



Well Done, Well Said, Well Launched

The College of Medicine launched 443 outstanding new physicians and scientists into the world during the annual Commencement ceremony on May 16. Held at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, as it has been for many years, the event included the customary elements of the mace bearer, the academic procession and "Pomp and Circumstance."

A special tradition of our College is the inclusion of 50-year alumni in the stage party. The 50-year reunion is held Commencement week, and members of the Class of 1964 were invited, if they wished, to march in with the graduates. A number of 50-year alumni representing Hahnemann Medical College and Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania participated, and more sat in the audience.



After being hooded herself, Alina Burek had the joy of hooding her husband, Gregory. Their daughter, Gabriella, was born during their third year of medical school.

Joining the faculty procession were 14 family members who had come to hood a daughter, son, nephew, cousin or sibling. In addition, two of the new MDs received hoods from spouses, who had just had their own hooding.

The graduating class comprised 236 Doctors of Medicine, including three joint MD/PhDs, one joint MD/MBA, and one joint MD/MPH; 19 Doctors of Philosophy; and 188 Master of Science degree recipients.

Arthur Rubenstein, MBCh, was the Commencement speaker. The former dean of the University of Pennsylvania's medical school and executive vice president of the University of Pennsylvania

Health System, Rubenstein is currently a professor of medicine at Penn. He and noted medical philanthropist Catherine "Deeda" Blair received honorary degrees. Blair is secretary and director of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and director emeritus of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation.

In his talk, Rubenstein briefly reviewed the origins of patient-centered research, and then commented on the current situation regarding patient care delivery by physicians and health care professionals. The core of his message, however, concerned humanity: "Over the years, many writers have suggested the attributes necessary for a successful

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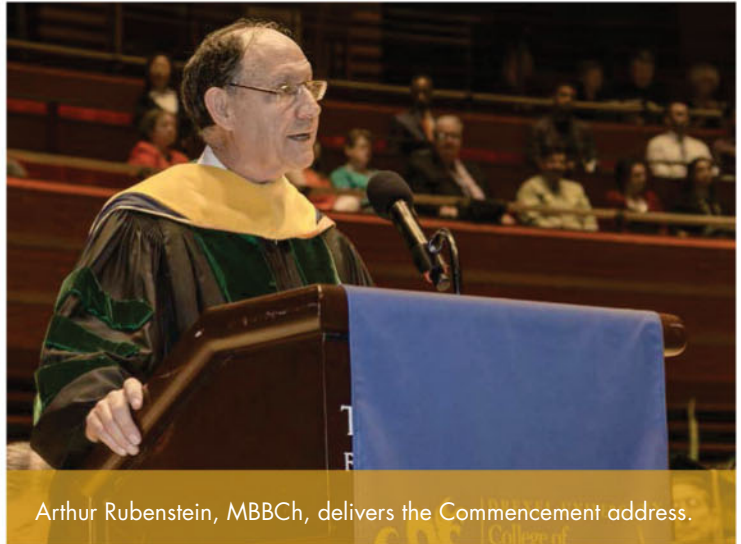
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Arthur Rubenstein, MBBCh, delivers the Commencement address.

patient-physician relationship, among them honesty, integrity, curiosity, warmth, trust, the ability to communicate, empathy, patience and other similar qualities. More and more, however, I am convinced that humility is the central, essential characteristic," he said.

Trisha Kadakia, who gave the graduate remarks, struck a similar note. Speaking directly to her fellow students, the newly minted MD recalled that a faculty member "reminded us not to hide behind our expertise."

Commencement was the culmination of both years of work and weeks of festivity — faculty awards ceremonies, Alumni Weekend, graduation events, rehearsals and celebrations — a giddy mix of pride and humility, joy and nostalgia. After asking the graduates to keep in touch, Dean Daniel V. Schidlow, MD, said on the faculty's behalf, "We cherish the years we spent together as a community of learning, and now we wish you success, good health and happiness."



Medical philanthropist Deeda Blair thanks Drexel for her honorary degree.



Assembled for the procession: Richard Greenawalt, chairman, and John Fry, president, Drexel University; Drs. Arthur Rubenstein, commencement speaker; Daniel V. Schidlow, dean; Donna Russo, interim vice dean for education; and Stanley W. Silverman, chair, College of Medicine

Golden Apple Awards

Given in recognition of excellence in teaching or outstanding service to the student body, the Golden Apple Awards were presented on April 9. Winners are listed by the class or group that selected them.

Class of 2017 for Excellence in Teaching

Interdisciplinary Foundations of Medicine

Denise Ferrier, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Deborah Podolin, PhD, Pharmacology & Physiology

Program for Integrated Learning

Deborah Podolin, PhD, Pharmacology & Physiology
Leonard Levine, MD, Pediatrics

Class of 2016 for Excellence in Teaching

Interdisciplinary Foundations of Medicine

Michael White, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Amy Fuchs, MD, Medicine

Program for Integrated Learning

Donna Russo, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology
Deborah Ziring, MD, Medicine

Class of 2015 for Excellence in Teaching

Attending Physician

Daniel Taylor, DO, Pediatrics,
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
Dominic Herda, MD, Psychiatry, Kaiser Permanente

Resident Physician

Jessica Fazendin, MD, Surgery,
Hahnemann University Hospital
Robert Haderer, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology,
Monmouth Medical Center

Class of 2014 for Excellence in Teaching

Attending Physician

Wilbur Bowne, MD, Surgery,
Hahnemann University Hospital
David Bernstein, MD, Medicine,
Hahnemann University Hospital

Resident Physician

Geoffrey Bajwa, MD, Pediatrics,
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
Michael Wong, MD, Radiation Oncology,
Hahnemann University Hospital

Student Body for Outstanding Service

Marie Hartman, Career Development Center
Michael Clancy, Financial Planning
Kathleen Mongan, PIL Office

Student Government Association for Outstanding Service

Barbara Schindler, MD, Former Vice Dean
for Educational and Academic Affairs
Arnold Smolen, PhD, Associate Dean
for Information Technology
Mary Speller, The Café at Queen Lane



Geoffrey Bajwa, MD



William Grier and Amy Fuchs, MD



Kaitlin O'Malley and Deborah Ziring, MD



Mary Speller and Demetrius Coombs

Graduate School Faculty Awards

The Drexel University College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies recognized the excellence of the faculty who teach in its professional and premed programs with the school's inaugural Teaching and Mentoring Awards.

The winners were selected for the honor by fellow faculty members, staff and students. The awards were presented at a ceremony on May 2, which was followed by a reception.

Faculty Teaching Award – Premed Programs

Karen Hurley, PhD

Faculty Mentoring Award – Premed Programs

Monika Jost, PhD

Faculty Teaching Award – Professional Programs

William Welsh, MS

Faculty Mentoring Award – Professional Programs

Richard Huneke, DVM, MPH



Initiated by Graduate School Dean Elisabeth Van Bockstaele, PhD (center), the teaching and mentoring awards highlighted both the recipients and the students who presented them with their awards. Left to right: William Welsh, MS; Deegant Adhvaryu; Monika Jost, PhD; Dustin Sedor; Dean Van Bockstaele; Karen Hurley, PhD; Andrew Graziano; Athena Patel; and Richard Huneke, DVM, MPH.



Loretta Walker, PhD



MLAS Students: Patricia Neagu and Nina Pusateri



Fredric Hellman, MD, MBA, and Julian Mesina, DVM, PhD, MPH



Sara Sassaman



WMC Class of 1969 Seated: Drs. Ellen Marie Anderson, MSHR, Jacqueline Kutcher-Henchel, Sheila Murphey; standing: Drs. Sheila Margolis, Jeanne Fastook, Polly Graham, Agatha Nody, Marilyn Ross



MCP Class of 1984



Thomas Lukaszczyk, MD, HU '54, and his son, John Lukaszczyk, MD, HU '84, who received the Alumni Association's Hahnemann Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Alumni Weekend

From Dining with Dinosaurs in Center City to testing out the Queen Lane medical simulation center to dancing at Drexel After Dark throughout all four floors of the University's Main Building, alumni had fun all over town.



Sr. Ellen Marie Anderson, MD, WMC '69, Joe Urban, and Barbara Urban, MD, MCP '89



Silver Dragon MCP Class of 1989 Drs. Juliet Marciano, Sarita Singh, Mary Lindholm, Donna DeSantis, Meg Cronin, Cora Lee Foster, Anna Laura Torna



Silver Dragons Drs. N. John Cavuto, Howard Altman, Michael Goldfinger



Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann Silver Dragon Class of 1989



Graham Davis, Johnathan Park and Miriam Toaff



Jordan Johnstone



Todd Pontius and Mittul Patel

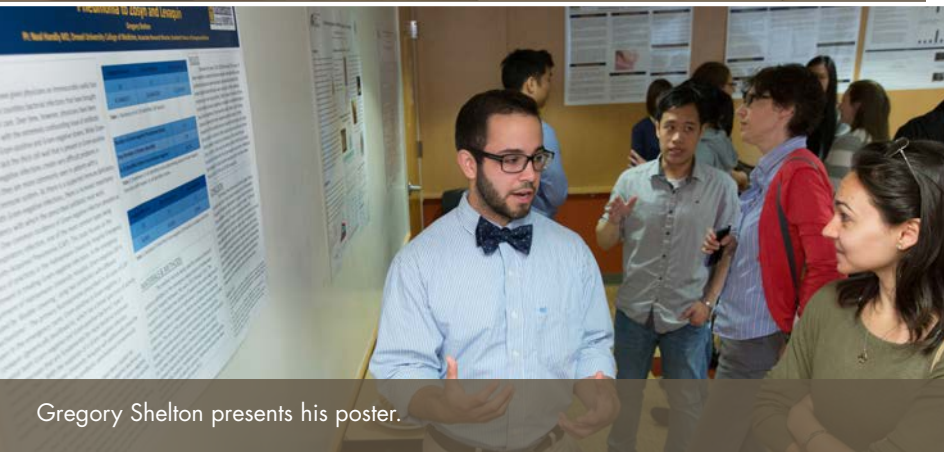


Gabriella Logrono, Emily Peoples and Miriam Toaff

Graduate Program Events

This Page: Students in the Medical Science program presented their posters at an event held by the Graduate School on May 5

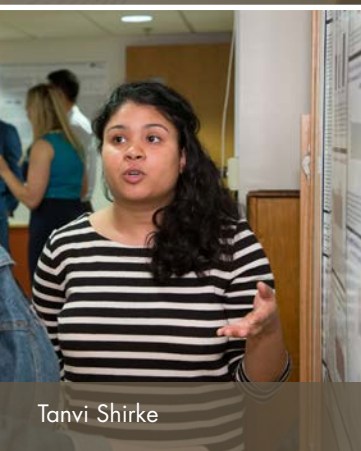
Facing Page: On May 14, graduating students were honored at brunch



Gregory Shelton presents his poster.



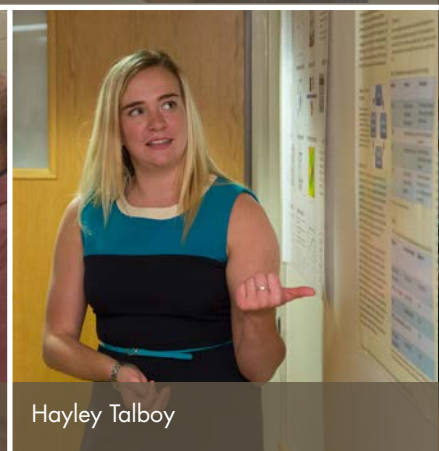
Swarn Arya



Tanvi Shirke



Kevin Tarn and Ahmed Hussain



Hayley Talbot



Amanda Carlyon, Deegant Adhvaryu, Michael Roche, Christopher Carden, Brianna Malley and Brittany Binder



Ariel Aguiar, Kelly Ferguson, Erin Vogelsong, MS, Emily Reimold, Andrea McCurry, Nicole Slaughter and Richard Huneke, DVM



Gerardo Chavez, Naomi Saint Jean, Nancy Minugh-Purvis, PhD, and Darnell Gillot



Jaqueline Bailey-Ross, Ann Trail, Amanda Mangano, Matthew Sanuck, Laura Mangano, MEd, Thelicia Hill (front), Carol Quercetti (back) and LeAnn Doyle



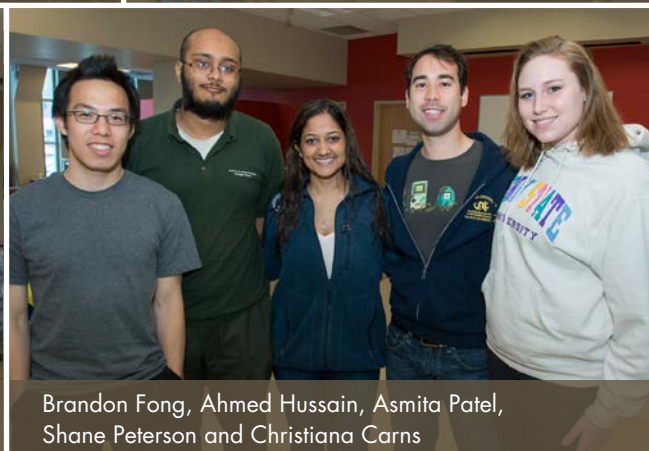
Christy Oldham with Megan McCarty, Hayley Talboy, Miriam Toaff, Jordan Johnstone and R.J. Emery



Katie Mason, Tina Rader, MHS, and Liz Fabian



Stephanie Warfield, Artis Lewis, David Guerrero, Li-Yea Wan and Hollisa Rosa



Brandon Fong, Ahmed Hussain, Asmita Patel, Shane Peterson and Christiana Carns



Drs. Fred Krebs and Brian Wigdahl



Drs. Elizabeth Blankenhorn and Elisabeth Van Bockstaele



Nirzari Parikh (left) with her husband, Sachin Mehta, MD, and their daughter, Sharvari

Doctoral Celebration

Graduating doctoral students celebrated with faculty, friends and family members at a reception on May 15. Following tradition, each student's mentor presented her or him with the Drexel University PhD hood.



Luz-Jeannette Sierra and Julio Martin-Garcia, PhD



Drs. Michael Bouchard, Bradford Jameson and Elinor Cantor, MCP '79



Elamran Meibalan and James Burns, PhD



Noshin Kathuria and Michele Kutzler, PhD



Kate Beishline and Jane Clifford, PhD



Katie Matthias and Richard Rest, PhD



Peter Lelkes, PhD, and Greg Botta



Gokul Swaminathan and Dr. Martin-Garcia



Daniel Chandler and Barry Waterhouse, PhD



PhD students are all smiles on the day before they graduate.



Drs. Akhil Vaidya and Sonia Navas-Martin



Manthankumar Patel and Rishikesh Haridas



Robert Laskowski and Dr. Ramesh Raghupathi



Michael Twomey, Steven DeFroda, Russell Feit, Andrew Klobuka and (back) Michael Mirmanesh



Class of 2014 SGA Presidents: Michael Mirmanesh, Daniel Devine, Adam Sacks



Sabriya Scott-Caffrey, MD '06

Medical Student Celebrations

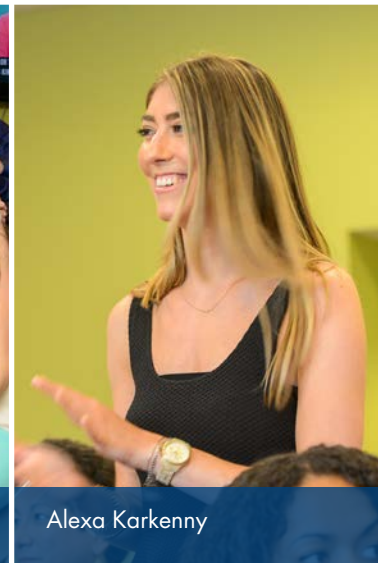
Graduating medical students were honored by the Alumni Association at a luncheon on May 14. The Class of 2014 gift to the College is a sculpture, still in progress, and funds for a scholarship in conjunction with the 50-year reunion class of 1964. The Dean's Hour Graduation Awards Ceremony followed.



Sara and Bogdan Ionescu



Jeffrey Schneider, Janice Valko, Sanya Naware, Daniel Wahl and Jennifer Falcon



Alexa Karkenny



Dean Schidlow and Daniel Reed



Kinjal Parikh, Devon Ganter, Daniel Devine, Michael Mirmanesh, Danielle Fine, Lauren Rabach, Shayne Sebold, Ashwinee Natu and Helayna Brown



Commencement Behind the Scenes

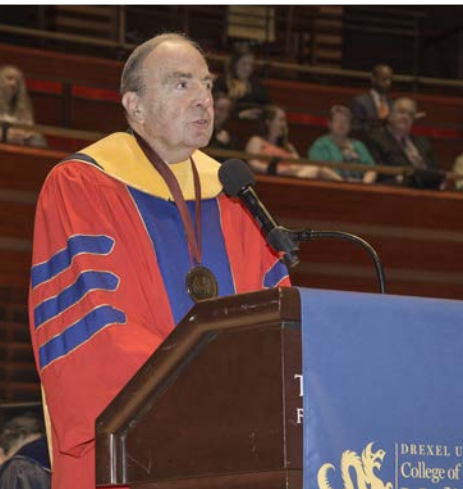
Robing is the first order of business. Faculty and alumni are resplendent. Some graduates can't resist trying on their hoods.





The Ceremony

Commencement is a perfect mix of formal tradition and carefree celebration, with babes in arms, joyous smiles and spontaneous hugs.









Graduation Awards

Graduate Student Awards

The Amedeo Bondi, PhD Endowed Graduate Award

to a PhD graduating student for excellence in research performance during the training experience:

Daniel John Chandler



Daniel John Chandler



Gokul Swaminathan, Elinor Cantor, MCP '79, and Shawn Erin Keogan

The Alumnae and Alumni Association Award for services to graduate programs and student body:

Shawn Erin Keogan

Gokul Swaminathan

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Scholarship Award for humanism in medicine:

Hannah Sterling

Doctor of Medicine Awards

The Dr. Elias Abrutyn Award for excellence in Infectious Diseases: *Jennifer Y. Ding*

The Award for Excellence in Anesthesiology:

Sara Jane Straesser

The O. Eugene Baum Memorial Prize for excellence in Psychiatry: *Iris Ning Huang*

The Paula Bernocchi Memorial Award

For excellence in the field of Emergency Medicine:

Kathryn Taylor Eastley

For excellence in the field of Psychiatry: *Caitlin Klass*

The Iain F. S. Black, MD Award for excellence in Pediatrics, presented by the Department of Pediatrics and the Medical Staff of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children: *Garrett Patrick Keim*

The Elizabeth Blackwell Memorial Prize to an outstanding woman in the graduating class: *Sara Elizabeth Ionescu*

The Mark A. Blatt, MD HU '56 Memorial Prize for excellence in Family Medicine: *Sara Elizabeth Ionescu*

The Charles Block, MD HU '42 Memorial Prize for excellence in Internal Medicine and Cardiology: *Danielle Rebecca Fine*

The Leopoldo Canales Award for excellence in Neurology: *Pei Simon Liu*

The Ronald P. Caputo, MD HU '62 Memorial Award for outstanding clinical skills and humanitarianism in the care of medical patients: *Kaitlin Anne Ritter*

The Harris R. Clearfield Award for excellence in Gastroenterology: *Sandeep Segar*

The Maurice C. Clifford, MD Leadership Award for student achievement and service:

Natalie Susanne Beaty



Natalie Beaty

The Donald R. Cooper, MD Award for excellence in Surgery: *Eric Peter Raffin*

The Dean's Award for a universally high level of accomplishment, professional maturity and outstanding potential: *Adam Berk Sacks*

The Department of Dermatology Award for excellence in Dermatology: *Geoffrey Fung-Soon Lim*

The Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Association Award for dedication and contribution to the community and University: *Bogdan Christian Ionescu*

The Drexel University College of Medicine SGA Award for outstanding dedication and loyalty to the school and the student body: *Michael Adam Mashura*

The David Dunn, MD Award for excellence in Neurology: *Frances Elaine Chow*

The Diana J. Egan Award for excellence in clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology: *Sarah Hyun-Joo Kim*

The Alan Edelsohn Memorial Prize for outstanding leadership and service to the class and the College of Medicine: *Daniel J. Devine*

The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

Award for excellence in Emergency Medicine:

Kelly Kimpton Goodsell

The Eva Fernandez Fox Award for personal integrity, stability, responsibility and loyalty to the College of Medicine: *Michael W. Hanna*

The James P. Fullin, MD HU '76 Memorial Award

for outstanding clinical and academic performance in Hematology and Oncology: *Yeshika Sharma*

The William Gregg Award for humanitarianism in the care of Pediatric patients: *Jaime Rebecca Brown*

The Van Buren O. Hammett Memorial Award for an outstanding performance in Psychiatry: *Christopher Michael Myczkowski*

The Hahnemann Physician's Society Award for Community Service: *Ankita Mehta*

The Beatrice Sterling Hollander, MD, WMC '41 Memorial Award to the student in the graduating class who shows promise of leadership, high character and creativeness in her profession: *Ashley Janelle Whisnant*

The Johnston Award for excellence in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine: *Daniel Richard Reed*

The Eichi K. Koiwai, MD HU '47 Award for an outstanding performance during the Pathology Clerkship: *Michael Prince Goad*

The Joan Kornblum Memorial Prize for excellence in Internal Medicine: *Iris Ann Hagans*

The Elizabeth D. Labovitz, MD WMC '63 Award for excellence in Renal and Electrolyte Studies: *Raymond Alexander Janowski*

The Joseph A. Langbord Memorial Prize for humanitarianism in medicine: *Meilin Ann Young*

The Samuel Levit Award for outstanding skills and humanitarianism in Medicine: *Sonia Jasuja*

The William Likoff, MD Award for distinction in the care of medical patients and commitment to academic excellence: *Richard Sandeep Amara*

The George D. Lumb, MD Award for outstanding achievement in the Pathology course: *Dominic Jovan Hill*

The Daniel Mason, MD HU '44 Award for Cardiovascular clinical work: *William Paul Hennon*

The Dr. Judith Mausner Award for excellence in Community and Preventive Medicine: *Adam Berk Sacks*

The Medical Humanities Award:
Trisha Sarit Kadakia
Robin Cole Whitehall

The Alma D. Morani, MD WMC '31 Award in Gross Anatomy for excellence in Anatomy during the senior year: *Melissa Louise Desouza*
Justin Gorski

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Award
For overall academic excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology: *Justin Michael Thompson*
For academic excellence in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinical Clerkship: *Nicholas Anthony Girardi*
For leadership in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology: *Sarah Hyun-Joo Kim*

The Office of Student Affairs Award for service to fellow students: *Michael David Mirmanesh*

The Office of Student Affairs Creativity Award for creativity in the arts: *Robin Cole Whitehall*

The Axel K. Olsen, MD Neurosurgery Award for excellence in Neurosurgery: *Chen Xu*

The Oscar Corn, MD, and HU '43 Award for excellence in Orthopedic Surgery: *Garrett Allen Cavanaugh*

The Gerald Pearson Memorial Award for excellence in Child Psychiatry: *Daniel Robert Rubio*

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, Philadelphia Branch Award for performance and leadership in Family Medicine: *Ashley Swathi Reddy*

The Rigberg Family Award for excellence in the fields of Hematology, Oncology, Obstetrics or Gynecology: *Gregory Paul Botta*

The Joel J. Roslyn, MD Award for outstanding leadership, while demonstrating a notable level of commitment and service to his/her fellow students: *Gregory Paul Botta*

The Walter Rubin, MD Award for academic and clinical excellence in Medicine: *Ankita Mehta*

The Nathan L. Samuels, MD, HU '51 Prize for excellence in Family Medicine: *Jason Raymond Woloski*

The Richard Shuman Award for excellence in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: *Andrew C. Meschter*

The Dr. Lee Winston Silver Award for excellence in Pediatrics: *Taisa Jude Kohut*

The Maurice Sones Award for excellence in Primary Care Medicine: *Ayushi Desai*

The Winifred B. Stewart Memorial Award for excellence in Psychiatry: *Courtney Alexandria Murray*

The Jane Stuart Prize for excellence in Radiation Oncology and Clinical Oncology: *Gregory Paul Botta*

The Department of Surgery Award for excellence in the Surgery Clerkship:
Abington Memorial Hospital: *Sara Jane Straesser*
Allegheny General Hospital: *Darshan Patel*
Easton Hospital: *Garrett Patrick Keim*
Lehigh Valley Hospital: *Wayland Jay Wu*
Monmouth Medical Center: *Alexa Jaclyn Karkenny*
Philadelphia Area: *Isabel Salinas Eisner*
Pinnacle Health Hospital: *Robert Demarcus Norman*
Saint Peter's Hospital: *Olga Beresneva*
York Hospital: *Kelli Renee Braightmeyer*

The Department of Surgery Award for excellence in the Surgery Pathway: *Melissa Louise DeSouza*

The Charles Swartz Award for academic and clinical excellence in Medicine: *Kiran Guthikonda*

The Daniel M. Tabas Award for outstanding scholarly achievement by a student pursuing a career in Primary Care: *Ashley Lynn Ruby*

The Arthur and Bertha Weisman Award for excellence in Child Psychiatry: *Garrett Patrick Keim*

The Woman One Scholar Award: *Nejat Merdato Naser*

The Women's Health Education Awards in recognition of outstanding leadership and community commitment in the field of Women's Health:
Academic Achievement: *Justine Shum*
Leadership: *Gabrielle Monet Hawkins*
Community Commitment: *Natalie Susanne Beaty*

The Wu Family Prize for excellence in the study of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation: *Anoop B. Shah*

The Dr. Margaret Gray Wood Award in recognition of a student who has made significant contributions to alumnae and alumni student relations: *Sara Elizabeth Ionescu*

The Dr. Mary Yankosky Award
For excellence in Endocrinology: *Iris Ning Huang*
For excellence in Radiologic Sciences: *Shiv S. Tilwa*



WMC '64 (l-r): Drs. Eleanor Howell, Sylvia Vannon Wilson, Ruth Rosenblatt, Jane Norman, Nancy Crumlish Brummer, R. Kathleen Catalano, Carolkay Lissenden, Kathleen Harris and Loretta Early



Angelo DiBello, MD, HU '54 (seated), and his wife, Matilda, with Dean Schidlow at the Grand Class Luncheon



George Prutzman Jr., MD, HU '64

50-Year Reunion and Grand Class Luncheon

Members of the Class of 1964 were welcomed at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University. Reunion activities included a city tour and visit to the Legacy Center at Queen Lane, dinner at the Hyatt at the Bellevue, attending Commencement, and being welcomed into the Golden Dragon Society by the Grand Classes (alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago). Look for more pictures in the next *Alumni Magazine*.



Drs. George McNeal and Lynette McNeal, WMC '61



HU '64: Drs. Jack Rozwadowski, Robert Martin and Steven Rubins

Class of 1964 Row 1 (l-r): Drs. Kathleen Catalano, Melvin Vigman, M. Carolyn Moore, Loretta P. Finnegan, Michael Bendon, Jane Norman, Robert Capizzi; row 2: Drs. Ruth Rosenblatt, Walden Holl Jr., George Prutzman Jr., Sylvia Vannon Wilson, Nancy Crumlish Brummer, Carolkay Lissenden, Steven Rubins, Mary Cunnane, Allan Schwartz; row 3: Drs. Lewis Phillips, Kathleen Harris, Thomas Urbaniak, Robert Martin, Loretta Early, Jack Rozwadowski, David Major, Roberta Gonzalez

Distinguished Faculty Awards

Blockley-Osler Award for Excellence in Teaching Medicine at the Bedside

Robert Pargament, MD,
Medicine, York Hospital



Interim Vice Dean for Education Donna Russo, MD; Blockley-Osler winner Robert Pargament, MD; and Dean Daniel V. Schidlow, MD

Dean's Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching

Abington Memorial Hospital
Margot Boigon, MD, Medicine

Albert Einstein Medical Center
David S. Roby, MD, Neurology

Allegheny General Hospital
Daniel H. Benckart, MD, Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery

Capital Health System
Rajeev Shah, MD, Pediatrics

Chambersburg Hospital
Satyajit Mukherjee, MD, Psychiatry

Coatesville VA Medical Center
Mohammad Qasim, MD, Psychiatry

Crozer-Chester Medical Center
Bradley Grayum, MD, Neurology

Easton Hospital
Chand Rohatgi, MD, Surgery

Friends Hospital
Thambipillai Sureshkumar, MD,
Psychiatry

Hahnemann University Hospital
D. Scott Lind, MD, Surgery

Lancaster General Hospital
Christine Stabler, MD, Family Medicine

Lehigh Valley Health Network
Cheryl A. Bloomfield, MD, Medicine

Mercy Health System
Prashanth Ramachandra, MD, Surgery

Monmouth Medical Center
Neil R. Holland, MBBS, Neurology

Pinnacle Health System
Ayesha S. Ahmad, MD, Medicine

The Reading Hospital & Medical Center
Peter A. Schwartz, MD,
Obstetrics & Gynecology

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
Keith Herzog, MD, Pediatrics

Saint Peter's University Hospital
Michael J. Lucas, MD, Pediatrics

York Hospital
Daniel B. Kravitz, MD, Psychiatry

Clinical Teaching by a Family Practice Site
Lancaster Family Medicine Residency



The deans with Dr. Kravitz



... Dr. Boigon



... Dr. Herzog



... Dr. Lind



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MCP Class of 1972

What was new in 1972? Long hair, short skirts and,
at Medical College of Pennsylvania, male graduates.