Praveen Balabaskaran Nina, Dr. Akhil Vaidya**



**Dr. Richard Rest, Meghan Wynosky-Dolfi**



**Praveen Balabaskaran Nina, Rani Vasudeva, Viraj Sanghvi, Michelle Villasmil, Adam Leman, James Alaro, Nicholas AuYong, Syna Kuriakose, Saifur Rahman, Karyn McFadden, Matthew Rossi, Hangjun Ke, Nadezhda Tikhmyanova, Vidya Nadar, Steven Jones, Kasturi Chatterjee, Lauren Koltowski, Meghan Wynosky-Dolfi, Danielle Loughlin, Dr. Waterhouse.**

# Distinguished Faculty Awards



**Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching**  
*Kathleen Ryan, M.D.*  
 Director of Medical Simulation



Vice Dean Barbara Schindler, M.D., and Dr. Ryan



**Blockley-Osler Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching**  
*C.S. Pitchumoni, M.D.*  
 Saint Peter's University Hospital



Dr. Pitchumoni and his wife, Prema Pitchumoni



**2011 DEAN'S SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL TEACHING**

**Abington Memorial Hospital**  
*Stephen Smith, M.D.*  
 Obstetrics & Gynecology



Drs. Schindler and Smith

**Allegheny General Hospital**  
*Donald Atkinson, M.D.*  
 Surgery



President Richard V. Homan, M.D., and Dr. Atkinson

**Bayhealth Medical Center**  
*Robert J. Scacheri, M.D.*  
 Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Bryn Mawr Hospital**  
*David Rose, M.D.*  
 Surgery

**Capitol Health System**  
*Rajeev R. Shah, M.D.*  
 Pediatrics



Dr. Shah

**Crozer-Chester Medical Center**  
*Kimberly Ann Atkinson, D.O.*  
 Neurology



Drs. Schindler and Atkinson

**Easton Hospital**  
*Chand Rohatgi, M.D.*  
 Surgery



Dr. Rohatgi

**Friends Hospital**  
*Dilip Ramchandani, M.D.*  
 Psychiatry



Dr. Ramchandani

**Hahnemann University Hospital**  
*Andrew Kohut, M.D.*  
 Medicine



Dr. Kohut

**Holy Redeemer Health System**  
*Lev Belder, D.O.*  
 Obstetrics & Gynecology

**Lehigh Valley Hospital**  
*Cheryl A. Bloomfield, M.D.*  
 Medicine

**Mercy Catholic Medical Center**  
*Tahir Maqsood, M.D.*  
 Psychiatry

**Monmouth Medical Center**  
*Robert A. Massaro, M.D.*  
 Obstetrics & Gynecology



Drs. Joseph Jaeger, Eric Burkett, and Robert Massaro

**PinnacleHealth Hospital**  
*Nirmal Joshi, M.D.*  
 Medicine



Dr. Joshi

**Reading Hospital and Medical Center**  
*Anton J. Kleiner, M.D.*  
 Obstetrics & Gynecology

**St. Christopher's Hospital for Children**  
*Leonard Levine, M.D.*  
 Pediatrics



Drs. Homan, Levine, and Schindler

**Saint Peter's University Hospital**  
*C.S. Pitchumoni, M.D.*  
 Medicine

**York Hospital**  
*Kevin R. Muzzio, M.D.*  
 Medicine



Dr. Muzzio

**Clinical Teaching by a Community Family Practice**  
*Altoona Family Physicians Family Medicine Residency Program*  
 Arthur W. Morrow, D.O.



Drs. Morrow, Schindler, and Jarrett Bender, a resident



## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

### **The Amedeo Bondi, Ph.D. Endowed Graduate Award**

To a Ph.D. graduating student for excellence in research performance during the training experience: **Matthew Rossi**



Matthew Rossi

### **The Alumni and Alumnae Association Award**

For services to graduate programs and student body: **Joseph Bonner**  
**Meghan Wynosky-Dolfi**



Joseph Bonner



Meghan Wynosky-Dolfi

### **The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Scholarship Award for Humanism in Medicine:**

Trevine Roshan Albert  
  
Honorable Mention:  
**Karen Chao**  
**Janani Singaravelu**  
**Arvind Gowda**



Trevine Roshan Albert



## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE AWARDS

### **The Dr. Elias Abrutyn Award**

For excellence in Infectious Diseases: **Anish Bharat Bhatt**

### **The American Academy Award**

For excellence in Neurology: **Allison Elizabeth Arch**

### **The Award for Excellence in Anesthesiology:**

**Kelly Taylor Peretich**

### **The O. Eugene Baum Memorial Prize**

For excellence in Psychiatry: **Amelia Chisolm Goodenough**

### **The Paula Bernocchi Memorial Award**

For excellence in the field of Emergency Medicine: **Lara Ann Samson**  
For excellence in the field of Psychiatry: **Elizabeth Anne Scharle**

### **The Iain F. S. Black, M.D. Award**

For excellence in Pediatrics, presented by the Department of Pediatrics and the Medical Staff of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children: **Idris Vaughan Rhodri Evans**

### **The Elizabeth Blackwell Memorial Prize**

To an outstanding woman in the graduating class:  
**Courtney Ann Abshier**

### **The Mark A. Blatt, M.D., HU '56 Memorial Prize**

For excellence in Family Medicine: **Saskia Irina Tatiana Spiess**

### **The Charles Block, M.D., HU '42 Memorial Prize**

For excellence in Internal Medicine and Cardiology: **Anoop Patel**

### **The Ronald P. Caputo, M.D., HU '62 Memorial Award**

For outstanding clinical skills and humanitarianism in the care of medical patients: **Elizabeth Anne Scharle**

### **The Harris R. Clearfield Award**

For excellence in Gastroenterology: **Michael Edward Perkins**

### **The Maurice C. Clifford, M.D. Leadership Award**

For student achievement and service:

**Simone Charlotte Bennett**

### **The Donald R. Cooper, M.D. Award**

For excellence in Surgery:  
**Priya Hari Iyer**

### **The Dean's Award**

For a universally high level of accomplishment, professional maturity and outstanding potential: **Julie Christine Krueger**

### **The Department of Dermatology Award**

For excellence in Dermatology: **Ellen Nichole Pritchett**

### **The Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association Award**

For dedication and contribution to the community and University:  
**Kristin A. Marrone**

### **The Drexel University College of Medicine SGA Award**

For outstanding dedication and loyalty to the school and the student body: **Amber-Nicole Bird, Lawrence Elliot Fried**

### **The Alan Edelsohn Memorial Prize**

For outstanding leadership and service to the class and the College of Medicine: **Adam Wayne Gitlin**

### **The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award**

For excellence in Emergency Medicine: **Seth Matthew Katz**

### **The Endocrine Society Award**

For special achievement and interest in the general field of endocrinology: **Allison Elizabeth Fleischer**

### **The Barbara Epstein Creativity Award**

For creativity in the arts: **Steven John Ryder**

### **The Eva Fernandez Fox Award**

For personal integrity, stability, responsibility and loyalty to the College of Medicine: **Christin M. Alejnikov**

### **The James P. Fullin, M.D., HU '76 Memorial Award**

For outstanding clinical and academic performance in Hematology & Oncology: **Sarah Sangnim Rhee**

### **The Van Buren O. Hammett Memorial Award**

For an outstanding performance in Psychiatry:  
**Shailja Chandresh Shah**

### **The Hahnemann Physicians Society Award**

For Community Service: **Joseph Douglas Johnson**

### **The Beatrice Sterling Hollander, M.D., WMC '41 Memorial Award**

To the student in the graduating class who shows promise of leadership, high character and creativeness in her profession:  
**Amber-Nicole Bird**

### **The Johnston Award**

For excellence in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine:  
**Sanjeeb Sean Bhattacharya**

### **The Eichi K. Koiwai, M.D., HU '47 Award**

For an outstanding performance during the Pathology Clerkship:  
**Elizabeth Sara Malsin**



Dr. D. Walter Cohen,  
Simone Charlotte Bennett

- **The Joan Kornblum Memorial Prize**  
For excellence in Internal Medicine: **Ephraim Noam Weiss**
- **The Elizabeth D. Labovitz, M.D., WMC '63 Award**  
For excellence in Renal and Electrolyte Studies: **Stacey Beth Simons**
- **The Joseph A. Langbord Memorial Prize**  
For humanitarianism in medicine: **Aletheia S. Donahue**
- **The Samuel Levit Award**  
For outstanding skills and humanitarianism in Medicine:  
**Amber-Nicole Bird**
- **The William Likoff, M.D. Award**  
For distinction in the care of medical patients and commitment to academic excellence: **Shailja Chandresh Shah**
- **The George D. Lumb, M.D. Award**  
For outstanding achievement in the Pathology course:  
**Anand Vinod Nagori**
- **The Daniel Mason, M.D., HU '44 Award**  
For Cardiovascular clinical work: **Sharon Sue Jin Choi**
- **The Merck Manual Awards**  
For general clinical excellence: **Vincent Joseph Carson, Megan Charlotte Knowles, Shawn Francis Phillips, James Augustus Romano, Saskia Irina Tatiana Spiess**
- **The Dr. Judith Mausner Award**  
For excellence in Community & Preventive Medicine:  
**Ashley Morgan Hammer**
- **The Medical Humanities Award: Wendy J. Gu**
- **The Alma D. Morani, M.D., WMC '31 Award in Gross Anatomy**  
For excellence in Anatomy during the senior year:  
**Alfred James Croteau**
- **The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Awards**  
For overall academic excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology:  
**Sarah Anne Conduit-Hulbert**  
For academic excellence in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinical Clerkship: **Megan Roni Miller**  
For leadership in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology:  
**Ashley Morgan Hammer**
- **The Axel K. Olsen, M.D. Neurosurgery Award**  
For excellence in Neurosurgery: **Nicholas Au Yong**
- **The Oscar Corn, M.D., and HU '43 Award**  
For excellence in Orthopedic Surgery: **Mitesh P. Shah**
- **The Gerald Pearson Memorial Award**  
For excellence in Child Psychiatry: **Kimberly Anne Bouchard**
- **The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, Philadelphia Branch Award**  
For performance and leadership in Family Practice: **Kevin Bernstein**
- **The Walter Rubin, M.D. Award**  
For academic and clinical excellence in Medicine:  
**Xiaoyu Sylvia Yang**
- **The Joel J. Roslyn, M.D. Award**  
For outstanding leadership, while demonstrating a notable level of commitment and service to his/her fellow students:  
**Lawrence Elliot Fried**
- **The Nathan L. Samuels, M.D., HU '51 Prize**  
For excellence in Family Medicine: **Shawn Francis Phillips**
- **The Richard Shuman Award**  
For excellence in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine:  
**Jacob Robert Bledsoe**
- **The Dr. Lee Winston Silver Award**  
For excellence in Pediatrics: **Kimberly Anne Bouchard**
- **The Maurice Sones Award**  
For excellence in Primary Care Medicine: **Laura Marie Grangeia**
- **The Winifred B. Stewart Memorial Award**  
For excellence in Psychiatry: **Melissa Beth Jones**
- **The Jane Stuart Prize**  
For excellence in Radiation Oncology and Clinical Oncology:  
**Fiori Alite**
- **The Department of Surgery Award**  
For excellence in the Surgery Clerkship:  
Abington Memorial Hospital: **Melissa Marie Miles**  
Allegheny General Hospital: **Thomas Maxwell d'Arville**  
Easton Hospital: **Lara Ann Samson**  
Lehigh Valley Hospital: **Meghan Kathleen Berkenstock**  
Monmouth Medical Center: **Cyrus Adel Hadadi**  
Philadelphia Area: **Christopher Joseph Melani**  
PinnacleHealth: **Shailja Chandresh Shah**  
Saint Peter's University Hospital: **Rachel M. Sirignano**  
York Hospital: **Gregory Francis Meloy**
- **The Department of Surgery Award**  
For excellence in the Surgery Pathway: **Mary Elizabeth d'Alelio**
- **The Charles Swartz Award**  
For academic and clinical excellence in Medicine:  
**Michael John Wilkinson**
- **The Daniel M. Tabas Award**  
For outstanding scholarly achievement by a student pursuing a career in Primary Care: **James Augustus Romano**
- **The Arthur and Bertha Weisman Award**  
For excellence in Child Psychiatry: **Amrita Cheema**
- **The Woman One Scholar Award:**  
**Michelle Ballentyne Hyatt, Janielle Hyde**
- **The Women's Health Education Award**  
In recognition of academic achievement, community commitment, and outstanding leadership in the field of Women's Health:  
For Academic Achievement: **Stephanie Kay Douppnik**  
For Community Commitment: **Aletheia S. Donahue**  
For Outstanding Leadership: **Olivia Ji-wen Wang**
- **The Dr. Margaret Gray Wood Award**  
In recognition of a student who has made significant contributions to alumnae and alumni student relations: **Julie Christine Krueger**
- **The Dr. Mary Yankosky Award**  
For excellence in Endocrinology: **Kristen A. Marrone**
- **The Dr. Mary Yankosky Award**  
For excellence in Radiologic Sciences: **Timothy James Niesan**



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## Bulletins:

### Attend Discovery 2011 – Annual Research Day

On October 6, Discovery 2011, the College's annual research day, is expected to have more than 300 posters on topics as diverse as infectious diseases, cancer, spinal cord repair, behavioral neurobiology and many more. Guests can view the posters from 9 a.m. on. After lunch, Rudolph E. Tanzi, Ph.D., professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School, will present "What Can Genes Teach Us About Treating Alzheimer's Disease?" The later afternoon is devoted to platform presentations selected for the Joseph R. DiPalma Research Symposium. Contact Angelo Milone at [amilone@drexelmed.edu](mailto:amilone@drexelmed.edu). [www.drexelmed.edu/DiscoveryDay](http://www.drexelmed.edu/DiscoveryDay)

### Darlene Love to Entertain at Black Tie White Coat Ball

The once-anonymous voice of the 1960s "girl groups," Darlene Love will perform October 22 at the College of Medicine's Black Tie White Coat Ball, benefiting research into Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders.

For more information about the gala dinner dance at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, contact Kelly Carlucci at 215-255-7327 or [kelly.carlucci@drexelmed.edu](mailto:kelly.carlucci@drexelmed.edu). [www.drexelmed.edu/BlackTie](http://www.drexelmed.edu/BlackTie)



### Explore Sex and Gender Differences in Cognition and Neurobiology



The annual Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin Sex and Gender Research Forum will focus on "Sex and Gender Differences in Cognition and Neurobiology." The free seminar, on Thursday, October 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch provided) at New College Building, features

four guest speakers who are internationally recognized experts on the topic. For more information, please contact Shani Risien-Harvey at [srsienh@drexelmed.edu](mailto:srsienh@drexelmed.edu) or call 215-762-1257. [www.drexelmed.edu/sgrf](http://www.drexelmed.edu/sgrf)

## Calendar:

<b>September</b>	<i>National Yoga Awareness Month</i>
Sep 7	<b>The Annual Joseph R. DiPalma, M.D. Lecture</b> "Lessons from the Heart" presented by J. Yasha Kresh, Ph.D., professor of cardiothoracic surgery, medicine, and biomedical engineering New College Building, Geary B, 8:30 a.m. Contact: Karen Rose, 215-762-8695
Sep 14	<b>Grand Rounds: Interdisciplinary Team – Reducing Medical Errors</b> Presented by Dean Gloria Donnelly, Ph.D., R.N., and Professor Mary Ellen Smith Glasgow, Ph.D., MSN, College of Nursing & Health Professions; and Sandra Levison, M.D., professor of medicine. Details: See September 7
Sep 21	<b>Grand Rounds: Cultural Competence in Clinical Practice</b> Presented by Arnold Eiser, M.D., professor of medicine; vice president, medical education, Mercy Catholic Medical Center. Details: See September 7
<b>October</b>	<i>National Breast Cancer Awareness Month</i>
Oct 6	<b>Discovery 2011: Annual Research Day</b> Queen Lane Medical Campus, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. <a href="http://www.drexelmed.edu/DiscoveryDay">www.drexelmed.edu/DiscoveryDay</a>
Oct 22	<b>Black Tie White Coat Ball</b> Benefiting research into Alzheimer's disease and other memory disorders <a href="http://www.drexelmed.edu/BlackTie">www.drexelmed.edu/BlackTie</a>
Oct 27	<b>Sex and Gender Differences in Cognition and Neurobiology</b> New College Building, Geary B, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. <a href="http://www.drexelmed.edu/SGRF">www.drexelmed.edu/SGRF</a> <b>Marion Spencer Fay Award Lecture and Reception</b> "Taking the Leap: A Basic Scientist's Journey into Interdisciplinary, International HIV Research" presented by Julie Overbaugh, Ph.D., of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle New College Building, Geary Auditorium, 4:15 p.m. Contact: Janine Barber, <a href="mailto:jbarber@drexelmed.edu">jbarber@drexelmed.edu</a> or 215-991-8194