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University of Dayton Premedical Programs Alumni Newsletter

WHAT’S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

The 2nd Annual University of Dayton/Miami Valley Hospital Health Care Symposium was held in the Science Center and Kennedy Union on March 12. Over 80 students and 100 health professionals attended the event.

The two morning sessions focused on the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Model and Global Health. Discussing the PCMH Model were UD alumnus Joseph Scherger M.D., Manoj Singh, M.D., and Ohio Director of Health Ted Wymyslo, M.D. UD alumnus Christine O’Dea, M.D. coordinated the global health session which included several local physicians discussing their involvement in various global health initiatives.

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The keynote address by author Tracy Kidder also focused on global health. Kidder discussed his insights from researching his book Mountains Beyond Mountains in which he followed Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of the NGO Partners in Health. Afterwards a reception and luncheon were held in Torch Lounge.

Keynote Speaker Tracy Kidder

During the afternoon, the Student Symposium was held which included panels of physicians, medical students, dental students, UD students and alumni who have been involved in international medical initiatives. UD alumni presenting in the Student Symposium included Elizabeth Barton, Emily Bowers, Laura Devita, Jill Gehlfuss, Annie Hulefeld, Bill Krebs, John Kurzawa, John Latorne, Brennan Lawall, Alli Lohse, Samantha McIntyre, Isabel Manzulllo, Rachel Mast, Lyndse Roesch, Jim Schoen, D.O., Pat Tassone, Ben Thomas, Greg Volk, D.O., Gwen Welsh and Katie Wood.

Student attendee Christopher Doyle with his mother, physician attendee Dr. Patricia Dempsey

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Fall term of the 2011-2012 academic year is upon us as we welcome 150 first year Premed/Predent students to campus. These students bring aspirations to join a legacy of accomplished health care providers who completed their undergraduate education at the University of Dayton.

Our students enjoy an undergraduate experience that is demanding but enriching. A recent graduating senior survey found that 100% of our graduating seniors had participated in service and 82% held leadership positions in student organizations. Thanks to many of our alumni, students regularly participate in physician shadowing in order to gain an orientation to the medical and health professions.

We were happy to welcome back those alumni that attended our 2nd Annual UD/Miami Valley Health Care Symposium in March. We also appreciated the involvement of a few of our alumni in planning the symposium.

Several alumni stepped forward to help our students accomplish the goal of funding their participation in a medical and dental brigade in Honduras this past January and May. Others provided donated supplies, allowing us to provide eleven cases of critical supplies and medications to our partner organization Global Brigades.

Let us know how you would like to re-connect with the Premedical Programs at University of Dayton. Contact us at your earliest convenience and let’s connect!

Best Wishes,
Kathleen Scheltens, Ph.D.
Annette Chavez (‘81) received her M.D. at Ohio State University (‘85) and completed her family practice residency at St. Elizabeth Medical Center (‘88) in Dayton. Dr. Chavez has worked in family practice, prenatal care and hospice settings since then and currently practices at Carlton Family Practice in Kettering, Ohio. She is Board Certified in family medicine, hospice & palliative care medicine. Dr. Chavez has been actively involved in volunteer medical service through St. Vincent Hospital Clinic for the Homeless, Reach Out Montgomery County and the Golden Acres Migrant Clinic. Dr. Chavez also has completed several medical brigades to both Honduras and Peru. One of those brigades was with UD Premed students in 2009. Dr. Chavez has held leadership positions with the Miami Valley Academy of Family Physicians including serving as president from 2007-2010. She also has written several articles for the Academy’s publication Dayton Medicine including an article entitled ‘The Flyer Connection’ in which she reminisces about her UD premed days. Dr. Chavez was recognized by the Miami Valley Academy of Family Physicians in 2007 with the President’s Award. She is also a member of the Archbishop Alter High School Hall of Fame.

Michael A. Herbenick (Biological ‘96) received his M.D. from Wright State University School of Medicine (‘00) where he graduated second in his class and then completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Wright State University. Dr. Herbenick also completed a fellowship in sports medicine at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic (‘06). Dr. Herbenick currently serves as Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Surgery Residency Director for Wright State University School of Medicine Department of Orthopedic Surgery. He also serves as team physician for Wright State University Athletics. Dr. Herbenick is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in the orthopedic sports medicine subspecialty.

In addition to his thriving practice in sports medicine, Dr. Herbenick maintains an active research program and has produced 58 publications in the past ten years. He has also received numerous awards, including the Wright State University School of Medicine Teaching Excellence Award and several resident research awards. His long list of awards began with the Montgomery County Premedical Student of the Year award which he received as a graduating senior at UD in 1996.

Kimberly Rueve Wascak (‘98) received her M.D. from Wright State University School of Medicine (‘02) and completed her residency in emergency medicine (‘05) at Orlando Regional Medical Center. Presently, Dr. Wascak is an attending physician at Miami Valley Hospital where she also serves as Director of Education for Emergency Medicine Residency. Dr. Wascak has certification in Advanced Trauma Life Support, and is a certified Advanced Trauma Life Support Instructor. She is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine.
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Michaela Minichello Ohio State
U Optometry; Rohan Modi (MED)
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nati; Matt Puccetti (BIO) MD/PhD;
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than (MED) Ohio State Dentistry;
Krista Rath (MED) Ohio State U;
Kathryn Symthe (BIO) University of
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Dale Wilson, Wright State U.

students heed call for international service

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The Joseph E. Scherger, M.D., MPH
Leadership in Medicine Award is
presented to a graduating premedici-

cal student who has demonstrated
leadership toward Improving the
health of the public through better
health care. Tess attends University of
Louisville School of Medicine.

The Brother Francis John Molz Memo-
rial Award to the Outstanding Senior
in Premedicine is awarded annually
to the student who best demon-
strates the qualities of unselfishness,
community service, and academic
achievement. Jared attends Ohio
State University School of Medicine.

The Miami Valley Academy of Family
Physicians Award for the graduating
senior whose activities exemplify the
philosophy of family medicine was
awarded to Krista Marie Rath. Krista
attends Ohio State University School of
Medicine.

The Montgomery County Medical
Society Award to the Outstanding Senior in a Premedical Curriculum
was presented to Allison Leigh Chalupa. Allison attends University of
Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Congratulations award winners!
ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

We’d love to let your fellow alums know what you are doing. Send us news about your life and your practice to include in Alumni Announcements for our next edition of Lifeline! Just fill out our short Alumni Spotlight Survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UDalumspotlight.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

As we plan for the 2012 University of Dayton/Miami Valley Hospital Health Care Symposium, we would like your assistance in identifying topics and speakers and making logistics decisions. Please take a minute to complete our quick survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hcsymposium. Thanks!

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