TTUHSC Commencement

The School of Medicine celebrated another year of successfully graduating 138 medical students on May 22, 2010 at the TTU United Spirit Arena. The School of Medicine held its hooding ceremony during convocation the day before and awarded several students with distinguished awards. The Gold Headed Cane symbolizing excellence in the art of medicine and in the care of patients was presented to Kelsey Kelso, M.D. The recipient of this award is selected by faculty and students as one who exemplifies attributes most desirable in the competent and caring physician. The Dean’s highest academic achievement award was presented to Natalie Lane, M.D. and an honorary Doctor of Medicine degree was presented posthumously to Ashley Khosia, who lost her life to osteosarcoma in January. President Ted Mitchell, M.D. presided over the TTUHSC graduation honoring a total of 779 students from each health discipline: medicine, nursing, allied health, pharmacy, and biomedical sciences.

March of Dimes March for Babies

TTUHSC School of Medicine received the first place award for most money raised [more than $29K] during the 2010 March of Dimes March for Babies campaign. Dean Steven Berk, M.D. served as co-chair alongside superintendent for LISD Dr. Karen Garza. March of Dimes helps fund research to help prevent birth defects, premature babies, and infant mortality. The walk took place at Mackenzie Park in May.

Community Champion Award

Gill Holdings, LLC is the 2010 recipient of the Community Champion Award presented by the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC). Gill Holdings, LLC is a development company creating economic growth and expansion around Lubbock and is currently developing a shopping center in Parkway Place, east of MLK Blvd. in East Lubbock. Dr. Gurdev S. Gill, a local orthopaedic surgeon, and his son Rajeev Gill founded the company in 2007.

Research on childhood cancer and the reversal of multidrug resistance during chemotherapy was selected to receive $1.3 million by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). Guillermo Altenberg, M.D., Ph.D. and Min Kang, PharmD accepted the check from CPRIT Chairman, Jimmy Monsour. www.cprit.state.tx.us.

The Lubbock Crosby Garza County Medical Society Alliance raised funds for medical scholarships during the 1st ever Trap Shoot.

Thank you

Community Clinical Faculty preceptors donated approximately 2800 hours to teaching and mentoring second year medical students during the Early Clinical Experience (ECE2) rotation from September thru April. For a complete list of ECE2 preceptors visit: www.ttuhsc.edu/som/educator/community/snapshot.aspx

A memorial service was held on May 31, 2010 at Resthaven Memorial Park to remember those individuals who donated their bodies to the willed body program at TTUHSC. Bodies are donated to be used by students studying medicine, allied health sciences, pharmacy, and other disciplines.

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General surgeon and founder of the non-profit organization, Operation HOPE, John P. Thomas, M.D. once again led a group of physicians and volunteers on a medical mission trip, Lubbock Cares, to Haiti in May. Medical care, surgical procedures, food, and supplies were among the things the group provided to the Haitians. Dr. Thomas’ passion to giving back and helping those in need is at the heart of his organization. Operation HOPE sponsors programs for college and high school students and held its Medical Summer Institute for high school students in June at TTUHSC. Operation HOPE will return to Haiti and ring in 2011 on January 3-11. Application to participate can be downloaded from their website. Dr. Thomas is in private practice and graduated from The University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio. http://www.operationhopeusa.org.


New physicians at TTUHSC Department of Surgery: Justin K. Roberts, M.D., Suellen Arentz, M.D., and Larry Whitcomb, M.D. www.ttuhs.edu/som/surgery


TTU Physicians extends their pediatric clinic to southwest Lubbock at HealthPoint on 82nd street. Drs. Elisabeth Conser and Lesley Motheral will see patients M-F 8a.m.-5p.m. 743.7800. The Center for Fertility and Reproductive Surgery and the Center for Perinatal Medicine are also located at HealthPoint. http://www.texasTechPhysicians.com/lubbock

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- Healthy Lubbock Day. June 7, 2010. 9:00 a.m.—noon. Maxey Park, 4020 30th Street.
- Lubbock Crosby Garza County Medical Society Alliance Trap Shoot. June 12, 2010; 10:00a.m. Monk Palmer’s Private Gun Club.
- Lubbock Surgical Society Spring Gala. June 18, 2010, 6:30p.m. Lubbock Club. 785.7917.
- TMA’s Health Reform School. Survive and Thrive in the New Health Care Landscape. Physicians and invited guest only. June 29, 2010; 6:00p.m.—8:00p.m. The Legacy Event Center, 1500 14thStreet. Presented by TMA Physician Leadership, TMA Public Affairs and Medical Economics staff. 785.7917.
- Clinical Faculty Orientation for preceptors. August 7, 2010; 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Lakeridge Country Club. An orientation and refresher course for all current and new TTUHSC community preceptors. 743.1035.