



An Excellent Outcome

On Friday, May 19, a new journey began for 578 students as they lined up with their peers in the Kimmel Center. Led by University and College of Medicine officials, many proud faculty members were honored to play a role in their former students' Commencement ceremony.

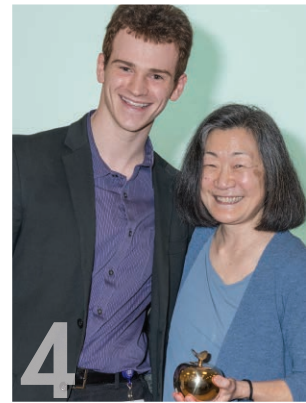
When all was said and done, 26 PhD degrees and 297 MS degrees had been awarded to students in the College's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies. Last to take the stage were the 255 newly minted MDs, 15 of whom were hooded by relatives.

An honorary Doctor of Science degree was presented by Drexel President John Fry to the Commencement speaker, Lois Margaret Nora, MD, JD, MBA, president and CEO of the American Board of Medical Specialties, in recognition of her commitment to the highest standards of patient-centered medical care, inclusivity and service. She is a graduate of ELAM, the College of Medicine's Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program for women.

Before the conferring of degrees, Dean Daniel V. Schidlow, MD, introduced the 50-year reunion classes of Woman's Medical College and Hahnemann Medical College, to great applause.

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Spring harvest yields a quality crop of Golden Apples.



Pre-Commencement events: Diversity Celebration Dinner



Lab coat design honors first female director of NSF.



On the way to their seats: Shay Adekunbi, Anika Afroz, Anshu Aggarwal and James A. Airoidi, who would be hooded by his father, James Airoidi, MD, MCP '93.

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We Have Letters

Readers Respond to the Summer Issue

Dear Dr. Schidlow:

Your summer "Celebrate" editorial was an eloquent statement to counter the narcissistic anti-everything of the current administration. This includes immigration (Donald's grandfather was an immigrant from Germany), diversity, science and the inscription on the Statue of Liberty.



I was a Hahnemann '64 grad and still practicing ophthalmology in Pensacola with no plans to retire. I was sad to hear of Tom Cherubini passing. We were friends and started out as co-dissectors on the anatomy table, and coincidentally, both of us ended up in ophthalmology.

Again, your sentiments were timely and deserve a wider recognition.

Congratulations,
David T. Casey, MD

To the Editor:

I enjoyed reading the story about first-year students going to Inglis House. However, you are incorrect in stating that the relationship between the medical school and Inglis House began in 1998. In the late '70s, MCP students went to Inglis House to do H&Ps and Inglis House residents were admitted to MCP for various problems.

It is noteworthy that none of the patients from Inglis ever had bedsores, a marked difference from other nursing homes and a reflection of the level of care they received.

Diana Schlesinger, MD, MCP '80



Fall Preview

Alumni eager to see their reunion pictures will be gratified when the next issue of the *College of Medicine Alumni Magazine* arrives in the mailbox later this fall. The number of reunion events and the number of alumni attending have both grown so much that it became beyond the scope of *Pulse* to do them justice. You'll find dozens of photos in the upcoming magazine. But here is a peek at some 1992 graduates at reunion, and there is a rather more staid image of the 50-year classes on page 11.



Diverse Skills Reap Awards

Each spring, the faculty for the MS in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences recognizes the accomplishments of students who excel in academic, research, and interpersonal skills. The two-year master's program draws both pre-med/pre-health students and those who want to enter the health care workforce directly, because it offers rigorous science courses within a flexible curriculum.

IHS Rising Star

David Dugue (Fall 2016)
Melissa Urquhart (Spring 2017)

IHS Spirit Award

John Spikes (1st year)
Tyler Wilkinson (2nd year)

Hustle Award

Hana Kebede (1st year)
Victoria McIlrath (2nd year)

Heart of IHS Award

Ijeoma Unachukwu (1st year)
Ahlivia Mattocks (2nd year)

Strongest Starter Award

Abigail Haba

Cheer 'Em On Award

Rody Alexis (1st year)
Gifty Barfi (2nd Year)

Leader of the Pack Award

Victoria Barnes (1st year)
Ekta Panjrolia (2nd year)

Best Student Mentor

Ronnie Shade

Outstanding Teaching Assistant

Antoinette Bell

Research Project Award

Gardith Edouard



At the awards (l-r): Shivanthi Anandan, PhD, assistant dean of student affairs; Gardith Edouard; Tyler Wilkinson; Antoinette Bell; David Dugue; Elisabeth Van Bockstaele, PhD, dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies; Melissa Urquhart; Victoria McIlrath; Ijeoma Unachukwu; John Spikes; Abigail Haba; Hana Kebede; Rody Alexis; Ronnie Shade; Anita Gaurnier-Hausser, PhD, IHS program director; Matthew Sanuck, IHS academic administrator; and Jed Shumsky, PhD, associate dean of educational and academic affairs.

Discovery Day Is October 12

Join us for our annual day of research on Thursday, October 12, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. PhD and master's students, medical students, MD/PhD students, undergraduate students, residents, clinical fellows and postdoctoral trainees will present their research.

The day will feature more than 400 posters and platform presentations on

a wide variety of biomedical science and clinical research topics. Presentations will be judged for awards across several categories.

The keynote speaker will be Teresa K. Woodruff, PhD, of Northwestern University. She is the Thomas J. Watkins Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and is a professor of molecular biosciences and of biomedical engineering.

Visit drexel.edu/medicine/discoveryday/.



Golden Apple Awards

The medical students recognized the hard work of faculty and staff and expressed their gratitude at the annual Golden Apple Award Ceremony on April 4. Faculty members and residents were honored for excellence in teaching, with Golden Apples and Golden Stethoscopes respectively, and five staff members received special Golden Apples for their outstanding service to the school and student body. Each class nominates and votes for its own choices. Those in the pre-clinical years voted separately by curricular track: Interdisciplinary Foundations of Medicine and Program for Integrated Learning.

Class of 2017

Attending Physician

- Ryan Brannon, MD, OB/GYN, HUH
- Farhad Farzanegan, MD, Interventional Radiology, Kaiser
- Larry Krevolin, DO, Nephrology, HUH
- James Martin, MD, Emergency Medicine, Monmouth

Resident Physician

- Tess Couss, MD, OB/GYN, HUH
- Hanisha Manickavasagan, Internal Medicine, MD, HUH
- Sumra Tayebaly, OB/GYN, HUH
- Matthew Stephens, MD, Emergency Medicine, York



Emna Bakillah and Dr. Amori



Molly Kaplan and Ms. Kaltenbach



Ashley Huber and Dr. Arole

Class of 2018

Awards for 2015/16*

Interdisciplinary Foundations of Medicine

- Dana Farabaugh, MD, Introduction to Clinical Medicine

Program for Integrated Learning

- Hasan Arif, MD, Introduction to Clinical Medicine
- *The nominations for these 2015/16 awards were tallied after the 2016 Golden Apple Award Ceremony and so were announced this year.*

Attending Physician

- Chidinma Arole, MD, OB/GYN, Virtua Health
- Barbara Clark, MD, Internal Medicine, AGH
- John Fobia, MD, Surgery, Mercy Health System
- Gretchen Magnani, MD, Psychiatry, HUH

Resident Physician

- Blake Babcock, MD, Surgery, HUH
- Mykael Garcia, MD, Pediatrics, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
- John Luiza, MD, OB/GYN, AGH
- Justin Sloane, MD, OB/GYN, Abington



Sarah Miller and Dr. Goldman



Diane Sun and Dr. Farabaugh



Gaurav Varma and Dr. Babcock

Class of 2019

Interdisciplinary Foundations of Medicine

- Renee Amori, MD, Introduction to Clinical Medicine
- James Burns, PhD, Medical Microbiology
- Sara Schultz, MD, Introduction to Clinical Medicine
- Francis Sessler, PhD, Medical Neuroscience

Program for Integrated Learning

- Kim Kahng, MD, Small Group Facilitator
- Ioannis Koutroulis, MD, Pathophysiology
- Michael White, PhD, Medical Pharmacology

Class of 2020

Interdisciplinary Foundations of Medicine

- Haviva Goldman, PhD, Medical Microanatomy and Cell Biology
- Edward Gracely, PhD, Principles of Medical Research
- Ana Núñez, MD, Physician and Patient

Program for Integrated Learning

- Dennis DePace, PhD, Gross Anatomy & Embryology
- Bradford Jameson, PhD, Medical Biochemistry
- Jed Shumsky, PhD, Medical Neuroscience



Alex Benson and Dr. Kahng

Graduate Faculty Awards



Thalia Bajakian and Dr. Shumsky

Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Service to the Student Body

- Gladys Jimenez Escobar, Housekeeping
- Kathleen Mongan, Academic Coordinator

SGA Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Service to the Student Body

- Caitlin Kaltenbach, Assistant Director of Career Advising
- Lester Young, Public Safety
- Robert Moreland, PhD, Medical Physiology



Jennifer DiBiagio and Dr. Brannon



Lia Michos and Mr. Young



Sonja Darwish and Dr. Sessler

Interdisciplinary & Career-Oriented Programs

Best Professor

Fred Krebs, PhD
Microbiology & Immunology



Dr. Krebs

Best Professor

Monika Jost, PhD
Radiation Oncology



Dr. Larson

Best Adjunct Professor

Christopher Miller

Pre-medical & Pre-health Programs

Best Professor

Michael Carchidi, PhD
Adjunct Faculty



Dr. Jost

Best Professor

Kirsten Larson, PhD
Microbiology & Immunology



Dr. Loll

Best Adviser/Mentor

Monika Jost, PhD
Radiation Oncology

Biomedical Science Programs

Best Professor

Patrick Loll, PhD
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology



Dr. Lane

Best Adviser/Mentor

Michael Lane, PhD
Neurobiology & Anatomy

Best Student Advocate

James M. Burns Jr., PhD
Microbiology & Immunology



Dr. Burns



2017's Emily Ortega, Justin Okons, Kimberly Dike, Nathan Colon, Kimberly Campbell and Chiemeka Onyima



Keynote speaker **Gregg Alleynes, MD**, chief of the Division of General Obstetrics & Gynecology

Diversity Senior Celebration Dinner

James A. Batts, MD, an African-American physician, joined the staff of Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1979 and retired as senior attending physician and professor emeritus in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology in 1989. Batts had a great interest in increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine, and he actively recruited and mentored minority medical students.

Each year, Batts gave a party at his own expense for underrepresented students and faculty at MCP. After his death in 1992, the alumni and the Office of Diversity in Medicine continued the annual dinner. The Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion carried the tradition into 2017 with the Diversity Senior Celebration Dinner, inviting guests to the Germantown Cricket Club, just as Batts did.



Seniors **Alexis Woods** and **Donnie Carter** (back) and Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion **Ana Núñez, MD**

Loretta Walker, PhD, director, Drexel Pathway to Medical School program, and senior **Paul Gomez**

Graduate Student Awards

The College of Medicine's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies presented graduation awards to students at an event held on May 18 at Behrakis Hall on the University City Campus.

The Amedeo Bondi PhD Endowed Graduate Award

Michael George Zaki Ghali
Ananda Nandakumar Rao

Excellence in Research for a Master of Science in Medical Science

Ankita Patil

Pre-medical & Pre-health Programs Academic Achievement Awards

Drexel Pathway to Medical School

Temilolaoluwa Daramola

Interdisciplinary Health Sciences

Victoria McIlrath

Interdepartmental Medical Science

James Verdone

Biomedical Studies

Ryan Triglia

Medical Science

Kevin Anthony Gralowski

Interdisciplinary & Career-Oriented Programs Outstanding Achievement Awards

Criminalistic Science

Joseph William Beck

Drug Discovery and Development

Devipriya Ashok

Forensic Science

Kaitlyn Nicole Bonnell

Molecular Medicine

Keira Leigh McGrath

Immunology

De Gaulle Igbodiegwu Chigbu

Medical and Healthcare Simulation

Susan Fancher

Clinical Research Organization and Management

Kelly Bantle
Elizabeth Butler
Sheila Hittesdorf
Negmeldeen Mamoun

Clinical Research for Health Professionals

Steven Schauer

Pathologists' Assistant

Katherine McCrystal Murphy (Philadelphia Campus)
Yen Phi Tran (Sacramento Campus)

Master of Laboratory Animal Science

Danielle Debra Hofheinz (Face to Face)
Andrea M. Knipe (Online)

Infectious Disease

Sofia Saavedra

Faith Witherspoon, a ULAR employee and a student in the online MLAS program, chats with Paul McGonigle, PhD, director of the Division of Interdisciplinary & Career-Oriented Programs.



On deck to present graduation awards are Drs. Michael Bouchard, director of the Division of Biomedical Science Programs, and Jed Shumsky, associate dean of educational and academic affairs for the Graduate School; glimpsed at back is Carol Quercetti, coordinator of admissions, Division of Pre-medical and Pre-health Programs.



Dean's Hour Awards Ceremony

Members of the MD Class of 2017 were celebrated by their deans on May 18 at the annual Dean's Hour Graduation Awards Ceremony. Held at the Queen Lane Campus, the event began with opening remarks by Valerie Weber, MD, MS, the Deborah J. Tuttle, MD, and John P. Piper, MD, Vice Dean for Educational Affairs. Also presiding were Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs Amy C. Fuchs, MD, and Associate Dean Seema Baranwal, MD.

More than 85 awards were presented in recognition of academic or clinical excellence in medical specialties, humanitarianism, leadership, community service or service to the school or student body. Bridging the Gaps scholars, Humanities scholars and Women's Health scholars, who had completed additional requirements for those programs, were also honored. Following tradition, the Maurice C. Clifford, MD, Leadership Award, given to a student who best exemplifies the highest ideals of service, achievement and leadership, was not announced until Commencement, the following day.



James Li receives the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Award from Karima Sajadi-Ernazarova, MD.



Diane Sun presents the Student Government Association Award to Sameer Massand.



Janet Fitzpatrick, MD, presents the Dr. Mary Yankosky Award for Endocrinology to Sade Solola.



Aimee McMullin receives the Daniel M. Tabas Award for achievement by a student pursuing primary care. Unbeknownst to her, she would win the Clifford award.



Drs. Steven Rosenzweig and Florence Gelo present a certificate of recognition from the Humanities Scholars program to Clarissa Chu.



Behind the Scenes

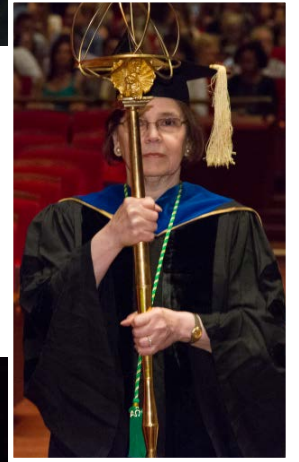
Robing starts at 8 a.m., but the first staff arrive at 6 to smooth the process.



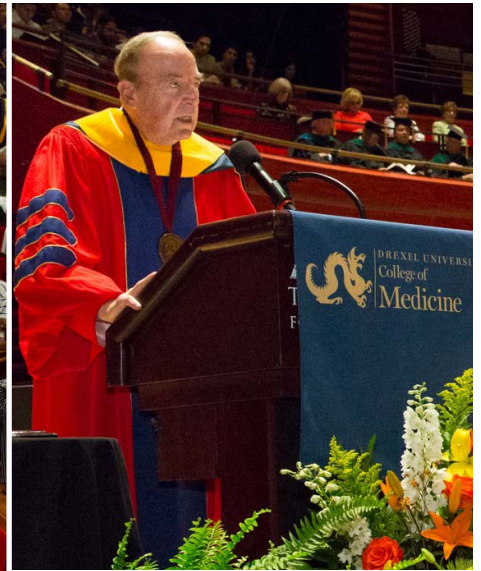


The Procession

In the tradition: The Drexel University mace is carried to the stage — this year by Professor Denise Ferrier, PhD — where it joins the maces of Hahnemann Medical College and the Medical College of Pennsylvania.



University and College leadership (l-r): College Advisory Board Chair Stanley W. Silverman; Graduate School Dean Elisabeth Van Bockstaele, PhD; Dean Daniel V. Schidlow, MD; speaker Lois Margaret Nora, MD; President John Fry; Vice Dean Valerie Weber, MD; Provost Brian Blake, PhD; and Drexel Chair Richard Greenawalt



Chancellor Emeritus Walter Cohen, DDS, announces the Clifford Award.



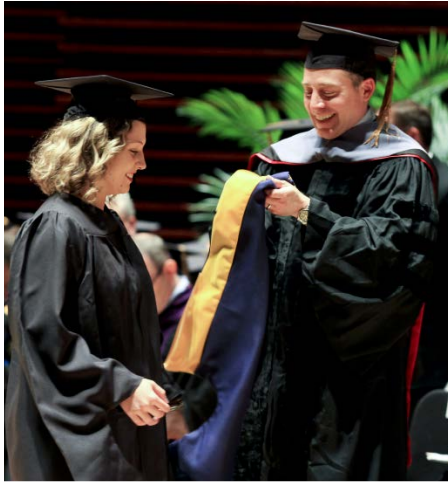
The Ceremony



50 years: Hahnemann and Woman's Medical College Classes of 1967 stand to be recognized.



Steven Korycinski is hooded by his wife, Samantha Korycinski, also MD '17.



The Ceremony





Alison Leigh Greidinger is hooded by her uncle, Richard Shusterman, MD, MCP '83, and aunt, Denise Shusterman, MD, MCP '85.

Dean's Special Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching

The winners of the Dean's clinical teaching awards were announced at Commencement by Dean Daniel V. Schidlow, MD, and honored at a luncheon hosted by Valerie Weber, MD, Vice Dean for Educational Affairs.

Abington Jefferson Health

Steven Balint, MD
Department of Medicine

Albert Einstein Medical Center

Marvin Schatz, DO
Department of Medicine

Allegheny Health Network

Anastasios Kapetanos, MD
Department of Medicine

Aria Jefferson Health

David H. Sirken, DO
Drexel Neurosciences Institute

Capital Health System

Rajeev R. Shah, MD
Department of Pediatrics

Crozer-Keystone Health System

Elise C. Hogan, MD, MPH
Department of Family Medicine

Easton Hospital

Robert S. Bloch, MD
Department of Surgery

Friends Hospital

Jennifer Leong, MD
Department of Psychiatry

Hahnemann University Hospital

Larry Edward Krevolin, DO
Department of Medicine

Kaiser Permanente

Christopher Kevin Chiu, MD
Department of Surgery

Mercy Health System

Tahir Maqsood, MD
Department of Psychiatry

Monmouth Medical Center

Noah R. Gilson, MD
Department of Neurology

PinnacleHealth System

Vinod Nookala, MD, FACP
Department of Medicine

Reading Hospital

Shahab S. Minassian, MD
Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Daniel R. Taylor, DO
Department of Pediatrics

St. Francis Medical Center

Julie M. Pantelick, DO
Department of Medicine



Dr. Maqsood



Drs. Tory Miksiewicz-Clugston and Patrick Rice, Altoona Family Physicians

WellSpan York Hospital

Constance N. Ebon, MD
Department of Psychiatry

Family Practice Site

Altoona Family Physicians
Family Medicine Residency Program



Dean Schidlow, Dr. Kapetanos and Dr. Weber



Dana Farabaugh, MD, associate dean for clinical education, and Dr. Nookala



Drs. Krevolin and Weber



Drs. Taylor and Weber



Drs. Schidlow and Ebong



Drs. Hogan and Weber

Lindback Award Presented to Dr. Weingarten

The Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching is made possible by a generous grant from the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation. At Drexel, nominations are made by the colleges and schools, and two recipients are selected by the provost and deans as demonstrating outstanding commitment to the life of the mind and the well-being of students.

This year's College of Medicine recipient is a consummate physician and educator who has inspired medical students for decades through his unrivaled surgical expertise as well as his thoughtful and compassionate bedside care for patients. As a course director and educational leader, he has consistently designed and implemented innovative educational programs. He was ahead of his time as a physician, committed to advancing his understanding of health care economics in the early 1990s. He earned his MBA degree and quickly became a pioneer in this area of medical education, creating one of the earliest longitudinal medical school curricular programs in the "Business of Healthcare" here at Drexel Med.

Our awardee has also demonstrated a long and robust track record in research. Most recently, he has worked collaboratively with investigators from Drexel's School of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems on a \$3 million, NIH-funded project studying the effectiveness of ultrasound in chronic wound healing.

He leads by example, holding himself and his students to the highest standards of knowledge, skills and patient care. He gives back not only as an educator but also in service to patients, both locally and globally. He has volunteered as a surgeon in Haiti following the devastating earthquake and at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, where he has cared for wounded soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Please join us in congratulating this year's deserving recipient of the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, Dr. Michael Weingarten.

Michael Weingarten, MD, MBA, is a professor of surgery, chief of vascular surgery and medical director of the Drexel Comprehensive Wound Healing Program. He joined the College of Medicine in 2001.



March for Science: Biomedical Sciences GSA Led the Charge

On Earth Day 2017, the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Association led a strong and determined contingent in the March for Science in Philadelphia, one of some 600 satellite marches held globally in support of the main event in Washington, D.C. The march was organized to support science and evidence-based research, fueled by the threat of budget cuts to science funding by federal agencies.

Prior to the march, the student association hosted a poster-making event on the Center City Campus with supplies and pizza. In addition, a flurry of flyers, social media and emails suggested that students show their support by joining the #reallivingscientist campaign and posting a photo of themselves in the lab on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook with a short caption about the importance of their work.

Participants mustered at Starbucks at 10 a.m. on Earth Day. About 30 students and three faculty members joined the march to City Hall, where they combined forces with a large contingent of students from Drexel's University City Campus, primarily biology graduate students. Then the march continued down Market Street to Penn's Landing for a rally.

Speakers at the rally included Ana E. Núñez, MD, professor of medicine and associate dean for Diversity,



Equity & Inclusion at the College of Medicine, and Ted Daeschler, PhD, of the Academy of Natural Sciences, an associate professor in Drexel's Department of Biodiversity, Earth & Environmental Science. Núñez spoke about diversity, and both professors echoed the thoughts of TV host and scientist Bill Nye who spoke at the Washington, D.C., rally against policymakers who are ignoring fact and research in areas that include climate change.

Study: Effects of Ultrasound Treatment on Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers

Michael S. Weingarten, MD, MBA, professor of surgery, is conducting a study, approved by the Drexel IRB, of the effects of non-invasive therapeutic ultrasound treatment on patients with diabetic foot ulcers or venous leg ulcers. Research participants must be 18 years of age or older and available for up to 16 weekly

treatment sessions, each lasting about 15 minutes. All study participants will receive standard wound care at the Drexel University College of Medicine Center for Wound Care.

For more information, contact Weingarten at 215.762.7008.

Fatunbi Named a Winner of AMA Minority Scholars Award

Joy Abiola Fatunbi, a third-year student at the College of Medicine, was a recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Medicine Minority Scholars Award. The award was given as part of the AMA Foundation Excellence in Medicine Awards program in June.

As a medical student, Fatunbi has held chapter leadership positions for the American Medical Association and the Student National Medical Association. She is a member of the Health Equity Scholars program offered at the College of Medicine and works within the local community as an advocate for homeless and displaced citizens through the student-run free health clinic at Prevention Point Philadelphia.



In 2016, Fatunbi founded the Pediatric Pal Navigator Program, which identifies and supports children who have not received recommended vaccines, as well as children affected by significant social determinants of health. This fall, her program is being implemented as one of the choices

in the Longitudinal Community Care Practicum, part of the College's new medical education curriculum.

Designer Lab Coats Honor Female Scientists

Ankita Patil, MS '17, participated in an initiative of the Association for Women in Science Philadelphia Chapter last spring that called for students to honor the life and work of a living female scientist by decorating a lab coat in her honor.

Patil decided to create her design as a tribute to Rita Colwell, PhD, a microbiologist whose research interests lie in the area of global infectious diseases, especially waterborne diseases like cholera. "A study of hers that I found particularly interesting involved using old saree cloth as a filtration method for water; this reduced cholera incidence by 50 percent," says Patil. "The study was carried out across



villages in Bangladesh, and the practice was being continued well after the study was completed. This study showed how necessary and relevant science and research are to everyday life and how they can be brought down to a simple and accessible level."

Patil also noted that Colwell was the first female director of the National Science Foundation and that she has focused her efforts on education, from K-12 to graduate level. Colwell is the founder of CosmosID, a bioinformatics company that works toward microbial characterization, with the goal of tackling infectious diseases and improving health.

Ankita Patil models the lab coat she designed to honor scientist Rita Colwell.

AOA Research Fellowship Awarded to Med Student

Gregory Whitehill, a second-year medical student, is a recipient of the Alpha Omega Alpha Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship. The \$5,000 award provides research support for clinical investigation, basic laboratory research, epidemiology, social science/health services research, leadership or professionalism. Each medical school with an active AOA

chapter or association may nominate one candidate; AOA awards only about 50 fellowships nationwide.

Whitehill's research project is titled "Targeting Immune Suppressive Microenvironment in Multiple Myeloma." He worked on his research during the summer with Güllü Topal Görgün, PhD, an assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Oregon Health and Science University. At right, Whitehill holds his first check with AOA Chapter Councilor Kathleen Ryan, MD.



Study: Effects of Removing Screen Media From Children With Autism

A study to evaluate the effects of removing television and other screen media viewing from young children with autism spectrum disorder is being conducted by Karen F. Heffler, MD, associate professor and director of research in the Department of Ophthalmology at the College of Medicine.

Funded by The A.J. Drexel Autism Institute and approved through the Drexel IRB, the study will look at developmental progress in children from age 18 to 42 months with two hours or more of average daily screen exposure when their electronic screen media viewing is removed and replaced with activities involving social interaction. Each child will be enrolled in the study for six months.

Those interested in participating in this study may contact Heffler at 215.816.5687, or email ASD-ESMStudy@drexelmed.edu.

College of Medicine Team Is a Top Fundraiser for Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

The College of Medicine's Division of Gastroenterology was recognized as one of the region's top fundraising teams for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation "Take Steps" Walk at Citizens Bank Park on May 21. The team, whose

moniker was "Drexel's Got the Runs," was led by Neilanjan Nandi, MD, assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and director of the Center for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. Fifty-six walkers included professional staff members from Drexel Gastroenterology and Hahnemann University Hospital Endoscopy, plus a number of patients, and their family members and friends. More than 100 individuals associated with the team donated to the foundation.

'50s

MJ Pais, MD, WMC '58, was profiled in the Coast Report Online's website. Pais is a former volunteer physician in Nicaragua and recently returned to college to study art history at Orange Coast College.

'70s

Marylou Buysel, MD, WMC '70, a senior medical director for medical policy and quality at Highmark, Inc., was quoted in an article regarding a partnership between Best Doctors and Highmark.

Fredric H. Schiffer, MD, HU '71, Internal Medicine Residency, HU '73, presented "The Importance of the Physical Interactions Between Subjective Experience and the Brain in Human Psychology" at the Science of Consciousness Conference series, held in San Diego, June 5–10. Schiffer is an assistant professor of psychiatry part time at Harvard Medical School and a research associate at McLean Hospital.

Kenneth J. Weiss, MD, HU '73, has been appointed as the inaugural chairholder of the Robert L. Sadoff Clinical Professorship in Forensic Psychiatry at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania.



Kenneth S. Kosik, MD, MCP '76, co-director of the Neuroscience Research Institute and Harriman Professor of Neuroscience at the University of California Santa Barbara, was featured on "60 Minutes" in an interview with Leslie Stahl regarding his work on early-onset familial Alzheimer's disease in Antioquia, Colombia.

John Hellriegel Jr., MD, MCP '77, PhD, was named one of Buffalo Business First's Healthcare Champions.

Marilyn Knaub, MD, MCP '79, has been named medical director at Albright LIFE Lancaster, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

'80s

Jeffrey S. Dobro, MD, MCP '81, joined One Medical as chief medical officer in May. One Medical is a membership-based primary care network with offices in eight major cities. Dobro is based in New York.

Charles H. Lang, PhD, HU '81, a professor of cellular and molecular biology and associate dean of graduate studies at Penn State College of Medicine, has been elected as a councilor of the American Physiological Society. The society leadership consists of the president, president-elect and three councilors.

Stephen Rith-Najarian, MD, HU '83, a family physician, joined Sanford Health Park Rapids Clinic in Park Rapids, Minnesota.

Donald Abrams, MD, MCP '84, chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore since 2005, has been named vice president, Graduate Medical Education, for the health system. He continues to practice as a cataract and glaucoma surgeon at the hospital's Krieger Eye Institute.



Daniel J. Rader, MD, MCP '84, received the Award for Outstanding Work in Science as Related to Medicine from the American College of Physicians.

Amy Sherman, MD, HU '85, joined Stamford Health Medical Group as a breast radiologist board certified in diagnostic radiology.

Henry DePhillips III, MD, HU '86, CEO of Teladoc, was interviewed on MedCityNews.com about the future of tele-behavioral health services.

Randall B. Gurak, MD, HU '86, has been elected president of the New Jersey Psychiatric Association, a district branch of the American Psychiatric Association. He is past president of the Regional Council of Eastern Pennsylvania & Southern New Jersey of the American Academy of Child & Adoles-



When Experts Listen...

Barbara Schindler, MD, WMC '70, was invited to give a lecture on opioid abuse in women to the Obstetrical Society of Philadelphia last spring. Schindler's work in the field has long been ahead of the curve. A professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the College of Medicine, she is the medical director of Caring Together, an outpatient program for women with substance use disorders and their children, which she helped found in 1990. She also launched a related program for women coming out of incarceration and has been involved in several projects funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Many alumnae (MD or OB/GYN Residency) and former faculty of Medical College of Pennsylvania were on hand.



Drs. Sherry Blumenthal, Lee Huppert, Jane Porcelan, Barbara Schindler, Marjorie Angert, Ann Honebrink, May Ange Ntoso, Fay Wright and Diane Harrison.

cent Psychiatry, and serves in the organization's national assembly. His daughter is a second-year law student at Drexel's Kline School of Law.

Beverly Lyman, PhD Biochemistry HU '86, a patent attorney, has joined BakerHostetler as a partner in the intellectual property practice and a member of the biotechnology, chemical and pharmaceutical team. She will be based in both the Cincinnati and Atlanta offices. Lyman was recognized by the Ohio Diversity Council among its Top Business Women in Ohio in 2017.

Virginia Calega, MD, MCP '87, joined Independence Blue Cross in Philadelphia as vice president of medical management and policy.

Larry Sokolic, MD, HU '87, joined the medical staff at CHI LakeWood Health in Baudette, Minnesota.

'90s

Pamela Sullivan, MD, PT, MCP '90, was elected president of the board of directors of the Urgent Care Association of America.

Glenn Stambo, MD, HU '91, a vascular and interventional radiologist in Tampa, Florida, published the article "Response Rates of Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Hepatic Colorectal Cancer Metastases to Drug Eluting Bead Regional Liver Therapy" in *Hepatoma Research*, July 12, 2017.

Ronald Walls, MD, HU '92, joined Ipsen Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., as director of medical affairs—oncology.

'00s

Brian Holzer, MD '01, has been named president of Kindred Innovations.

Asif M. Ilyas, MD, MCPHU '01, was featured in a *New York Times* article about doctors performing surgery while their patients are awake, using only local anesthesia.

David Kashmer, MD, MCPHU '01, was a featured speaker at the Lean and Six Sigma World Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Cara Camiolo Reddy, MD '02, joined Intermountain Medical Center in Utah as medical director of the neuro-rehabilitation center and chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Archit Naik, MD '04, Drexel/Hahnemann General Surgery Residency '11, an oncologic surgeon, joined Crozer-Keystone Regional Cancer Center at Brinton Lake in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania. He completed a fellowship in breast surgical oncology at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Naik earned an MBA from Drexel's LeBow College of Business in 2012.

Imran Posner, MD '05, a psychiatrist, and Farid Sanders, a graduate of the College of Engineering, have developed Ramadan Bar, a 150-calorie bar intended to sustain

Muslims who fast from sunrise to sunset during the month of Ramadan.

Vinit Madhvani, MD '07, joined Care Must Home Health and Hospice as medical director in San Jose, California.

Brendan O'Hare, MD '07, board-certified internist and gastroenterologist, joined Saint Thomas Medical Partners' gastroenterology practices in Nashville and Lebanon, Tennessee.

Amaal J. Starling, MD '08, is the subject of an interview published on HealthCentral.com, "Women of the Migraine World: Dr. Amaal Starling." An assistant professor of neurology at Mayo Clinic, she is an expert in concussion as well as headache. She practices at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona.



'10s

Venkat J. Iyer, MD '12, has joined Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as an anesthesiologist. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the Cleveland Clinic and a residency in anesthesiology at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Iyer earned his BS in biological sciences from Drexel in 2008.



Former Residents and Fellows

Carmen Febo-San Miguel, MD, Hahnemann Family Medicine Residency '76, was a 2017 honoree at Take the Lead Philadelphia, the Girl Scouts' signature fundraising event honoring the community's most distinguished women leaders.

Hussein Kiliddar, MD, Drexel/Hahnemann Pulmonology Fellowship '04, a pulmonologist at Pulmonary Consultants Inc., has been named a 2017 Top Doctor in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Phillip Peterson, MD, Drexel/Hahnemann Emergency Medicine Residency '13, joined Evangelical Community Hospital as an emergency medicine physician.

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