Taking Education to Heart
The New Campus Plan
Mapping Out a Community of Scholars

“We’re creating the conditions for comprehensive learning.”

At Alumni Weekend in October, I look forward to telling you in person about the unprecedented initiatives that are now underway at Jefferson. The first thing you may notice when you get here is the handsomely refitted McClellan Hall, where we’ll be holding the Alumni Clinic Presentations. It is being given permanent seating and hi-tech audiovisual equipment in time for the next incoming class of medical students.

But that’s only the beginning. Giving shape to our plans for growth is our new campus plan, which puts student activity front and center. On October 7 we will break ground for an educational building and a campus green – something Thomas Jefferson University has never had.

The Clinical Skills Center, a place where our students learn the critical techniques of interacting with patients, will be moved to this building at the nexus of our campus. Already, in today’s center, students are using computerized mannequins to become familiar with various pulses, heartbeats, and murmurs, and to measure their competence at placing an IV line, central line, or breathing tube. They hone their clinical exam skills with standardized patients – actors who are trained to present a variety of symptoms to test students’ acuity.

In the new building, we will train students from the College of Health Professions together with the medical students. They will practice in integrated teams within simulated emergency rooms and operating rooms – the best preparation for the real world.

The campus green, too, will bring together all the different professions that we teach at Jefferson. Parking will be submerged fully underground, and the resulting open space will be slightly terraced to create an “outdoor room” surrounded by expanses of grass – a place for students and faculty to meet and share ideas. Most university buildings will be visible from the green, providing a sense of unity. But far from allowing ourselves to be “walled off” in an ivory tower, the goal is to keep the campus open to the dynamic Center City community that surrounds us – and to the ideas of the wider world.

With education as our nucleus, the next ring of buildings will be devoted to research labs. Around the perimeter of the southern campus, administrative functions will be housed, while patient care and bedside teaching will continue to be the focus of the northern portion of Jefferson’s campus.

With optimal conditions for comprehensive training, our community of scholars is where health care will be defined for the next generation.

Robert L. Barchi MD PhD
President
Thomas Jefferson University
Spring, this year even more than other years, is a time of change on our historic campus. It kicks off with Sophomore Parents’ Day, when the family, grandparents, siblings, spouses, and significant others in our students’ lives come to learn about their progress toward becoming a physician. Many of these relatives have not been at Jefferson since the White Coat Ceremony in the opening weeks of freshman year, and the change in how the students carry themselves is evident. The surprised pride on the parents’ faces is unmistakable.

The next milestone is the unveiling of the Senior Class Portrait, the painting of a faculty member chosen by the graduating class – a Jefferson tradition that dates back to the early 1900s. For the teaching faculty, the presentation of one’s portrait to the university is one of the highest possible honors. This year it went to William Kocher ’81, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pathology. The painting is presented on the day before National Residency Match Day to assure that all the seniors can return from their electives to participate. The faculty, who may not have seen them when they were rotating off campus, notice how these students have matured. What began as anxious neophytes at the White Coat Ceremony are proficient physicians ready to enter specialty training.

Match Day marks the beginning of the end of medical school – the next phase of their journey toward a career of service. After celebrating their success, the seniors put the finishing touches on their undergraduate medical education: some return to the basic sciences for a refresher in clinical pharmacology. Some opt for an elective in a specialty other than the one they have chosen for their career. Some immerse themselves in the critical care unit, preparing for internship and the challenges of caring for the very sick.

The students sense their impending responsibility. Watching them embark on their careers of service, it is difficult not to feel mixed emotions. Each of the faculty feels a sense of pride in the accomplishments of these students – the growth, the level of expertise they have acquired over the past 4 years. We share their anticipation. We look forward to hearing from them in the future, and supporting them in times of difficulty.

At the same time there is a certain jealousy that we sometimes feel, since most of our careers are at their midpoints or beyond, while our students have whole lives ahead of them. What wonders they will see and create, and share with humanity! Our contributions will pale in comparison to what they will be able to do.

And there is a sense of fear. As we age, the uncertainties of the future are more real, more foreboding. We fear for our students’ future work, the clouds in the sky rather than the blue, the rain rather than the flowers. But fortunately our students embrace all the challenges. They see opportunities not just threats. We in the dean’s office do believe that their energy and skill are equal to the challenges that face healthcare in the United States today.

The world of medicine is evolving in contradictory directions. On the one hand, we see the wonders of research, the ever expanding armamentarium against pain and infirmity. We have more to offer than I could dream of when I was a student. Yet it remains a challenge to deliver those
promises to patients. Whether in the solo practice of primary care, the group practice of a hospital based specialty, or the academic practice of a medical school faculty, the barriers and pressures placed on us as we aspire to serve are daunting. All too often, those pressures and barriers create cynicism, negativity, and frustration. If we are not careful, they rob us and our patients of that most important attribute of a physician: optimism. We must lead patients, families, and ourselves through challenging times, and optimism is an essential element of that leadership.

It is optimism that our students have in abundance. Working with them rejuvenates us, proving once again that the young can be our teachers! In June, more than 220 new physicians join the ranks of the Alumni Association as they walk across the stage of the Kimmel Center to receive their diplomas. One faculty member is selected by the seniors to administer the Hippocratic Oath to them at graduation – a unique honor for that teacher, and an opportunity for all of us to relive the enthusiasm we felt as we crossed the stage into our lives as physicians. Let us all draw on the unbridled optimism of our graduates as they embark on their journeys.

It is spring again!

Warmly,

Thomas J. Nasca ’75
Dean and Senior Vice President
President, Jefferson University Physicians

Shaping the Future
Yolanda Heman-Ackah MD

Yolanda D. Heman-Ackah MD, an honors graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, received her graduate education in otology-head and neck surgery at the University of Minnesota. At present, she is an Instructor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Jefferson where her focus is laryngology and professional voice care. She dedicates much of her research to understanding the physiological mechanisms of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and strategies to prevent SIDS through her studies of the laryngeal chemoreflex. This reflex, which occurs in all infants, can lead to respiratory arrest and cardiovascular collapse when acid hits the larynx during episodes of gastroesophageal reflux.

Her studies using infant animals have made Dr. Heman-Ackah a pioneer in predicting whether an infant is likely to have profound or mild responses to acid stimulation – and how best to prevent a fatality in those infants predisposed to severe responses. The author of 24 articles in peer reviewed journals, she has participated in panel discussions on this topic throughout the country. Not only a scholar but also a performer, Dr. Heman-Ackah appears with several dance companies and sings with the Thomas Jefferson University Choir directed by Robert Sataloff ’75.

The Alumni Bulletin devotes a regular column to the university’s junior faculty members who are publishing significant basic, translational, or clinical research. All whose stories appear in this space were nominated for this recognition by their department chairperson.
Taking Education to Heart
The New Campus Plan
A leafy, welcoming place shaded by trees, furnished with benches, and bordered by buildings devoted to learning. It’s what springs to mind when you picture a great American university, yet it’s something Thomas Jefferson University has lacked. Until now. A team of planners and architects guided by University President Robert L. Barchi MD PhD has put together a plan for physical growth that creates a new heart for the campus while rearranging spaces to reflect the university’s priorities. “It comes down to helping this campus to be what it wants to be,” says Dr. Barchi. “The plan flowed naturally once we asked ourselves, what are we teaching?”

Education is the heart of Jefferson’s mission: defining the future of clinical care for the next generation of medical leaders. So student activity will be the epicenter of the campus. A new building wholly devoted to teaching, opening onto a handsome campus green, is the first step. It will be a collaboration of all 3 colleges of Thomas Jefferson University: the Medical College; Graduate Studies; and Health Professions. “More and more, instruction at Jefferson will be interdisciplinary, bringing together members of the different professions and preparing students to practice as part of an integrated team that delivers care,” explains Dean of the Medical College Thomas Nasca ’75.

The new synergy among the 3 colleges will extend onto the campus green. When the parking lots along Locust Street are placed fully underground, there will be a surprising amount of open space: larger than a football field. Subtle terracing, trees, and seating will create an ‘outdoor room’ for occasions like the White Coat Ceremony in August which symbolizes the transformation of medical students into physicians-in-training. There will be plenty of space for a gala tent when parents and alumni attend. On less momentous days, it will be a relaxing place to eat lunch or scan a textbook. A café will be tucked under the arches of Scott Library in a space currently taken up by computer equipment. The parklike space will spruce up the image the university presents to pedestrians in Center City. Since service to our community is part of Jefferson’s mission, neighborhood leaders like the Washington Square West Civic Association and the Center City District have been brought into the planning process. At a recent meeting, the “Wash West” Association expressed their delight at the prospect of open space being carved out of this urban block. “It will give a boost to a critical area of Center City,” notes James Erdmann PhD, Dean of the College of Health Professions.

The building and the green will be a visual statement of “what we do here,” points out Clara Callahan PD’82, Vice Dean of the Medical College. Sketches call for broad expanses of glass that allow passersby to see the instruction and informal gatherings inside, showing the university’s openness toward its Philadelphia neighbors. “The architects are also paying careful attention to the heights of the structures, so that we don’t block sunlight and views,” notes Ron Bowlan, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management. “The taller ones form the perimeter of our campus. Most Jefferson buildings will be visible from the green, which gives a sense of unity.”

Education will extend from the new building to existing structures that encircle it: the northern side of Alumni Hall (with its classrooms and teaching labs such as anatomy) and the College and Curtis Buildings. McClellan Hall is being modernized as an auditorium with seating for 275 and state-of-the-art audiovisuals. Just steps away are student apartments in Orlowitz and Barringer.

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“The new building and campus green will be a visual statement of our core mission: teaching.”
The next ring out from the center will be devoted to research space, primarily in Bluemle, the southern side of Alumni Hall, and certain floors of College and Curtis. Completion of the education facility will free up space in Edison, currently the site of Health Professions teaching, for use as administrative offices. Corporate functions such as finance, computer systems, purchasing, and facilities management will fill out the perimeter of the southern campus.

As for the northern part of Jefferson’s campus, hospital care and bedside teaching have always been centered there, in Gibbon, Foerderer, Main, and Thompson, with the Jefferson Hospital for Neurosciences and Wills Eye just to the east. An ambulatory care facility – still a few years away – will be erected next to Gibbon, gathering under one roof the outpatient practices that are currently scattered among leased spaces in various nearby structures. This brings to a total of 3 the construction projects that are anticipated over the next decade: the education building; a future addition to Bluemle to increase the university’s research space; and the ambulatory care facility.

To oversee all this, President Barchi brings to Jefferson his vast experience in campus building which he gained as Provost of the University of Pennsylvania. “At Jefferson he has never yet missed a meeting of the design team,” says Ron Bowlan. Biweekly planning sessions have benefited from the input of Deans Nasca and Erdmann; Carol Beck PhD representing the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies; University Vice President John Sullivan; Vice Dean Clara Callahan PD’82; and Associate Dean Susan Rattner MD.

With concentric rings of education, research, and administration organizing a community of scholars around a tree-shaded green, Jefferson will at last have a sense of place—the feel of a great American university.

“Watch for future Bulletins with more details.”
When infectious disease experts worldwide came up with the powerful cocktail of anti-HIV drugs known as highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), they hoped they had found a way to finally rid a human body of the virus. But they were wrong. The virus instead goes into hiding, dormant and practically undetectable in the body—and impervious to attack. Though kept at bay by HAART, the virus is still quite capable, given the right opportunity, of replicating and wreaking havoc on the body’s immune system.

Now, virologists at Jefferson led by Roger J. Pomerantz MD, Professor and Director of Infectious Diseases, may have found a way to bring HIV out of hiding. They have shown that an immune cell protein called interleukin-7 (IL-7) can rouse the virus better than previously tried agents and make it vulnerable to drugs and the body’s immune system. Once coaxed out of dormancy, the virus can more easily be eradicated.

“IT was IL-7,” he says. “We are not certain why, but it is the best agent for rousing HIV out of latency that we’ve seen in the last 15 years.” The team found that the virus was stimulated to higher levels and was activated in more patients than with other compounds. Results were reported in the Journal of Clinical Investigation.

Pomerantz’s group also discovered that IL-7 appears to stimulate a group of sub-strains of HIV that are different than those brought out of latency by other agents such as IL-2 (another immune cytokine) or OKT3 (a monoclonal antibody). He suspects such strains may be from an unknown viral reservoir in the blood. “IL-7 may teach us something. We’re not sure why only these certain strains are affected. We think we’ve found a new population, a new reservoir of HIV that has not been seen before. It’s probably a sub-population of blood cells, lymphocytes not stimulated by IL-2 or OKT3. There could be other reservoirs as well.”

Ultimately, he says, the answer to the latency problem may entail using a combination of drugs. “We may need more than one drug to stimulate the virus from latency, in the same way that we need to use HAART, a combination of drugs, to stop replication. We may have to combine IL-2 with IL-7 and other agents to get to the reservoirs of virus.” Stay tuned for further news: Pomerantz’s lab is one of the most respected HIV research efforts worldwide.
Certain elements of the genes of bat rabies virus make it particularly adept at invading the brain. By studying these genes, Jefferson researchers have recently shed new light on rabies in general.

Bat rabies reaches the brain much more quickly than other strains of the disease, and a much smaller amount of the virus suffices to initiate the brain infection. In fact, in many cases of bat rabies infection, there is no known route of exposure. Bernhard Dietzschold DVM, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and Matthias Schnell PhD, Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, and their team analyzed which rabies virus genes from a silver-haired bat might play a role in the virus’s extraordinary ability to infect the brain.

To do so, they built the first molecular clone of a rabies “street” virus, akin to the virus found in the wild. They then exchanged the genes of the silver-haired bat rabies virus clone with that of a strain used in a rabies wildlife vaccine and discovered that certain parts – particularly the glycoprotein cover on the virus surface – are responsible for the virus’s superior ability to attack the brain.

The glycoprotein is involved in the uptake of virus by the cell receptor. According to Dr. Dietzschold, the uptake of the silver-haired bat rabies virus is 5 times faster than virus from other species, which, he says, might account for its ability to infect very rapidly.

“We also found that the expression of viral genes and proteins – the replication of the virus – is extremely highly regulated. Again, a difference from the viruses in other species.

“The virus evades immune system recognition” more than other strains, he notes, “which is a key factor in pathogenesis. This information will help us understand how the virus invades the central nervous system from a peripheral site in the body.”

The distinction between species reflects the fact that rabies virus is by no means just a single entity, and may have different methods of infection and spread. “The classic picture of rabies has been changing in the last few years. We have new viruses that are phenotypically and genotypically different and which may cause different symptoms – not simply the classic symptoms such as hydrophobia and difficulty swallowing.”

The team reported their findings in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Other authors included Hilary Koprowski MD, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology. The team is continuing to pick apart the mechanisms behind rabies pathogenesis.

Virology
Explain How Rabies Invades the Brain

Rabies virus infects the central nervous system by entering nerve terminals in the periphery. The virus is internalized via receptor-mediated endocytosis and then transported within an axon to the neuronal cell body.

Two hypothetical transport pathways are proposed by the Jefferson team: either the viral core is released into the cytosol through a pH-dependent fusion of the viral envelope and the endosome (A1) and the naked viral core is transported by the dynein motor protein (B); or the virus remains inside the endosome (A2) and is transported as a vesicle (B). After transport, the virus replicates in the neuronal soma and utilizes synaptic junctions to infect a secondary neuron.

Two mechanisms are proposed for the trans-synaptic virus spread: either the viral core enters another neuron via a channel between the post- and pre-synaptic membranes (C1); or the viral core acquires the viral envelope and buds off from the post-synaptic membrane into the synaptic cleft and enters the pre-synaptic axon via receptor-mediated endocytosis (C2).
Defeating high blood pressure may be a matter of a little molecular manipulation, now that Jefferson scientists have discovered a key signaling pathway in hypertension.

Some drugs for hypertension, such as beta blockers or angiotensin receptor blockers, block specific receptor proteins on the cell. But a team here has looked instead to a certain molecular pathway called the Gq signaling pathway, showing that it plays an important role in developing various models of hypertension.

Andrea Eckhart PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine, and her colleagues focused on drugs known as alpha-adrenergic receptor blockers and angiotensin II receptor blockers (including ACE inhibitors), which block excess production of angiotensin. Both of these receptors normally bind to a class of proteins called Gq, and enhanced activation ultimately leads to hypertension.

“We thought that if we could somehow block all the receptors bound to this Gq coupled protein, then instead of hitting each receptor individually, we could knock them all out with a specific inhibitor,” Dr. Eckhart explains. She directs the Eugene Feiner Laboratory in the Center for Translational Medicine.

She and her team subsequently developed a Gq inhibitor and tested it in various mouse models of hypertension. They looked at 2 particular proteins called GRK2 and GRK5, which are both linked to high blood pressure in human and animal models. They overexpressed the genes for GRK2 and GRK5, causing hypertension in mice.

When they mated the GRK2 mouse with a mouse with a genetic inhibition of Gq, the resulting offspring had lower blood pressure. But when the researchers mated the GRK5 mouse with a mouse with a Gq inhibition, the offspring’s blood pressure didn’t change. “This finding suggests that the overexpression of both proteins leads to different pathways causing high blood pressure,” she says.

Eckhart notes that finding the right kind of drug for patients is difficult without knowing the underlying causes of the high blood pressure. Because potential contributing factors can include obesity, genetics, and other lifestyle factors such as smoking and diet, patients often are taking several drugs at once. “The Gq pathway is an excellent molecular tool that will allow us, in the laboratory, to discern different pathways underlying high blood pressure,” she says. “It will probably also suggest to us some strategies for individuals taking more than one drug at a time.”

“A team here has looked to a certain molecular pathway called the Gq signaling pathway, showing that it plays an important role in developing various models of hypertension.”
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Ronald Leopold ‘84 of Atlanta is the chief author of A Year in the Life of a Million American Workers, published by MetLife, a major disability insurer nationwide. Dr. Leopold, who also holds an MBA and an MPH, is a Vice President of MetLife. This volume analyzes nonoccupational disability conditions that reduce worker productivity and increase health care costs. These can include multiple sclerosis, depression, asthma, coronary artery disease, lower back injuries, repetitive strain disorders, respiratory infection, stroke, cancer, substance abuse, and HIV infection. Much of the data was extracted from MetLife’s huge claims database. The book takes the form of “a visual reference guide,” presented in full color charts and graphs that set a high standard in graphic design.

Gary Emmett ‘76, Director of General Pediatrics at Jefferson, is the author of the Field Guide to the Normal Newborn. This volume in the Field Guide series from Lippincott Williams and Wilkins is ideally sized to be a handy reference for family physicians, nurse practitioners, students, and residents. Succinct descriptions are augmented by illustrations and algorithms. Abundant tables and charts let you review vital information at a glance: everything from the use of maternal medications in breastfeeding and newborn metabolic screening tests, to a newborn-specific formulary and newborn-specific lab values. Line drawings take you through the steps of commonly performed procedures. Photographs help you recognize common neonatal skin and eye disorders.

Robert Lahita MD’73 PhD is the author of Women and Autoimmune Diseases: The Mysterious Ways Your Body Betrays Itself, published by HarperCollins. Of the 8.5 million US citizens who suffer from an autoimmune disease, 80 percent are female. Dr. Lahita is a Professor of Medicine at New York Medical College, the Director of Rheumatology and Connective Tissue Disease at St. Vincent’s Hospital, and Chairman of Medicine and Vice President of the Jersey City Medical Center. He was the Editor of the Textbook of Autoimmunity. This new book was co-written by Ina Yalof.

Rick Spaide ’81 of New York was on the writing committee for the volume Retina and Vitreous, part of the Basic and Clinical Science Course series for the American Academy of Ophthalmology. It is nearly 400 pages long and serves as a reference and teaching guide for residents, fellows, and practitioners.

Rick is also one of 2 co-editors of the new volume Medical Retina, in the Essentials in Ophthalmology series from Springer (186 pages). The standard of knowledge has improved substantially over the past few years for diseases such as age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. Our insight into basic mechanisms of disease has expanded, and novel diagnostic and therapeutic strategies have been developed. Here, internationally renowned experts review the newest developments, including applications of optical coherence tomography; scanning laser ophthalmoscopy for fundus autofluorescence imaging; recommendations for photodynamic therapy in neovascular AMD; and novel approaches such as intravitreal injections of antiangiogenic substances.

All these titles are available through Jefferson Medical and Health Science Bookstore — see page 10

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You are cordially invited to a reception for alumni, faculty, and friends of Jefferson during the American Medical Association’s Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates.

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In Memoriam

Anthony F. DePalma ’29, the James Edwards Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Jefferson from 1950 to 1970, died at his home in Pompano Beach, FL on April 6 at the age of 100. Dr. DePalma’s era at Jefferson began following the Second World War when the faculty recognized that the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery needed a new and vigorous leader and turned to Dr. DePalma, who was then completing his military service at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. He was induced to return as an Assistant Professor with the assurance he would become department chairman on the incumbent’s retirement. He was named the 3rd James Edwards Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery in 1950. DePalma proved himself to be a forceful teacher, a gifted technician, and a busy clinician. His private practice grew to huge proportions as his surgical reputation spread beyond the confines of Jefferson. A sense of excitement returned to Jefferson orthopaedic surgery at Jefferson from 1950 to 1970, died of Orthopaedic Surgery at 925 Chestnut Street, Suite 110, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Dr. DePalma made lasting contributions to the development of orthopaedic surgery at Jefferson and across the country. Perhaps his most important contribution here was a legacy of departmental strength, vitality, and professionalism. DePalma served as President of the Alumni Association in 1959 and was presented with the Alumni Achievement Award in 1975. The DePalma Auditorium at Jefferson was dedicated in his honor in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, a son, and a stepson.

William H. Shull J’44 died January 25, 2005. A member of the American College of Physicians, he was on staff at Carolina Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospitals, Charlotte, NC. He was a past President of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Heart Association. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and 3 daughters. Daughter Maryanne is Jefferson ’82.

Robert J. Sorensen ’54 died January 28, 2005. He practiced in Wildwood Crest, NJ and served as Chief of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology at Burdette Tomlin Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Maria, and 2 daughters. Daughter Maryanne is Jefferson ’82.

James G. Mackey Jr. ’55 died February 26, 2005. He was in general practice in Devon, PA and held a staff appointment at Bryn Mawr Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, a son, and a daughter. Son-in-law Robert W. Priem is Jefferson ’85.

Joseph A. Jacobs ’73 died February 27, 2005. He practiced urology at Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia until 1993, then left medicine in order to spend more time with his family. He is
survived by his wife, Linda, 2 sons, and a daughter.

Frank Montique Jr. ’76 died January 29, 2005. Board certified in orthopaedic surgery, he practiced in the West Mount Airy section of Philadelphia. He was a physician for the Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments and the Philadelphia prison system. He was a staff member and a Director of John F. Kennedy Hospital, Lindenwold, NJ. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, a son, and a daughter.

Scott S. Grugan ’87 died March 3, 2005. He was a staff radiologist at J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Huntingdon, PA, and principal partner of Huntingdon Radiology PC. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, 3 daughters, and 2 sons.

Toni L. McClellan NP’87 died February 18, 2005. She had practiced neurology in Colorado Springs. She is survived by her husband, Jack Burkhead Jr.

Georganne Buescher EdD, Associate Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, died February 20. She had spent nearly all her career at Jefferson. Widely admired and loved by her students and fellow faculty members, she is survived by her microbiologist husband, Jerome, who is also an administrator in the College of Graduate Studies.

The Jefferson Foundation Created to Consolidate Development and Alumni Relations

All development and alumni relations resources for the university and hospital were consolidated this spring in the Jefferson Foundation, a newly created entity. Robert L. Barchi MD PhD, President of Thomas Jefferson University, and Thomas J. Lewis, President of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, announced, “The Jefferson Foundation will combine the current University Office of Institutional Advancement with the Hospital Development Office, all alumni programs, and departmental fundraising operations. The Jefferson Foundation is responsible for all fundraising and alumni operations for TJU and TJUH, and will play an extremely important role in fulfilling our mission as we work together to define the future of clinical care.”

The name “Foundation” was chosen to represent this joint effort, but it will not be a foundation in the traditional sense. The full amount of every gift will continue to go directly to the program that the donor designates. For example, your contribution to Medical College Annual Giving will still be used specifically for the Medical College.

Parents’ Day

for the sophomore class featured presentations by faculty members about the medical school curriculum, as well as a welcome from University President Robert L. Barchi MD PhD.

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Parents were greeted by Clara Callahan PD’82, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs.
ClassNotes

’49  Ed Schauer  completed 12 years as mayor and city council member of Farmingdale, NJ, where he lives. He is still active on the Manasquan River Leverage Authority as a commissioner and serves on the legislative council of the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

’52  Kenneth Dollinger  of Boca Raton, FL has retired from his ob-gyn practice and is now the volunteer Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of South Palm Beach and Broward County.

’61  Jim Lehman  of Fairlawn, OH is in his 7th year of teaching pediatric plastic surgery in addition to his busy practice. “A very rewarding experience.”

’63  Ronald Gilcher  of Oklahoma City is President, CEO, and Medical Director of the Oklahoma Blood Institute. He enjoys his “escape” home in Ft. Myers, FL with its boating and diving.

’64  Ignatius Hneleski  of Drexel Hill, PA is still enjoying an active ophthalmology practice in the West Chester area. His son, Nace III ’92, practices with him along with Ray Jones ’78. Nace is presently the Chief of the Ophthalmology Department at Chester County and Paoli Memorial Hospitals and attending surgeon on the oculoplastic service at Wills.

’65  Joseph Dwoskin  of Castle Rock, CO is now retired after reaching full professorship in pediatric urology at Texas Tech. 2004 was a significant year: he obtained his private pilot’s license. He and his wife now travel first class in their Cirrus SR-22.

’68  Kenneth Reynard  is a neuro-radiologist at St. Anthony Hospital in Denver and a member of the American College of Radiology.

’69  Stanley Brand  of Prairie Village, KS has joined a 2-man gastroenterology group after practicing in a multispecialty group for 28 years. He has been appointed to serve on the New REACH Healthcare Foundation Board, established by the state of Kansas.

’70  Robert Kane  of Nokomis, FL, after 25 years “in the trenches” of practice, is now enjoying working as a medical reviewer of oncology drugs for the FDA. He commutes from Florida to Rockville, MD.

’72  William Boswell  of Los Angeles is in his 20th year as Director of Radiology at the University of Southern California/ Norris Cancer Center.

’74  William Miller  of Herndon, VA will be retiring from the US Navy this summer after 30 years of service.

’75  Gary Clark  of Chagrin Falls, OH has earned a Masters of Medical Management degree from the Heinz School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He continues as Professor and Chair of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Case Western Reserve University.

’76  Mark Lichtenstein  of Greensboro, VT is the Medical Director at Copley Hospital in Morrisville. He is proud to have spent his whole career doing family medicine “with a patient-centered and shared decision-making approach” at a community health center.

’77  Carolyn Runowicz  of Avon, CT was nominated as President-elect of the American Cancer Society and will assume its presidency in November 2005. She was also appointed by President Bush to the National Cancer Advisory Board for a 6-year term (2004 – 2010).

’78  Harry Chaikin  of Brigantine, NJ rode in the 2004 New Jersey Multiple Sclerosis 150-mile City to Shore Bike Tour. Not only did he pedal the full 150 miles, but he also collected the most contributions of any first time rider and received the “Rookie of the Year” award.

’79  Joseph Spiegel  of Bala Cynwyd, PA joined Jefferson’s full time faculty in 2003 as an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He specializes in voice and swallowing disorders.

’80  Angela Lin  of Westwood, MA has been named an Associate Editor of the American Journal of Medical Genetics. She is a clinical geneticist with an interest in cardiovascular malformations.
Joseph Sodroski, who is now a Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School, and Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Harvard School of Public Health, delivered the William Potter Lecture at Jefferson this spring.

'84 Joseph Montella of Philadelphia is President-elect of the American Urogynecologic Society and continues to win numerous student and resident teaching awards as a clinician faculty member at Jefferson in the Department of Ob-Gyn.

'88 Steven Goldberg and wife, Najla, and 3 children are enjoying life in Binghamton, NY. Najla is a chef and has a cookie company, “Gone Chunky,” with customers throughout the US. Steven is a regional Chief Medical Officer with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield.

'90 Toby Soble of Cherry Hill, NJ is practicing family medicine at a new larger office. Daughter Marisa Bashkin is in the Class of ‘07 at Jefferson.

'91 Rob Cabry lives with his wife, Kim, and children in Thorofare, NJ and practices sports medicine in Upland, PA.

Jeffrey Campbell is now Chief of Neurosurgery at the duPont Hospital for Children, an affiliate of Jefferson in Wilmington, DE.

Pankaj Patel and wife Seema Nayyar of Wilmington, DE celebrate the birth of their first child, Nina Claire, born on December 15, 2004. Pankaj is the Associate Trauma Director at Christiana Hospital in Delaware.

Anthony DelRossi ’69

Anthony J. DelRossi graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1969 and remained at Jefferson to complete his internship and residency in general surgery. He credits John Y. Templeton III ’41 with giving him powerful insight into clinical surgery and Rudolph Camishion ’54 with awakening in him a love for surgical research. After 2 years in the air force, he spent 1976 – 1978 in a thoracic surgery residency at Temple University in Philadelphia, followed by a busy period as a pediatric cardiac surgeon at Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills, NJ.

Dr. DelRossi was recruited by Dr. Camishion to the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Camden, NJ in 1985 as the Division Head of Cardiothoracic Surgery. During his training at Jefferson, Dr. DelRossi had come to appreciate that an effective leader must have the respect of fellow surgeons, should be an accomplished researcher, and must stay deeply involved in medical student and graduate medical education. With this early ideal still guiding him, he greatly expanded the number of open heart surgical procedures performed at Cooper Hospital and activated a cardiovascular laboratory. Research projects involving spinal cord preservation, skeletal muscle myoplasty, and cardiac hemostasis were undertaken and led to numerous publications. DelRossi has been involved in 85 funded research projects to date. His own interest lies in cardiac valvular disease and ventricular and thoracic aneurysms.

By 1994, Dr. Anthony DelRossi had become Chief of Surgery at Cooper Hospital and Professor of Surgery at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Camden. This Department of Surgery now is committed to the education of 100 medical students at a time as well as 3 mid surgical residents. He has expanded the full time faculty to a total of 63, divided into 12 distinct academic divisions. Dr. DelRossi holds other responsibilities at the medical school including chairing the Curriculum Committee and serving on the Executive Council and the Strategic Planning Committee.

On a national level, Dr. DelRossi is a member of the American Association of Thoracic Surgery and has been a program director for a symposium on cardiac surgery for many years under the auspices of the American College of Chest Physicians. His numerous memberships include the Academy of Surgical Research, Association for Academic Surgery, Society For Thoracic Surgeons, and International Society for Heart Transplantation. He served as President of the Philadelphia Academy of Cardiology in 1994 and President of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgeons in 1998. Editorial positions include the Journal of Investigative Surgery, Annals of Thoracic Surgery, Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation, and Journal of Surgical Research.

He admits to having spent the better part of his private life flying either small airplanes or jet fighters. On a personal note, Dr. Anthony DelRossi has 4 children and describes his wife, Jane, as “wonderfully” supportive of his endeavors. He believes his Jefferson education prepared him well and he carries many fond memories. We congratulate Anthony J. DelRossi ’69 on a distinguished career.
Shaping the Future

Leonardo Pereira MFM’04, now an Assistant Professor in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University, is a co-investigator in a randomized clinical trial aimed at reducing maternal and neonatal mortality in Zimbabwe. He is also developing a translational research project aimed at reducing maternal and neonatal sepsis in developing nations.

Last year Leo completed a 3-year fellowship in this subspecialty at Jefferson. His areas of interest include the noninvasive diagnosis of fetal anemia, pregnancy in women with spinal cord injuries, and pregnancy in women after uterine artery embolization. To date he has published 7 articles and 15 abstracts, and made 21 presentations in this country and abroad. Leo was a finalist for the Thomas Bagg Research Award of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University in 2003, and won the Baggs Research Award of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine in 2004.

‘92
Steven Brown of West Hartford, CT and family welcomed daughter Mia Danielle on November 22, 2004. She joins her sister Alexandra and brother Jacob.

‘94
David Capuzzi and his wife, Jessica Berliner ’95, have been living in Richmond, VA for the last 5 years and now have 3 children. They are both in private practice.

‘97
Lawrence Buono of Hillsborough, NC is practicing as a neuro-ophthalmologist and is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Duke.

‘98
Lori Frank of Philadelphia has joined the Jefferson Heart Institute and been named Instructor in Medicine at Jefferson Medical College. Lori’s research interests include echocardiography and nuclear cardiology.

Patrick Mooney of Haddonfield, NJ was appointed Chairman of the Board of Aphton Corporation, headquartered in Philadelphia. Aphton is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing targeted immunotherapies for cancer and other diseases.

Angana Pandya Shah of North Brunswick, NJ and Chirag Shah were married on August 28, 2004. Angana finished her retina fellowship at Boston University in July and is now in private practice in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

‘00
Brian Lally is moving to Florida in July. He will be an Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and the University of South Florida in Tampa.

‘01
Scott Hammer has been in a private family medicine practice in Milford, DE since completing his residency a year ago. Wife Sara Kate and son Kirk are doing well.

Neeta Mody and Jeff Vargo ’01 of Pittsburgh welcomed the newest member of their family, Kian, in November 2004.

E. Olita Layton was honored to serve this past year as Chair of the Resident Component Governing Council of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Olita, a house staff member at the University of South Florida in Tampa, has been working to increase the participation of residents in the ASA. “Residents have a unique perspective to bring to the table, and our input is important in shaping the future of our specialty.”

Kristie Robson of Midwest City, OK is currently a flight surgeon in the US Navy. She will be transferring to San Diego this summer to begin an emergency medicine residency. This past September, she played for the all navy golf team in Colorado Springs.

‘02
Fiona Pasternack of Forest Hills, NY married James Blanco at the Logan Ridge Winery on August 28, 2004. They then took a 3 week trip through India, “a magical country.”

Postgraduate
Albert Pizzica PD’78 has been appointed medical director of the newborn nurseries at Northeastern Hospital in Philadelphia.

Eric Yoss PUD’88 of New Hartford, NY was elected President of the Medical Staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center for 2005. He is the medical director of respiratory care and a member of the medical center’s Board of Trustees.

Barry Mangel CD’91 is vice president of a 17-physician cardiology practice in Atlanta. He is also Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine at WellStar Kennestone Hospital.

Scott Rosenthal APM’99 of Maple Glen, PA is happy in practice at Abington Hospital. Peter Vacca ’94 and Mathai Kurien AN’99 have joined the same practice. The group has opened a new pain medicine office in Newtown.

Guillermo Garcia-Manero HO’99 of Houston is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Leukemia at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Ryan Madanick IM’01 of Coconut Grove, FL has completed his gastroenterology fellowship at Jackson Memorial Hospital and joined the faculty at the University of Miami.

Sandi Rappe OBG’01 and husband Steve Spindler of Jenkintown, PA welcomed daughter Jessica on July 1, 2004. Sandi works at Abington Hospital and has become a partner of Womancare Ob/Gyn.
Match Day

Arizona
Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center
Lee, Sang M.
Transitional

St. Joseph’s Hospital
Summers, Shawn B.
Medicine-Preliminary

University of Arizona Affiliated Hospitals
Klein, Rebecca L.
Surgery
Lee, Sang M.
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)
Summers, Shawn B.
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)

California
Children’s Hospital-Oakland
Cady, Brittany R.
Pediatrics
Li, Alice J.
Pediatrics

Kaiser Permanente-Los Angeles
Spurgeon, Daniel
Family Practice

Kaiser Permanente-Oakland
Chang, Jeffrey
Medicine-Preliminary

Naval Medical Center-San Diego
Santomauro, Michael G.
Surgery

Stanford University Programs
Kong, Juin Yee
Pediatrics

University of California Irvine Medical Center
Grimm, Matthew P.
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PGY-2)
Skoczylas, Laura C.
Obstetrics/Gynecology

University of California/ San Diego Medical Center
Furnish, Timothy
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)
Griggs, Jenna B.
Pediatrics
Kansal, Leena R.
Neurology (PGY-2)

District of Columbia
George Washington University
Moncavage, Melissa B.
Ophthalmology (PGY-2)
Olin, Lisa C.
Internal Medicine
Sit, Lydia
Psychiatry
Zandberg, Dan P.
Internal Medicine

Kansal, Leena R.
Neurology (PGY-2)

University of Southern California
Ciancio, Steve R.
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)
Day, Thomas F.
Orthopaedics

University of Colorado
Exempla St. Joseph Hospital
Glah, Megan E.
Obstetrics/Gynecology

University of Colorado School of Medicine
Ravitz, Risa M.
Family Practice

University of Colorado School of Medicine-Denver
Kelly, Heather A.
Internal Medicine

Connecticut
University of Connecticut Health Center
Tocci, Michael J.
Emergency Medicine

Yale-New Haven Hospital
Gallombardo, Julie L.
Pediatrics

Delaware
Christiana Care
Cataldi, Erin Elizabeth
Medicine/Emergency Medicine
Coletti, Christian M.
Medicine/Emergency Medicine
Getto, Leila P.
Emergency Medicine
Hearn, Alison A.
Family Practice
Keller, Matthew S.
Transitional
Mingos, Mark A.
Medicine-Preliminary
Nguyen, Khanh-Ha D.
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Parker, Kathryn A.
Emergency Medicine
Reddy, Vivek K.
Internal Medicine
Rowley, James F.
Emergency Medicine
Samson, Michael
Internal Medicine

Florida
University of Florida
Le, Ngoc-Bich P.
Urology

University of Florida-Gainesville
Williams, David S.
Ophthalmology (PGY-2)

Hawaii
Tripler Army Medical Center
Domanski, Jeremy P.
Internal Medicine
Kallingal, George J. S.
Surgery & Urology

Illinois
Loyola University
Mariotti, Adam J.
Otolaryngology

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Emergency Medicine
Reddy, Vivek K.
Internal Medicine
Rowley, James F.
Emergency Medicine
Samson, Michael
Internal Medicine

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Surgery & Urology

Illinois
Loyola University
Mariotti, Adam J.
Otolaryngology

Northwestern University/McGaw Medical Center
Howe, Dorothea E.
Internal Medicine

Rush University Medical Center
Tummuru, Rajeev
Internal Medicine

University of Illinois College of Medicine-Chicago
Luu, Jane T.
Internal Medicine

Iowa
University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics-iowa City
Mehring, Lucille B.
Pathology

Maine
Maine Medical Center
Kumin, Michael C.
Family Practice

Maryland
National Naval Medical Center
Dever, Tara T.
Transitional
Pierce, Brandon K.
Transitional

University Memorial Hospital
Alexander, Bill D.
Medicine-Preliminary

University of Maryland
Ego-Osuala, Bryan C.
Otolaryngology

University of Maryland Medical Center
Alexander, Bill D.
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)
Eyvazzadeh, Daniel J.
Surgery

Massachusetts
Boston University Medical Center
Bewtra, Aruna
Psychiatry
Miller, Jennifer R.
Psychiatry

Harvard Longwood Psychiatric/Carney Hospital
Chao, Faye
Psychiatry
Dean Thomas Nasca ’75 (left) congratulates members of the Class of ’05.
Ohio

Case Western Reserve University
Aftab, Saba
Surgery-Preliminary & Otolaryngology
Chen, Andrew
Internal Medicine
Deschenes, Geoffrey R.
Surgery-Preliminary & Otolaryngology
Gillespie, Robert J.
Orthopaedics
Hengst, Beth A.
Ophthalmology (PGY-2)

Metrohealth Medical Center
Hengst, Beth A.
Medicine-Preliminary

Ohio State University Medical Center
Barua, Eric A.
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)

Oregon

Oregon Health & Science University
Kegel, Gary
Orthopaedics

Pennsylvania

Abington Memorial Hospital
Goodman, Katy E.
Family Practice
Read, Paul J.
Medicine-Preliminary
Rosato, Melissa A.
Family Practice
Shrestha, Ruby
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Albert Einstein Medical Center
Alumni, Michael A.
Transitional
Becker, Jason P.
Emergency Medicine
Ehrlich, Michael S.
Transitional
Etter, Jonathan R.
Transitional
Johnson, Ahashta T.
Medicine-Pediatrics
Liebman, Jared J.
Surgery
Peck, Rachel E.
Medicine-Preliminary
Stiparo, Joseph J.
Surgery
Woodmansee, Carly J.
Psychiatry

Zook, Matthew P.
Transitional

Allegheny General Hospital
Cooney, Robert R.
Emergency Medicine

Crozer-Chester Medical Center
Castonguay, Nicole
Pediatrics
Furnish, Timothy
Transitional

Drexel (MCP Hahnemann)
University College of Medicine
Mapow, David A.
Pathology

Frankford Hospital
Chu, David L.
Transitional
Gulati, Nishi
Transitional
Seethala, Raghu
Transitional
Tsai, Tony
Transitional

Geisinger Medical Center
Peck, Rachel E.
Ophthalmology (PGY-2)

Graduate Hospital
Grimm, Matthew P.
Medicine-Preliminary
Gupta, Aseem A.
Medicine-Preliminary
Vaughn, David A.
Surgery

Hershey/Pennsylvania State University
Dougherty, David W.
Internal Medicine

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Anson, Jonathan A.
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)
Halbe, Kevin
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)
Haloskie, Jessica L.
Family Practice
Jasser, Sameer
Psychiatry
Johnson, Margaret E.
Family Practice
Wade, Timothy V.
Pathology

Lankenau Hospital
Miele, Lino
Surgery

Mory, Aaron K.
Medicine-Preliminary
Palmer, Bret L.
Medicine-Preliminary
Sylvestre, Venetta T.
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Tully, John O.
Internal Medicine

Latrobe Area Hospital
Storey, Amanda J.
Family Practice

Lehigh Valley Hospital
DePuy, Amy M.
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Halbe, Kevin
Transitional

Mercy Catholic Medical Center
Anson, Jonathan A.
Transitional
Datto, Jeffrey
Transitional

Mercy Hospital-Pittsburgh
Barua, Eric A.
Transitional
Grisafi, Heather L.
Transitional
Ko, Judy
Internal Medicine
Young, Jessica
Surgery

Pennsylvania Hospital
Fisicaro, Marc D.
Internal Medicine
Goldstein, Lori A.
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Haim, Lior
Medicine-Preliminary
Mingos, Mark A.
Radiology-Diagnostic (PGY-2)

St. Christopher’s Hospital
Dorn, Eric A.
Pediatrics
Galvao, Carla P.
Pediatrics
Iacobucci, Audrey J.
Pediatrics

St. Luke’s Hospital
Mude-Nochumson, Hannah M.
Emergency Medicine

Temple University Hospital
Ney, Susan L.
Surgery-Preliminary
Olah, Matthew N.  
Internal Medicine  
Shubert, Matthew A.  
Emergency Medicine  
Thomas Jefferson Univ./  
duPont Children's Hospital  
Ambro, Sarah B.  
Pediatrics  
Gallatig, Kathleen  
Pediatrics  
Glasofer, Adam K.  
Pediatrics  
Green, Nicole A.  
Pediatrics  
Koohdary, Sara F.  
Pediatrics  
Muller, Kathryn E.  
Pediatrics  
Whelihan, Kristen M.  
Pediatrics  
Thomas Jefferson University  
Abdollahi, Hamid  
Surgery  
Alabi, Titilayo O.  
Family Practice  
Assis, David N.  
Internal Medicine  
Bowers, Geoffrey D.  
Obstetrics/Gynecology  
Cheskis, Ellina  
Internal Medicine  
Dang, Christine M.  
Emergency Medicine  
DeJoseph, Daniel  
Family Practice  
DelGiorno, Tamara M.  
Internal Medicine  
Fisher, Kyle W.  
Surgery-Preliminary & Otolaryngology  
Flynn, Anthony  
Internal Medicine  
Gandhi, Neil  
Emergency Medicine  
Goyal, Nitin  
Orthopaedics  
Gupta, Aseem A.  
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)  
Irwin, Sibyl R.  
Pathology  
Johannes, James R.  
Surgery-Preliminary & Urology  
Kansal, Leena R.  
Medicine-Preliminary  
Kapadia, Ami D.  
Family Practice  
Katsnelson, Marina  
Obstetrics/Gynecology  
Katsos, Mara S.  
Orthopaedics  
Keller, Matthew S.  
Dermatology (PGY-2)  
Kerrigan, Martin H.  
Internal Medicine  
Kozlek, Kristy M.  
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PGY-2)  
Levinson, Elizabeth A.  
Family Practice  
McConnell, Sean  
Obstetrics/Gynecology  
McCullen, Kristen M.  
Obstetrics/Gynecology  
Mitchell, Christina M.  
Internal Medicine  
Moleski, Stephanie M.  
Internal Medicine  
Morrison, Elizabeth M.  
Orthopaedics  
Mory, Aaron K.  
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)  
Read, Paul J.  
Radiology-Diagnostic (PGY-2)  
Richardson, Elizabeth  
Medicine-Preliminary  
Rosen, Matthew M.  
Surgery  
Scarpaci, Anthony P.  
Internal Medicine  
Shamimi-Noori, Saum A.  
Internal Medicine  
Sheikh, Ednahn S.  
Anesthesiology (PGY-2)  
Stern, Eric W.  
Emergency Medicine  
Stonehouse, Amber R.  
Family Practice  
Walters, Heather L.  
Internal Medicine  
Zook, Matthew P.  
Dermatology (PGY-2)  
Univ. of Pennsylvania Health Syst./Presbyterian Hospital  
Kim, John  
Transitional  
University of Pittsburgh  
Alumni, Michael A.  
Otolaryngology (PGY-2)  
UPMC Medical Education Program  
Cooper, Kristen  
Pediatrics  
Harris, David M.  
Internal Medicine  
Harris, Emily N.  
Pediatrics/Psychiatry/Child Psychiatry  
Johnson, Jennifer  
Psychiatry  
Kohnen, Sharon J.  
Psychiatry  
Pancek, Corey A.  
Orthopaedics/Research  
Robinson, Keven M.  
Medicine-Pediatrics  
Snodgrass, Steven M.  
Pediatrics  
UPMC St. Margaret Hospital  
Das, Niladri  
Family Practice  
Washington Hospital  
Cook, Richard A.  
Family Practice  
Western Pennsylvania Hospital  
Bui, Gina N.  
Surgery  
Wills Eye Hospital  
Ehrlich, Michael S.  
Ophthalmology (PGY-2)  
Rhode Island  
Brown University  
Parick, Katherine E.  
Internal Medicine  
South Carolina  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Ruddy, Jeanmarie B.  
Surgery  
Texas  
Baylor College of Medicine-Houston  
O’Brien, Christopher  
Neurology (PGY-2)  
Srinivasan, Anand  
Orthopaedics  
San Antonio  
Uniformed Serv. Health Education Center  
Homeyer, Diane C.  
Internal Medicine  
San Jacinto  
Methodist Hospital  
Perry, Katasha E.  
Family Practice  
Texas A&M Univ./Scott & White Memorial Hospital  
Parekh, Palak  
Dermatology (PGY-2)  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School-Dallas  
Christensen, Katherine  
Emergency Medicine  
Virginia  
Eastern Virginia Medical School  
Dunn, Chad B.  
Emergency Medicine  
Naval Medical Center-Portsmouth  
Wesley, C. Christopher  
Internal Medicine  
University of Virginia  
Cifarelli, Christopher P.  
Surgery-Preliminary & Neurological Surgery  
Virginia Commonwealth University-Richmond  
Alford, Alison E.  
Pediatrics & Child Neurology  
Washington  
University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals  
Wolf, Christopher F.  
Orthopaedics  
West Virginia  
West Virginia University School of Medicine  
Campbell, Michael C.  
Psychiatry/Family Practice  
Grisafi, Frank N.  
Orthopaedics  
Grisafi, Heather L.  
Radiology-Diagnostic (PGY-2)  
Other  
George, Krissa  
Residency Deferred  
Jesudason, Shama  
Residency Pending  
Mikson, Christopher M.  
Law Practice  
Park, Kyong  
Residency Pending
The Simon Gratz Research Prize for Jefferson Medical College alumni will be awarded in March 2006 at the annual Potter-Wear Lecture held on the Jefferson campus. The Gratz Prize is a cash award given every 3 years to a faculty member alumnus and a nonfaculty alumnus (postgraduate alumni are not eligible). In accordance with the terms of the bequest, awards will be made to those alumni whose work is deemed to have "most furthered the advancement of medical or surgical treatment of disease or for research that has been productive of results having real practical value." This work must have been completed within the preceding 5-year period.

Applications and supporting documents must be received no later than December 31, 2005.

For additional application information please contact Aveniel de Lorenzo at 215-575-0455 or Aveniel.delorenzo@jefferson.edu.

### Past Simon Gratz Research Prize Awardees

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<td>Charles J. Dunton ’80</td>
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<td>Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology</td>
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<td>Neal Flomenberg ’76</td>
<td>David Brent ’74</td>
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<td>Professor of Medicine and Microbiology/Immunology</td>
<td>Professor of Child Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Epidemiology</td>
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Simon Gratz was a Jefferson Trustee and benefactor in the early years of the 20th century. A Philadelphia businessman and the scion of a family that had been prominent in the city since colonial times, he led the College Committee of the Board of Trustees and his wife chaired the Children’s Ward Committee of the Women’s Board.

December 31 Deadline for the Simon Gratz Research Prize

80% of the 46 million Americans who smoke want to quit, and evidence shows that they are more likely to quit if their doctor advises them to do so. Become more educated on the evidence supporting your 20-second role in impacting patient behavior change at this smoking cessation symposium.

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Distribute Your Property According to Your Wishes

Without a will, the laws of your state determine who will receive your property after you are gone. This may not reflect your preferences or the needs of those you want to benefit. Likewise, an outdated will that does not reflect your current wishes and circumstances may result in an undesirable distribution.

Protect Your Family

Even with the availability of various estate planning alternatives, a properly drafted will is the foundation of your planning. It is comforting to know that you have provided for your family’s long-term security.

Create a Legacy

Your will should include provisions to save taxes and conserve your property for those who will benefit. Provisions can include guidance and care for your children. Remembering Jefferson in your will can help you achieve these goals and also enable you to join the Thomas Eakins Society.

For more information about wills or other estate planning opportunities

- Complete and return the postcard in this magazine
- Call Paul Hurd, Executive Director of Alumni and Planned Giving at 1-877-JEFF GIFT (1-877-533-3443)
- Email your questions to plannedgiving@jefferson.edu
- Visit the Jefferson Foundation website at www.jefferson.edu/jeffgiving where you can also click on Jefferson’s gift calculator to calculate estimated benefits of a life income gift.

We recommend you consult your attorney or tax advisor before making financial decisions.