University of Dayton/Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium was held on March 23, 2013. This year’s symposium was titled “Controversies in Preventive Medicine.” Marjorie Bowman, M.D., M.P.A., dean of Wright State University’s Boonshoft School of Medicine, moderated a panel of local experts in different areas of preventive medicine. The panelists included the following speakers and topics: Sherman Altar, M.D., M.S., “Immunization 2013;” Mukul Chaudry, M.D., F.A.C.C., “Cancer: Artery Disease Prevention;” Margaret Dunn, M.D., M.B.A., “Controversies in Breast Cancer Screening and Prevention;” Marvin Miller, M.D., “The Role of Genetic Testing in the Prevention of Human Disease;” and Joseph Scheger, M.D., M.P.H., “Controversies in Prostate Cancer Screening.”

The morning session was followed by a luncheon at which Dr. Joseph Scheger ‘71 personally presented senior Joseph Solomon with the Joseph E. Scheger, M.D., M.P.H. Leadership in Medicine Award. Following the presentation, Steve Warnlich, M.P.A., a partner in the Columbus office of Strategic Health Care, delivered the address “The Affordable Care Act: How Ohio is Transforming Healthcare.”

The afternoon student symposium was held in the Science Center. Topics included patient-centered medical homes, preparing for medical school, life in medical school, a career as a pediatrician, and information about other healthcare careers including dentistry, optometry, podiatry, pharmacy, and physician assistant. The alumni presenters included Dr. Joseph Scheger ‘71, Dr. Ranjana Sinha ‘93, Dr. Sherman Altar ‘73, Dr. Melissa Benbow ‘04, Amish Kimani ‘10 and Laura DeVita ’09. Other professional presenters were Dr. Tiffany Mazur, Dr. Nadie Merchant, Sue Wulf, Jeb Shidler, Dr. Ted Pope, Dr. Greg Notestine, Dr. Kevin Schroader and Dr. Amy Bonkay. A big thank you goes out to all of them.

We send a special thank you to UD alumni Dr. Michael Craig ‘58 and Dr. Ranjana Sinha ‘93, who were tireless in their leadership roles on the symposium planning committee.

Don’t forget! Fifth Annual UD/Miami Valley Hospital Healthcare Symposium is Saturday, April 5, 2014. Register at premed.udayton.edu.

Hello Alumni!

I hope you have enjoyed a beautiful summer! It’s been very pleasant here on campus, other than the usual campus construction that we have come to expect. This year, the Science Center received new windows on the north side to match our windows replaced on the south side in summer 2012.

Our students were mostly off campus this summer. There were a few students around, doing research in biology and chemistry labs, working at area hospitals as medical scribes and volunteering at Reach Out of Montgomery County (see page 2).

This fall we welcome 110 MED/DEN majors to campus! They will be the first cohort of students following new University-wide general education requirements, referred to as the Common Academic Program. This May we applauded our 53 MED/DEN majors who crossed the stage in the 2013 graduation ceremony. Twenty-three of our graduates are headed for medical school and seven for dental school. Other graduates’ plans include physician assistant, veterinary, podiatry and nursing programs.

We have a lot of exciting opportunities for our students and are happy to share some of them with you. Our students are quite proud to follow in your footsteps as Dayton Flyers interested in health and medicine. I hope you can find an opportunity to connect with them!

Best wishes,
Kathleen Scheltens, Ph.D.
Director of Premedical Programs
Students Develop Skills Through Community Health Connections

For the past two years, UD students have been volunteering at Reach Out of Montgomery County, a volunteer health care organization whose mission is to provide access to health care services for the underserved and uninsured population of Montgomery County. Our students begin their experience with a formal training that prepares them to conduct triage services, take vital signs and interact with patients. You will find UD premedical students at Reach Out during their evening clinics most weekdays evenings.

This fall, the UD-Reach Out community partnership will expand to the classroom. Twenty students will be involved in piloting a new minicourse titled “Premed Community Health Experience,” which will expand the original triage training to include content on safe practices, teamwork, medical terminology, electronic medical records, patient interviewing and the complexities of health care delivery. The course will be taught by Dr. Sharon Sherlock, executive director of Reach Out. Students will attend weekly classes on campus and rotate through placements at the clinic to practice the skills they learn. Students will then be prepared and expected to volunteer at the clinic in the following semester.

David Kling, a rising senior MED major, has been volunteering at Reach Out this year. He describes that experience as “amazing” and states, “my time spent and experiences at Reach Out have been life changing and I love being able to do my part to help.”

GRADUATING SENIOR AWARDS

JOSEPH SALOMONE
Joseph Salomone received the Joseph E. Schaefer, M.D., M.P.H. Leadership in Medicine Award, which is presented to a graduating premedical student who has demonstrated leadership toward improving the health of the public through better health care. Joseph attends the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and states, “my time spent and experiences at Reach Out have been life changing and I love being able to do my part to help.”

CHRISTOPHER LEIBOLD
Christopher Leibold received the Joseph Salomone (BIO) U of Cincinnati M.D./Ph.D. program.

MICHAEL JOSEPH
Michael Joseph received the Joseph E. Schaefer, M.D., M.P.H. Leadership in Medicine Award, which is presented to a graduating premedical student who has demonstrated leadership toward improving the health of the public through better health care. Joseph attends the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and states, “my time spent and experiences at Reach Out have been life changing and I love being able to do my part to help.”

JACQUELINE SEYERT
Jacqueline Seyert received the Joseph Salomone (BIO) U of Cincinnati M.D./Ph.D. program.

2013 ADMISSIONS: Congratulations to our graduates entering health professional schools!

Marcus Allen (MED) Ohio State U COM
Josephine Arizapart (MED) OSU College of Veterinary Medicine
Alessio Capesi (DEN) U Michigan School of Dentistry
Joseph Faustino (MED) Case Western Reserve U School of Dental Medicine
Abigail de la Rosa (MED) WSU BEACON accelerated nursing program
Jonathan Demeter (CAE) U Toledo COM
Kara Dickey (BIO) Rocky Vista U COM
Nathan Dombrowski (DEN) Texas A&M U Baylor College of Dentistry
Rachel Egbert (MED) UCM
Matthew Elbert (MED) OSU School of Dentistry
Jacob Farber (BIO) Ohio U Heritage COM
Kirsten Fritz (MED) Mariam U COM
Taylor Grove (BIO) BOCOM Wellness U COM
Jordan Gersoki (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Nicole Goettemoeller (BS) OSU School of Dental Medicine
G. Mark Gottschlich (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Maria Granber (MD/CHM) U Toledo COM
Joseph Granit (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Amanda Guimaraes (BIO) Marian U COM
Meredith Hamilton (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Adam Hicks (MED) Indiana U SOM
Michael Joseph (MED) Marian U COM
Thomas Kimberly (DEN) Creighton U School of Dentistry
Kathleen Kroger (MED) Creighton U SOM
Marissa Kroug (BIO) UCDCOM Medical School of Pharmacy
Christopher Leibold (MED) Ohio U Heritage COM
Timothy Lange (MED) Marquette U School of Dentistry
Jordan Mattingly (DEN) U of Louisville School of Dentistry
Katelyn McCarroll (BIO) UW Madison SOM
Dale McCarr (BIO) Georgia Tech SOM
Laurie Mares (MED) Marian U COM
Marlee Reardon (BIO) Ohio U Heritage COM
Kyle Rismiller (BCHM) Case Western Reserve U SOM
Anthony Rohana (MED) Marian U COM
Lawrence Salib (BIO) U of Cincinnati COM
Jesus Salomone (MED) Ohio State U COM
Kara Dickey (BIO) Ohio U SOM
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Josephine Arbogast (MED) OSU College of Medicine
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Lawrence Salib (BIO) U of Cincinnati COM
Joseph Stefaniak, St. George’s U SOM
Kelsa Swezak (MED) Methodist School of Medicine
Kathy Walszczeko (MED) WSU REACON accelerated nursing program
Kyle Werker (MED) Ohio University COM
Rachel Warden (BIO) Auburn U College of Veterinary Medicine
Adam Walters (DEN) OSU College of Dentistry
Matthew Wysocnik (BIO) Marian U COM

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Maj. Aaron Betts, M.D.
Dr. Aaron Betts graduated from UD in 1995, majoring in physics. After UD, he attended The Ohio State University College of Optometry with a U.S. Army scholarship. He graduated in 2000 and served at Walter Reed Army Medical Center until 2003. He decided to attend medical school and matriculated at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., from which he graduated in 2007. Most recently, Dr. Betts has been a resident in diagnostic radiology at the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium and will graduate from his residency in September 2013, after which he will start a fellowship in neuroradiology at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center/ Cincinnati Children’s.

Dr. Betts was promoted to the rank of major, U.S. Army Medical Corps, in November 2011. He is still active duty Army, is an Army-sponsored fellow and hopes to serve at an Army teaching hospital and eventually become a radiology residency director.

Dr. Betts grew up in Brunswick, Ohio, and met his wife Yanie (Valencia) Betts ’96 at UD. They have three children. He enjoys running when not working and parenting. Their home is very musical, as his wife and daughters all play the violin.

UD Brigaders Head Back to Honduras

The day following May 2013 graduation, 30 students joined premedical programs director Kathleen Scheltens along with three physicians to complete a medical/dental brigade in Honduras. This was the fourth such brigade sponsored by the premedical programs office and campus ministry in conjunction with the organization Global Brigades. Students worked in a variety of positions at the brigade, including intake, consultation (shadowing and translating for physicians), pharmacy, dentistry and an educational station focusing on dental hygiene. We are very grateful to the several alumni who stepped forward to donate funds and medical/dental supplies to the brigade. Our next brigade will be to Nicaragua in January 2013.

Interested in helping sponsor this trip? Donations are accepted at empowered.org/University-Dayton-Medical-Brigade-Jan-2014-Nicaragua.