



Family Legacy Spans 76 Years

This year, Stephen D. Lynch, MD '15, MS Medical Science '11, became the fifth member of his family to receive his medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine or its predecessor Hahnemann University.

The first was his grandfather, the late James J. Lynch, MD, HU '39, a general practitioner and later a pediatrician who ran the nursery at the former St. Mary's Hospital in the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia. He was followed by:

- Stephen's father, James D. Lynch, MD, HU '75, who specialized in interventional cardiology and served as chief of cardiology at Reading (Pa.) Hospital for 10 years until his retirement.
- Stephen's aunt, Mary Anne Gazdick, MD, HU '81, who practices pediatrics in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.
- Stephen's brother, James P. Lynch, MD '03. Like his father, he has pursued a career in interventional cardiology and practices in Greensburg, Pa.



All in the family (l-r): Drs. James P. Lynch '03; James D. Lynch, HU '75; Stephen D. Lynch '15; and Mary Anne Gazdick, HU '81

In addition, Stephen's late uncle, Thomas Moshang Jr., MD, a pediatric endocrinologist, was on the faculty at Hahnemann for a time.

With so many Hahnemann and Drexel physicians in the family, the Lynchs have often shared advice and discussed cases around the dinner table.

"Medicine has always been part of our daily life," notes Stephen. He remembers spending a lot of time in his father's office as a child, even going with him when he was on call. "I saw my first STEMI heart attack when I was about 10 years old," he recalls. "Dad woke me up in the middle of the night and said, 'Get up, we're going to the hospital.' Ten minutes later, we were in the cath labs and I was watching through the window as he worked on the patient."

None of the Lynchs were pushed to pursue medicine, but they were encouraged to consider it. Before applying to medical school, Stephen spent several years in the ski industry and, for a while, thought he might open a small business.

"In my heart, I knew it wasn't fulfilling enough for me," he recalls. "My uncle Tom [Moshang] told me I had what it took to be a doctor and I should go to medical school. I took his advice and I was proud to become part of the family tradition when I was accepted at Drexel." Stephen will soon begin his residency in internal medicine at Beaumont Hospital near Detroit and expects to specialize in cardiology.

His brother, James P., also considered other career options, but was inspired to pursue medicine while serving at a camp for children with diabetes during his college years.

How has medical education changed over the past 76 years since the first Dr. Lynch

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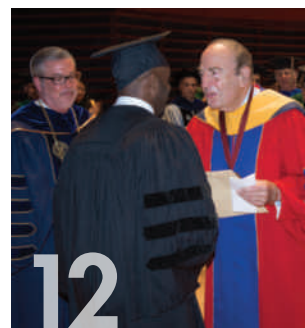
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Golden Apples are given for teaching and service to students



Pomp and ceremony lead to diplomas in hand at last



More than six dozen student awards

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graduated from Hahnemann?

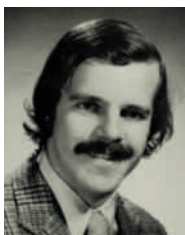
"I spent less time in anatomy than my father did as a student," answers James D., HU '75. "My father spent about half the year in the lab and did the dissecting himself. In my year, we spent about 12 weeks in the anatomy lab and most of the dissection was not done by the students. [Editor's note: This began to swing back the other way in the mid-'70s, so Stephen's experience was more like his grandfather's.] If you decided you were going to take a surgical track, you did more anatomy in your fourth year.



James P. Lynch, MD '03



Mary Anne Gazdick, MD, HU '81



James D. Lynch, MD, HU '75



James J. Lynch, MD, HU '39

"The time spent in chemistry and biochemistry labs was also reduced," he continues. "These cutbacks were necessary because there was so much more information to cover."

James D. also sees differences between his medical education and his son Stephen's. "The biggest difference is the amount of learning that is done online now," he comments. "When I was in school, the students established a note-taking group. You could sign on and pay someone to sit in lectures, take notes, then copy and distribute them to everyone in the group. That's the closest we got to 'online' learning."

"I think students have it a little easier now just in terms of hours," says Stephen. "My dad had to do all his own blood draws every morning, take them to the lab, then go back later for the results. Students don't do this anymore. Now when we come in the morning, all the labs have already been drawn or are in the computer. My dad also worked longer hours once he got on the floor than we do now. Medical school still requires students to have the same amount of intensity though, so you better know your stuff."

Gazdick, Stephen's aunt, faced some unique challenges in pursuing medicine as a female from a tiny town in upstate Pennsylvania where attitudes toward women in medicine were still very conservative. She was encouraged to become a nurse. Her high school guidance counselor asked, "Why do you think you're going to get into this medical school program?" Unfazed, Gazdick replied, "Why do you think I'm not?"

Gazdick was accepted into the Wilkes College/Hahnemann University six-year collaborative program, which was first offered in the 1970s. "Students spent two years at Wilkes, and then if you were accepted, you went on to medical school at Hahnemann and graduated with a bachelor of science and a degree in medicine," she explains, adding, "We had plenty of female students at Hahnemann in 1981."

Reflecting on medical education today, Gazdick notes, "The complexity of medicine has escalated, so the amount of information you need to acquire is far greater. And yet, the art of medicine is pretty much the same: the part where you have to step away from technology and take time to understand how to interact with people."

All of the Lynch family members agree that Drexel and Hahnemann provided them with an excellent medical education.

"I felt really well prepared," says James P., '03. "The faculty and leadership provided a very supportive environment for the students and we had a very solid clinical education."

His father concurs. "At Reading Hospital, we always had medical students from Hahnemann and then Drexel, and they were always very capable," says James D., HU '75. "They were well trained and hit the ground running." It's a tradition.

Tradition and Change

The College of Medicine launched 544 outstanding new physicians and scientists during the annual Commencement ceremony on May 15. The graduating class comprised 260 Doctors of Medicine, including one joint MD/PhD, six joint MD/MPHs and six joint MD/MBAs; nine Doctors of Philosophy and 275 Master of Science degree recipients.

An honorary Doctor of Science was presented to Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc, assistant secretary for health and national coordinator for health information technology for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. DeSalvo, who is at the forefront of the nation's health IT efforts to adopt and meaningfully use health information technology, gave the Commencement address.

This year, for the first time, the Graduate Student Oath was administered during Commencement. Elisabeth J. Van Bockstaele, PhD, dean of the College of Medicine's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies, invited faculty to join the new graduates in reciting the oath.

Also impressive and moving was the military Commissioning Ceremony which took place as an integral part of Commencement. The Oath of Office was administered by Kimberly Accardi, MD, MCP '02, a major in the Army Medical Corps, and assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, to three graduates, who received a standing ovation. The oath is the same one taken by U.S. senators and congressional representatives.

Commencement photos begin on page 8.



Army Maj. Kimberly Accardi, MD administers the Oath of Office.

Graduate Student Oath:

I will represent my profession honorably by conducting myself and my professional endeavors in a manner that is above reproach. I pledge never to allow financial gain or ambition to cloud my judgment. I will pursue truth and create knowledge for the greater good, but never to the detriment of others. I will maintain scientific integrity in all my work.

I will acknowledge and honor the contributions of those who have preceded me and will commit myself to lifelong learning. I will show compassion, embrace diversity and uphold excellence so that I become a worthy role model deserving of respect by all.



Gathered together before the ceremony are (l-r) Drexel Interim Provost James Herbert, PhD; Valerie Weber, MD, vice dean for educational affairs, College of Medicine; Drexel President John Fry; Commencement speaker Karen B. DeSalvo, MD; College of Medicine Dean Daniel V. Schidlow, MD; and Elisabeth Van Bockstaele, PhD, dean of the College's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies.

Golden Apple Awards Presented

Students and nominees gathered at the Queen Lane Campus for the 20th Annual Golden Apple Awards Ceremony. The Golden Apple Awards recognize excellence in teaching and outstanding service to the students of Drexel University College of Medicine.

Each class of medical students nominates and votes on faculty and residents to receive a Golden Apple. Since first- and second-year students are divided into two tracks — Interdisciplinary Foundations of Medicine (IFM) and Program for Integrated Learning (PIL) — those groups each present separate awards. The entire student body votes on non-faculty awards to honor staff members who have provided outstanding services to the student body and the College. Additional service awards are voted on by the Student Government Association. The 2015 Golden Apple Award recipients are:

Class of 2018

IFM Excellence in Teaching

- Bradford Jameson, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Kirsten Larson, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology
- Janet Smith, PhD, Neurobiology & Anatomy

PIL Excellence in Teaching

- Haviva Goldman, PhD, Neurobiology & Anatomy
- Michael White, PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Francis Sessler, PhD, Neurobiology & Anatomy

Class of 2017

IFM Excellence in Teaching

- Jason Gallagher, PharmD, Pharmacology & Physiology
- Cheryl Hanau, MD, Pathology
- Donna Russo, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology

PIL Excellence in Teaching

- Keith Herzog, MD, Pediatrics
- Joel Horowitz, PhD, Pharmacology & Physiology
- James Burns, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology

Class of 2016

Excellence in Teaching:

Attending Physician

- David Bernstein, MD, Medicine, Hahnemann University Hospital
- Nataliya Koliasko, MD, Psychiatry, Abington Memorial Hospital
- Robert Massaro, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Monmouth Medical Center
- Howard Miller, MD, Medicine, Hahnemann University Hospital

Excellence in Teaching:

Resident Physician

- Tyler Chan, MD, Surgery, Hahnemann University Hospital
- Ravi Chokshi, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Hahnemann University Hospital

- Steven Loscalzo, MD, Pediatrics, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
- Jaidev Nath, MD, Pediatrics, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Class of 2015

Excellence in Teaching:

Attending Physician

- Joseph Boselli, MD, Medicine, Hahnemann University Hospital
- Joseph Kim, MD, Anesthesiology, Allegheny General Hospital
- Neil Holland, MD, Neurology, Monmouth Medical Center
- Robert Reif, MD, Neurology, York Hospital

Excellence in Teaching:

Resident Physician

- Stacy Belcher, MD, Medicine, Hahnemann University Hospital
- Ryan Gruner, MD, Surgery, Hahnemann University Hospital
- Daniel Hynes, MD, Medicine, Hahnemann University Hospital
- Christine Nazarian, MD, Pediatrics, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Student Body: Outstanding Service to the Student Body

- Amy Fuchs, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs
- Elissa Goldberg, Program Director, Office of Community Experience
- David Wagner, MD, Emergency Medicine, HOP Clinic

Student Government Association:

Outstanding Service to the Student Body

- Floralba Escobar de Jimenez, Housekeeping
- Carmelo Estrada, Security
- Julie Donahue Parkes, Student Affairs



Recipients and presenters reflect the good will between the students and the faculty and staff members they honored for excellence in teaching or outstanding services to the student body.

Graduate School Faculty Awards

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies recognized the excellence of faculty who teach in its programs at the second annual Graduate School Teaching and Mentoring Awards Ceremony and reception held on May 7. Graduate School Dean Elisabeth Van Bockstaele, PhD, welcomed the faculty and guests.

After awards were given to faculty members in each of the school's three divisions, a new award, for Distinguished Service in Graduate Education, was presented to Moses Williams, PhD, research professor, Simmons School of Education & Human Development at Southern Methodist University, and executive director of the STEM-PREP Project. STEMPREP is a nonprofit venture designed to prepare minority students to become candidates for MD and PhD programs.

Also announced at the reception was the creation of an annual graduate award named for Barry Waterhouse, PhD, vice dean of the Graduate School and professor of neurobiology and anatomy, honoring him for his support and dedication to the establishment of the school.

Division of Biomedical Sciences

Award for Excellence in Teaching: **Paul McGonigle, PhD**

Division of Pre-medical and Pre-health Programs

Award for Excellence in Teaching: **Karen (Chava) Hurley, PhD**

Award for Excellence in Mentoring: **Catherine Tamse, PhD**

Division of Interdisciplinary and Career-oriented Programs

Award for Excellence in Teaching: **Nancy Minugh-Purvis, PhD**

Award for Excellence in Mentoring: **Richard Huneke, DVM, MPH**



PhD candidate Lauren Bailey presented Paul McGonigle's teaching award.



Richard Huneke received his mentoring award from Briana Wilson.



Moses Williams (left), with Dean Van Bockstaele, received his award from Robert Williams (right), a rising sophomore at Brown University who is in the STEMPREP program.



Student Matthew Purdy presented the teaching award to Chava Hurley.



Kenny Simansky, PhD, vice dean for research, congratulates Barry Waterhouse, for whom a new award will be named.



Satinder Dahiya and Brian Wigdahl, PhD



Kristiina Negron and Barry Waterhouse, PhD



Drs. Sonia Navas-Martin, Richard Rest and Julio Martin-Garcia, and 7-year-old cellist Julio Martin-Navas

Biomedical Sciences Celebrates

Graduating students in the Division of Biomedical Sciences celebrated with faculty and family at a reception held in the early evening of May 14 at the Queen Lane Campus. Awards were presented (see page 12), and doctoral hoods were distributed to the nine PhD students who would be hooded by their mentors the following day. The hoods were donated by the Alumni Association.



On graduation eve: PhD candidates Rekha Kannan, Scott Baliban, Divya Sagar, Fiorella Rossi and Satinder Dahiya



Sarah Monaco and her mentor, Wen Jun-Gao, MD, PhD



Drs. Elizabeth Blankenhorn, Jane Clifford and Bradford Jameson



Michele Kutzler, PhD, and Scott Baliban



Liz Parzych, April Pershing, Lindsay Pomykala, and Jaqueline Schneider



Graduate School Dean Elisabeth Van Bockstaele, PhD, and Rekha Kannan

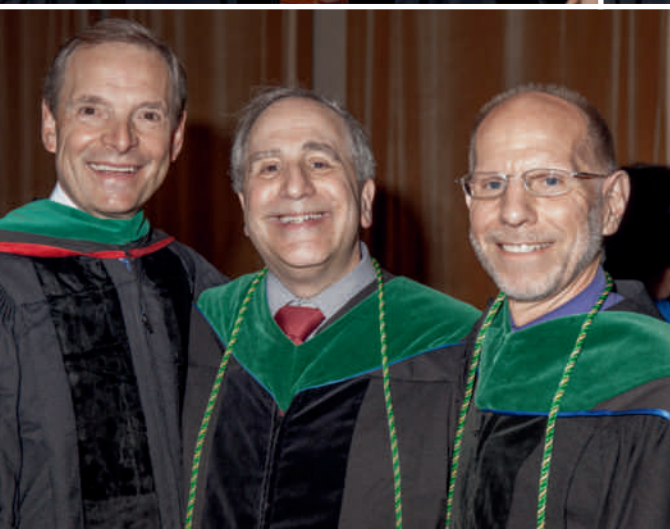


Alexander Krupka and his mentor, Ramesh Raghuathi, PhD



Commencement Behind the Scenes

The graduates-to-be and members of the academic procession get into regalia while family and friends find seats in Verizon Hall. Excitement builds waiting for the procession.







The Ceremony

Years of work culminate in a day of costume, custom, music and words. MD, PhD, MS, new initials transform accomplished students into promising doctors and scientists for a lucky world!





Graduation Awards

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies Awards



Divya Sagar receives the Bondi award from her mentor, Pooja Jain, PhD.

The Amedeo Bondi, PhD Endowed Graduate Award to a PhD graduating student for excellence in research performance during the training experience: *Divya Sagar*

The Alumnae And Alumni Association Award for services to graduate programs and student body: *Alexander James Krupka*

The Award For Excellence In MS Research Project for an outstanding research project produced as an MS student: *Sarah Angela Monaco*

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Scholarship Award for humanism in Medicine: *Kayla Alvine Chory*
Lauren Mackenzie DeRuyter
Breveenn Muthu Kukan
Kelsey Lau

Doctor of Medicine Awards

The Dr. Elias Abrutyn Award for excellence in Infectious Diseases: *Justin Michael Lingel*

The O. Eugene Baum Memorial Prize for excellence in Psychiatry: *Chinwe Ibeh*

The Paula Bernocchi Memorial Award
For excellence in the field of Emergency Medicine: *Andrea Lynne Blome*
For excellence in the field of Psychiatry: *Genna C. Beattie*

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: *Nancy Marie Clemens*

The Leopoldo Canales Award for excellence in Neurology: *Jessica A. Wilcox*

The Ronald P. Caputo, M.D. HU '62 Memorial Award for outstanding clinical skills and humanitarianism in the care of Medical patients: *Andrew P. Fauteux*

The Harris R. Clearfield Award for excellence in Gastroenterology: *Luke Jerome Brindamour*

The Maurice C. Clifford, M.D. Leadership Award for student achievement and service: *Maurice Deivon Hinson*



Maurice Hinson learns he has won the Clifford award.

The Donald R. Cooper, M.D. Award for excellence in Surgery: *Deshka Stonorov Foster*

The Oscar Corn, M.D., HU '43 Award for excellence in Orthopedic Surgery: *Hao Li*

The Department Of Dermatology Award for excellence in Dermatology: *Lane Alexander Neidig*

The Drexel University College Of Medicine Alumni Association Award for dedication and contribution to the community and University: *Thomas Wallace Pawlowski*

The Drexel University College Of Medicine SGA Award for outstanding dedication and loyalty to the school and the student body:
Avir Mitra
Keith Wilson Torrey

The David Dunn, M.D. Award for excellence in Neurology: *Brian Ferrell White*

The Alan Edelsohn Memorial Prize for outstanding leadership and service to the class and the College of Medicine: *Thomas Wallace Pawlowski*

The Diana J. Egan Award for excellence in clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology: *Nicole Michelle Marchetto*

The Society For Academic Emergency Medicine Award for excellence in Emergency Medicine: *Albert Conicella*

The Department Of Family, Community And Preventive Medicine Award
For excellence in Family Medicine: *Hannah M. Karp Wiefel*
For excellence in Community & Preventive Medicine: *Adam Lindsay*

The Eva Fernandez Fox Award for personal integrity, stability, responsibility and loyalty to the College of Medicine: *Clare Louise Coda*

The William Gregg Award for humanitarianism in the care of Pediatric patients: *Ashley Brooke Stephens*

The Lester J. Groverman, M.D. Memorial Award for excellence in the field of Hematology & Oncology: *Zachary Lucas Carl Quinn*

The Van Buren O. Hammett Memorial Award for outstanding performance in Psychiatry: *Christina Marie Mingora*

The Beatrice Sterling Hollander, M.D., WMC '41 Memorial Award to a student in the graduating class who shows promise of leadership, high character and creativeness in her profession: *Erica Berlin Baller*

The Rita G. Jacobs Award for excellence and compassion in Anesthesiology and pain management: *Daniel Donovan Rodgers*

The Robert Johnston Award for excellence in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine: *Alvin Siu*

The Eichi K. Koiwai, M.D. HU '47 Award for an outstanding performance during the Pathology Clerkship: *Ethan L. Goldstein*

The Joseph Langbord Award for the graduating senior who best exemplifies humanitarianism in Medicine: *Clare Louise Coda*

The Samuel Levit Award for outstanding skills and humanitarianism in Medicine: *Matthew Dwight Straesser*

The William Likoff, M.D. Award for distinction in the care of medical patients and commitment to academic excellence: *Brent J. Dembo*

The George D. Lumb, M.D. Award for outstanding achievement in the Pathology course: *Sonia Kamanda*

The Daniel Mason, M.D. HU '44 Award for Cardiovascular clinical work: *Anjali G. Bal*

The Medical Humanities Award: *Anokhi A. Shah*

The Department Of Medicine Award

For excellence in renal and electrolyte studies:

Anokhi A. Shah

For excellence in internal medicine and cardiology:

Christina Marie Mingora

For clinical excellence in medicine:

Bridgette Elizabeth McCabe

Amy S. Javia

Brennan Richard Cebula

The Alma Dea Morani, M.D. WMC '31 Award In Gross Anatomy for excellence in Anatomy during the senior year:

Edward Thomas Nelson

Andrew Kenneth McGinniss

The Department Of Obstetrics And Gynecology Award

For overall academic excellence in Obstetrics & Gynecology:

Brittany Hope Sanford

For academic excellence in the Obstetrics & Gynecology

Clinical Clerkship:

Kaila Krishnamoorthy

For leadership in the field of Obstetrics & Gynecology:

Clinton Alexander Veselis

The Office Of Student Affairs Award for service to fellow students: *Avir Mitra*

The Axel K. Olsen, M.D. Neurosurgery Award for excellence in Neurosurgery:

Lekhaj Chand Daggubati

Kristen Stabingas

Daniel Warren Vollhaber

The Gerald Pearson Memorial Award for excellence in Child Psychiatry: *Erica Berlin Baller*

The Pennsylvania Academy Of Family Physicians, Philadelphia Branch Award for performance and leadership in Family Medicine: *Christine Elizabeth Jones*

The Elise Reid Carrington Prize for a high level of accomplishment and outstanding leadership and service to the student body: *Keith Wilson Torrey*

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

Adrian Y. Kohut

The Joel J. Roslyn, M.D. Award for outstanding leadership, while demonstrating a notable level of commitment and service to his/her fellow students: *Adam Richard Szymanowski*

The Nathan Samuels, M.D., HU '51 Prize for excellence in Family Medicine: *Mary Claire Thomas Abbot*

The Richard Shuman Award for excellence in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: *Sharon Janet Song*

The Dr. Lee Winston Silver Award for excellence in Pediatrics: *Elizabeth Eleanor Miller*

The Maurice Sones Award for excellence in Primary Care Medicine: *Carolyn Jean Park*

The Winifred B. Stewart Memorial Award for excellence in Psychiatry: *Erin Samplin*

The Jane Stuart Prize for excellence in Radiation Oncology and Clinical Oncology: *David Paul Gasalberti*

The Department Of Surgery Award

For excellence in the Surgery Pathway: *Genna C. Beattie*

For excellence in the Surgery Clerkship:

Abington Memorial Hospital: *Matthew Mason Counihan*

Allegheny General Hospital: *Christina Marie Mingora*

Easton Hospital: *Matthew Dwight Straesser*

Kaiser Sacramento: *Adam Lindsay*

Monmouth Medical Center: *Andrew Austin Waddelow*

Philadelphia Area: *Natalie Ann Krane*

Pinnacle Health Hospital: *Calvin W. Myint*

Saint Peter's Hospital: *Brian Ferrell White*

York Hospital: *Nancy Marie Clemens*

The Charles Swartz Award for academic and clinical excellence in Medicine: *Juliette Elise Power*

The Daniel M. Tabas Award for outstanding scholarly achievement by a student pursuing a career in Primary Care: *Tricia Ann Cavanaugh*

The Arthur And Bertha Weisman Award for excellence in Child Psychiatry: *William Russell Hochgertel*

The Woman One Scholar Award

Chinwe Ibeh

Amber Michelle Peterson

The Women's Health Education Award in recognition of outstanding leadership and community commitment in the field of Women's Health:

Academic Achievement: *Nicole Michelle Marchetto*

Leadership: *Christine Anne Prifti*

Community Commitment: *Clare Louise Coda*

The Wu Family Prize for excellence in the field of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation: *Timothy Kieran Calvert*

The Dr. Mary Yankosky Award

For excellence in Endocrinology:

Jessica Sarah Berman

For excellence in Radiologic Sciences:

Wayne Yuen Cheng

Distinguished Faculty Awards



Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching

Sarah Long, MD
Professor of Pediatrics
Chief, Section of Infectious Diseases
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Dean's Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching

Abington Memorial Hospital

Bethany Perry, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology

Albert Einstein Medical Center

Marc W. Zisselman, MD, Psychiatry

Allegheny Health Network

Richard Mark Kaplan, MD, MS, Emergency Medicine

Capital Health System

G. Peter Gliebus, MD, Neurology,
Drexel Neurosciences Institute

Chambersburg Hospital

Indranil Chakrabarti, MD, Psychiatry

Coatesville VA Medical Center

Gauhar Khurshid, MD, MPH, Psychiatry

Crozer-Chester Medical Center

Thomas W. Ball, MD, Emergency Medicine

Easton Hospital

Mahesh Krishnamurthy, MD, Internal Medicine

Friends Hospital

Jonathan G. Shack, MD, Psychiatry

Hahnemann University Hospital

Scott D. Richard, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology,
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Lancaster General Hospital

Michael Kroll, MD, Medicine

Mercy Health System

Leon E. Clarke, MD, Surgery

Monmouth Medical Center

Doantrang Du, MD, Internal Medicine

Pinnacle Health System

Venkata Subhash Gorrepati, MD, MPH, Internal Medicine

Reading Health System

Xuezhi Jiang, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Mario Cruz, MD, Pediatrics

Saint Peter's University Hospital

Anne Marie Van Hoven, MD, Medicine

York Hospital

Nancy H. Chasko, MD, Internal Medicine

Family Practice Site

Popowich Family Medicine
Deborah Popowich, DO, and Leonard Popowich, DO



Drs. Schidlow and Cruz



Drs. Weber and Van Hoven

Partners in the Parting Gift

It is traditional for the graduating medical students to bestow a class gift upon the school. Many gifts from recent years are visible on the Queen Lane Campus — a sign and clock for the pediment, hand-crafted benches and other handsome additions to the built environment. This year the Class of 2015 had something less tangible in mind — a scholarship fund to ease the way for future students.

Not yet equipped to create their own endowment, the seniors sought to partner with the 50-year reunion alumni of 1965, which has a longstanding scholarship fund. As a

class, the new graduates were able to contribute \$8,000 to the existing fund, and many of them made individual gifts of \$20.15, as well.

When the alumni of 1965 arrived in Philadelphia for their reunion during Commencement week, a memorandum of understanding was signed on behalf of the partners by Michael Grossman, MD, Hahnemann '65; Monica Steward-Bentley, MD, Woman's Medical College '65; and Thomas Pawlowski, Drexel University College of Medicine '15. The *Classes of 1965 and 2015 Endowed Scholarship* was born.

Dean Daniel V. Schidlow, MD, Leah Cianfrani, and Monica Steward-Bentley look on as Michael Grossman signs the memorandum of understanding that created the combined 1965 and 2015 scholarship by incorporating the Class of 2015's parting gift into 1965's existing fund.



The current 1965 scholarship recipient is Shannon O'Malley (center), Class of 2017. She is flanked by (l-r) Keith Torrey '15; Monica Steward-Bentley, MD, WMC '65; Michael Grossman, MD, HU '65; and Thomas Pawlowski '15. Torrey and Pawlowski were the senior class presidents with Adam Szymanowski, who was unable to attend.



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Friday, May 15, 2015

A calm tableau belies the thousands of excited thoughts and feelings effervescing beneath the surface where we sit within the warm wood of Verizon Hall.