During this season of thanksgiving, the School of Medicine expressed their appreciation and honored our local physicians and teaching hospitals during their annual appreciation dinner held in November. Over 500 community-based physicians assist in the medical education of medical students, resident physicians and fellows. “This is just another avenue to express our appreciation and gratitude for the countless hours devoted to giving back”, said Dr. Steven Berk, Dean for the School of Medicine. Special guest speaker was clinical associate professor, Dr. Doug Klepper, SOM ’89. Second year medical students Rick Bliss, Student Government President, and Katherine Ikard, Vice President for recruitment Dean’s Ambassadors expressed their appreciation to their preceptors.

LGC CMS presents Hippocratic Award

The highest and most prestigious award the Lubbock Crosby Garza County Medical Society conveys to honor a member was presented during their annual meeting in December. For the first time since the awards inception in 1976, two recipients will share this honor: Dr. Surendra Varma, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Dr. Max Ward, a retired radiologist. The recipients will each have the award for 6 months throughout 2009. Members of the LGC CMS select an individual who possesses the attributes of a complete physician: a doctor’s doctor.

2009 recipients of the LGC CMS Hippocratic Award: Dr. Max Ward and Dr. Surendra Varma
Visit: www.lcgcms.org

Student Research Week: Molecular Pathways to Cancer

Interested in research? Mark your calendar for March 3-6, 2009 for Student Research Week at TTUHSC. Keynote address on March 6 by Timothy Triche, M.D., Ph.D., University of Southern California. View more information at: http://www.srw2009.com/Student_Research_Week_2009/Welcome.html

SOM hosts Appreciation Dinner for Clinical Faculty

Guest speakers: Rick Bliss, MSII, SGA President; Dr. Doug Klepper; Dr. Steven Berk, Dean SOM; Katherine Ikard, MSII, VP Dean’s Ambassadors
Step by Step

The Central Training and Coding Services Team of the Medical Practice Insurance Program Business office at TTUHSC offers courses to those who wish to become certified coders. Beginning and Advanced courses are open to the public and are taught by certified instructors. The step by step 80 hour beginners course has no prerequisites but must be followed with the next step 80 hour advanced coding class. All students are required to provide their own textbooks and workbooks and must become a member of the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC): www.aapc.com. For more information call: 806.743.1970 ext: 293.

Community Medical School

The Community Medical School seven class schedule will begin its spring semester on January 27, 2009. Clinical Associate Professor, Suzanne Beck, M.D., Allergy & Asthma Clinic of West Texas, will present: “Allergies: Nothing to Sneeze About!” on February 3, 2009. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings, 5:30–7:30p.m., in the Academic Classroom Building room 100 in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, 3601 4th Street. The class schedule and other information can be accessed at: https://www.ttuhsc.edu/communitymedicalschool. You may also call 806.743.2008 or email: cms@ttuhsc.edu for additional information. On line registration is also available.

• TTU/TTUHSC phone directories are available at the Communications Services Department located at 3712 20th Street [Oak Tree Village Shopping Center], 743.2000.
• Advantage Rent-A-Car is no longer a state contracted rental car vendor. Please utilize the other contract rental car vendors: Avis and Enterprise: http://www.ttuhsc.edu/som/educator/community/cfbenefits.aspx
• TTUHSC Commencement for all schools: May 16, 2009, 10:00a.m. United Spirit Arena.
• Texas Tech Basketball Group Tickets: $3.00 each (general admission)
  Men: Saturday 2/7/09 7:00p.m. vs. Baylor. Women: Saturday 1/31/09 1:00p.m. –vs. Oklahoma State and Wednesday 2/11/09 7:00p.m. –vs. Texas A&M. Bring your ID Card to Ticket Office, M-F, 8:30-5:00 (4th/University). 742.4412.

Bridges to Healthy Aging

The Garrison Institute on Healthy Aging Lecture Series:

• January 28 “Balance/Gait” ~Kerry Gilbert
• February 25 “Diet/Obesity in the Elderly” ~speaker TBD
• March 25 “COPD” ~Kenneth Nugent, M.D.
• April 29 “Pain Management in Older Adults” ~Gabor Racz, M.D.
• May 27 “Senior Finances” ~speaker TBD

www.ttuhsc.edu/aging

Helpful website: Medical Educator Resources for Community Physicians as Teachers
www.ttuhsc.edu/som/educator/resources.aspx

Staying connected with TTUHSC News/Events

www.ttuhsc.edu/aging