
THE REVIEW

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES



*Several graduates of the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2004 gather for a photo after commencement ceremonies this spring at the University of North Dakota (UND) Chester Fritz Auditorium. Members of the 29th class to earn the M.D. degree at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, they are (from left): **Leah Metz, Heather Stoy, Rimon Bengiamin, Jill Melicher and Laura Berg.** This summer, they begin residency training, which can run three to five years or longer, in their chosen medical specialty.*

IN REVIEW



The new team which is coordinating all activities for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences includes (from left): **Donna Wacha**, administrative assistant; **Bonnie Sobolik**, director of special events, and **Blanche Abdallah**, director of development. Their efforts will be geared toward the celebration of the UND medical school's centennial birthday in 2005.

UND Medical School Gearing Up For 100th Anniversary in 2005

The University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences has opened an **Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations** in preparation for celebration activities to mark the 100-year anniversary of the founding of the medical school.

Blanche Abdallah, director of development at the UND Foundation for nearly ten years, is serving on a part-time basis as director of development at the medical school. She will focus her efforts on a centennial capital campaign. She can be reached at 701-777-2004 or blanchea@medicine.nodak.edu.

Bonnie Sobolik is director of special events for the centennial celebration. In the early 1990s she directed the medical

school's "Campaign for Excellence" when she was assistant director of the UND Alumni Association and Foundation. The successful campaign attracted \$4.5 million for construction of the Karl Christian Wold, M.D., Bio-Information Learning Resources Center and added \$6 million to the school's endowment fund. She can be reached at 701-777-2003 or bsobolik@medicine.nodak.edu.

Donna Wacha, who rounds out the team as administrative assistant, has been with the UND Alumni Association and Foundation for four years. She can be reached at 701-777-2002 or dwacha@medicine.nodak.edu.

calendar

August 6

White Coat Ceremony for M.D. Class of 2008, 4 p.m., Reed Keller Auditorium, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Grand Forks; for more information, call the Office of the Dean, 701-777-2514

September 30-October 1

North Dakota Medical Association Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Fargo; for more information, call 701-223-9475

September 30

POND (Practice Opportunities in North Dakota) event, planned in conjunction with the North Dakota Medical Association Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, Fargo; for more information, call Mary Amundson, Center for Rural Health, 701-777-4018 or email: mamundson@medicine.nodak.edu

October 8-9

B.S. Med. Class of '64 40th Reunion, Hilton Minneapolis, MN; for more information, contact **Michael Howell, M.D. (B.S. Med. '64)**, Fargo, at 701-234-2251

October 13-16

UND Homecoming, for more information, call the Office of the Dean at 701-777-2514 or Stacy Nelson at the UND Alumni Association, 1-800-543-8764

October 15

Dedication of Neuroscience Research Facility, 1:30 p.m., Fifth and Hamline (west of medical school); for more information, contact the Office of the Dean, 701-777-2514

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DEAN'S LETTER

Congratulations to New Grads, Moving on to Lives of Service

All of us at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences extend heartfelt congratulations to students who have completed their degrees this spring. This is a joyous time in the academic year, and we celebrate with our graduates who have worked hard to achieve their goals.

This year, 53 medical students participated in commencement ceremonies for the M.D. Class of 2004 and hundreds of other graduates received degrees this spring in other programs offered by the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Students have completed their work towards master's and doctoral degrees in the basic sciences disciplines and occupational and physical therapy, and undergraduate degrees in athletic training and clinical laboratory science.

As a faculty, we recognize the determined, conscientious effort these students have made over the past few intense years. We applaud their drive and dedication, and

are pleased to have been part of their intellectual growth and development.

We wish you all the very best as you pursue your goals and we are confident your professional lives of service will reflect well on your alma mater.

Homecoming

It's not too early to make plans to return to campus for Homecoming this fall, set for Oct. 13-16. We especially want to encourage members of the B.S. Med. Class of '67 to join us in recognizing

Tom Stocker, M.D. (B.S. Med. '67), of Bethesda, MD, as he receives the Sioux Award, the highest honor bestowed by the



Tom Stocker, M.D.



Graduates who gathered this spring at the medical school for the annual Alumni Days to visit with their classmates included (standing, from left): **James Leigh, M.D. (B.S. Med. '50)**, Grand Forks; **John Graham, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)**, Indianapolis, IN; **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**; **Rodney Clark, M.D. (B.S. Med. '46)**, Grand Forks; **Al Samuelson, M.D. (B.S. Med. '54)**, Bismarck; **Norman Hepper, M.D. (B.S. Med. '44)**, Rochester, MN; and (seated, from left): **Joseph Rannarine (B.A. Biology '59)**, Shoreview, MN; **Gene Tang, M.D. (B.S. Med. '57)**, Traverse City, MI; **Jean Holland**, associate professor emeritus in pathology (clinical laboratory science), Grand Forks; **Richard Brunning, M.D. (B.S. Med. '57)**, Roseville, MN, and **Mack Traynor, M.D. (B.S. Med. '47)**, Fargo.

UND Alumni Association and Foundation. He, along with other honorees, will be presented with the award during the Sioux Awards Banquet on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Dr. Stocker has been an outstanding leader in his chosen field of pathology. He is a colonel in the U.S. Army and professor in the Department of Pathology and Pediatrics of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. Among many highlights in his career, the Bismarck native has served as president of the Society for Pediatric Pathology and has written textbooks on pediatric pathology and hepatology.

Several activities on Friday, Oct. 15 at the UND medical school will revolve around the dedication of the new Neuroscience Research Facility for which ground was broken during Homecoming 2003. Members of the featured classes, 1979 and 1994, are cordially invited to this year's Homecoming. Please join us for these and a host of other events taking place Oct. 13-16 at UND.

Nearing our 100th anniversary

As most of you know, the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences is approaching a very significant milestone in its history: the 100th anniversary of the founding of the school. We look forward with great anticipation to celebrating that milestone in 2005.

Much planning has been going on behind the scenes for some time to make this a very special time in our school's history. We intend to make this a pivotal juncture in our quest for excellence.

More information will be coming to you steadily as we solidify plans for celebration throughout the state and nation. We will keep you apprised through THE REVIEW and other communications every step of the way. So get on board, we have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for!

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "H. David Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

H. David Wilson, M.D.

Vice President for Health Affairs
Dean



Christina Rexine, a member of the Doctor of Medicine Class of 2004, is hooded by Nicholas Neumann, M.D. (left), assistant dean for the southwest campus of the UND medical school, Bismarck, and Dean H. David Wilson, M.D., during commencement ceremonies in May at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. She is the daughter of Gerald and Karen Bulisco of Grand Forks. Christina's husband, Joey Rexine, also graduated with the M.D. Class of 2004.

Twenty-ninth M.D. Class

Medical Degrees Conferred to 53 New Doctors

Fifty-three candidates received their doctor of medicine (M.D.) degrees during commencement ceremonies for the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences on Saturday (May 8) at the Chester Fritz Auditorium on the UND campus in Grand Forks.

Donna Shalala, Ph.D., president of the University of Miami and former secretary of Health and Human Services in the Clinton Administration delivered the keynote address, titled "Putting the Patients First."

Officiating the ceremony were UND **President Charles Kupchella** and **Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.** **The Reverend Timothy Megorden** of the Christus Rex Lutheran Campus Center at UND delivered the invocation and benediction, and

Ambrose Littleghost of Fort Totten, ND, gave a spiritual blessing in the Native American tradition.

Shalala became professor of political science and president of the University of Miami in 2001. She has more than 25 years of experience as a scholar, teacher and administrator. A leading scholar on the political economy of state and local governments, she has held tenured professorships at Columbia University, the City University of New York, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed her U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services where she served for eight years, becoming the longest-serving secretary in U.S. history. Her major policy initiatives included revision of health-care financing, expansion

of the Head Start program for preschool children, universal childhood immunizations, expansion of AIDS research and welfare reform.

Also during the commencement ceremony, 11 physician-faculty members from throughout North Dakota received the Dean's Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer Faculty.

A commencement awards brunch was held on graduation day at the UND Memorial Union.

The M.D. graduates have completed four years of medical education to earn the M.D. degree, beginning with two years of instruction at the campus in Grand Forks and followed by two years working and learning with practicing physicians who serve as their teachers and mentors in clinics and hospitals throughout the state.

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2004 Graduates

The UND medical school, which next year will begin a celebration of the 100th anniversary of its founding, became a complete, four-year, M.D. degree-granting school in 1973. Today almost half of the physicians practicing in North Dakota are alumni of the school, as compared to less than 20 percent in 1970.

Here are the graduates of the M.D. Class of 2004, along with their hometowns, alma maters (noting other degree(s) earned prior to entering the medical education program at the UND), and residency program in which they will continue training in the specialty of their choice:

DANIEL R. ANDERSON

Fargo, North Dakota
University of Nebraska, B.A., B.S.
Surgery Residency
Orlando Regional Healthcare Systems
Program
Orlando, Florida

JAMES P. BARES

Beach, North Dakota
Jamestown College, B.A.
Diagnostic Radiology Residency
Grand Rapids Medical Education and
Research Center - Michigan State
University
Grand Rapids, Michigan

BRENT B. BARNSTUBLE

Fargo, North Dakota
University of Minnesota - Minneapolis,
B.S., M.S.
Family Medicine Residency
Offutt Air Force Base / University of
Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, Nebraska

RIMON N. BENGIAMIN

Grand Forks, North Dakota
University of Minnesota - Minneapolis,
B.A.
Emergency Medicine Residency
Hennepin County Medical Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota

LAURA A. BERG

Minnesota City, Minnesota
Winona State University, B.S.
Psychiatry Residency
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Fargo, North Dakota

KAREY F. BREEN

San Antonio, Texas
North Carolina State University, B.A.
University of Texas - San Antonio, M.S.
Family Medicine Residency
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Grand Forks, North Dakota

CHRISTINA E. BROADWELL

Valley City, North Dakota
Minnesota State University - Moorhead,
B.A.
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Iowa City, Iowa

JUSTIN M. BULS

Kalispell, Montana
Montana State University, B.S.
Family Medicine Residency
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Grand Forks, North Dakota

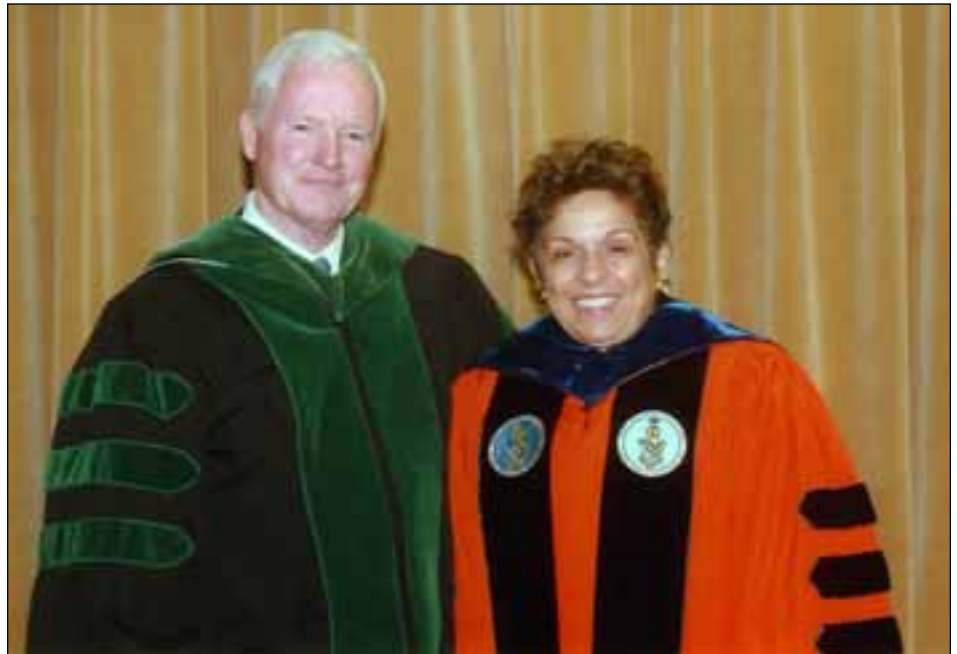
SHAUN K. CHRISTENSON

Harvey, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, B.A.
Neurology Residency
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Iowa City, Iowa

KARNA D. COLBY

Velva, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Pathology Residency
University of South Dakota School of
Medicine
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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Dean H. David Wilson, M.D., poses with commencement speaker, Donna Shalala, Ph.D., former secretary of health and human services in the Clinton Administration; her keynote address was titled "Putting the Patients First." Shalala is president of the University of Miami in Florida, a post she has held since 2001.

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2004 Graduates

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JOHN P. EICKMAN
Grand Forks, North Dakota
Concordia College, B.A.
Neurological Surgery Residency
Wake Forest University School of
Medicine
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

KATHLEEN A. FISHER
Cheyenne, Wyoming
University of Wyoming, B.S.
Transitional Residency (one year)
Hennepin County Medical Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Neurology Residency (beginning July 2005)
University of Minnesota Medical School
Minneapolis, Minnesota

JOSHUA D. G. GAPP
Grand Forks, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.A.
Pathology Residency
St. Louis University School of Medicine
St. Louis, Missouri

MICHAEL E. GRANT
Cody, Wyoming
Carroll College, B.A.
Transitional Residency (one year)
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Fargo, North Dakota
Radiation Oncology Residency (beginning
July 2005)
University of Arizona Affiliated Hospitals
Tucson, Arizona

ISAAC R. GRINDELAND
Buxton, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Pathology Residency
Penrose-St. Francis Healthcare System
Colorado Springs, CO

JON M. GRUDEM
Minot, North Dakota
Northwestern College of Chiropractic, D.C.
Transitional Residency (one year)
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Fargo, North Dakota
Neurology Residency (beginning July
2005)
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Lebanon, New Hampshire

ROBERT D. GUTTORMSON
Minot, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Transitional Residency (one year)
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Fargo, North Dakota

AMIE C. HAUGO
Fargo, North Dakota
Concordia College, B.A.
Family Medicine Residency
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine
Rochester, Minnesota

ANDREW R. HETLAND
Bismarck, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, B.S.
Surgery Residency
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine
Rochester, Minnesota

THOMAS R. HOGAN
Grand Forks, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Anesthesiology Residency
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Iowa City, Iowa



New graduate **Kevin Karls** with his wife, Kim, and one-year-old son, William, on the grounds of the Chester Fritz Auditorium at UND following the commencement ceremony for the M.D. Class of 2004

ANDREA R. HOWICK

Billings, Montana
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency
Loyola University Medical Center
Maywood, Illinois

MARK W. HUBBELL

Fort Defiance, Arizona
Brigham Young University, B.S.
Transitional Residency (one year)
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Fargo, North Dakota

JASON R. JOHNSON

Paulden, Arizona
Arizona State University, B.S., M.S.
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency
Indiana University School of Medicine
Indianapolis, Indiana

JANELLE D. JONES

Bismarck, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Internal Medicine Residency
University of Arizona Affiliated Programs
Tucson, Arizona

CHRISTOPHER G. KALLENBACH

Fargo, North Dakota
Concordia College, B.A.
Diagnostic Radiology Residency
Oakwood Hospital Program
Dearborn, Michigan

KEVIN A. KARLS

Bismarck, North Dakota
University of Mary, B.S.
University of North Dakota, M.S.
Internal Medicine Residency
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine
Rochester, Minnesota

JOELLEN M. KOHLMAN

Williston, North Dakota
Iowa State University, B.S.
Internal Medicine Residency
University of Minnesota School of Medicine
Minneapolis, Minnesota



Steffen Christensen, M.D. (B.S. Med. '71), associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology and assistant dean for students, Southeast Campus, Fargo, talks with graduates before the commencement ceremony for the M.D. Class of 2004 at the UND Chester Fritz Auditorium. From left are: Kathleen Fisher, Heidi Lako-Adamson and JoEllen Kohlman.

WILLIAM J. KURTZ

Bismarck, North Dakota
University of North Dakota
Orthopaedic Surgery Residency
Akron General Medical Center -
Northeastern Ohio Universities
College of Medicine Program
Akron, Ohio

DAVID A. KUYLEN

South Heart, North Dakota
Dickinson State University, B.S.
Emergency Medicine Residency
Synergy Medical Education Alliance -
Michigan State University, Saginaw
Campus
Saginaw, Michigan

HEIDI J. LAKO-ADAMSON

Arthur, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, B.A.
Emergency Medicine Residency
Health Partners - Regions Hospital
St. Paul, Minnesota

DANIEL J. LEWIS

Billings, Montana
Montana State University, B.S.
Emergency Medicine Residency
Hennepin County Medical Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota

TRAVIS A. LIEN

Grand Forks, North Dakota
University of Minnesota - Minneapolis,
B.A.
Emergency Medicine Residency
Grand Rapids Medical Education and
Research Center, Michigan State
University
Grand Rapids, Michigan

ERIC J. LOKKEN

Bottineau, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Family Medicine Residency
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare Program,
LaCrosse - Mayo
LaCrosse, Wisconsin

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Class of 2004 M.D. Graduates

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KARA D. LOOYSEN

Hamilton, Montana
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Neurology Residency
Wake Forest University School of
Medicine Program
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

KENRIC D. MALMBERG

Grand Forks, North Dakota
University of Maryland, B.S.
University of North Dakota, B.S.N.
Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University,
M.B.A.
Family Medicine Residency
University of Wyoming Program
Casper, Wyoming

AUDREY K. MARCUSEN

Taylor, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.A.
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency
University of Arizona Affiliated Hospitals
Tucson, Arizona

CANDELARIA C. MARTIN

Tuba City, Arizona
University of New Mexico, B.S.
Family Medicine Residency
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Minot, North Dakota

GREGORY L. M. MASON

Valley City, North Dakota
Jamestown College, B.A.
Pediatrics Residency
Marshfield Clinic - St. Joseph's
Hospital Program
Marshfield, Wisconsin

ROSS R. MEIDINGER

Bismarck, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.A., B.S.
Internal Medicine Residency
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Iowa City, Iowa



Carrying the UND flag, **Sharon Wilsnack, Ph.D.**, Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of Neuroscience, Grand Forks, leads the processional of medical school faculty into the Chester Fritz Auditorium at the start of the commencement ceremonies for the M.D. Class of 2004. She is wearing the traditional academic regalia of her alma mater, Harvard University. (Carrying the medical school banner is Corey Kroetsch, second-year medical student and president of the M.D. Class of 2006.)

JILL S. MELICHER

Fargo, North Dakota
Concordia College, B.A.
Transitional Residency (one year)
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Fargo, North Dakota
Ophthalmology Residency (beginning July
2005)
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

LEAH I. METZ

Garrison, North Dakota
University of Mary, B.S.
Internal Medicine Residency
Gunderson Lutheran Medical Foundation
Program
LaCrosse, Wisconsin

GREGORY E. MUMM

Hankinson, North Dakota
Concordia College, B.A.
Internal Medicine Residency
University of Wisconsin Hospitals and
Clinics
Madison, Wisconsin

DEREK T. NAGLE

Fargo, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, B.S.
Surgery Residency
Grand Rapids Medical Education and
Research Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan

ANTHONY R. NARDI

Eagan, Minnesota
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Emergency Medicine Residency
University of Maryland Medical System -
Mercy Medical Center
Baltimore, Maryland

TODD M. OFFICER

Minot, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, B.S., M.S.
Family Medicine Residency
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Grand Forks, North Dakota

SAMUEL L. PACZKOWSKI

Cooperstown, North Dakota
University of North Dakota, B.S.
Emergency Medicine Residency
Synergy Medical Education Alliance -
Michigan State University, Saginaw
Campus
Saginaw, Michigan

CHRISTINA M. REXINE

Grand Forks, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, B.S.
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency
Grand Rapids Medical Education and
Research Center - Michigan State
University Program
Grand Rapids, Michigan

JOEY L. REXINE

Fargo, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, B.S.
Pediatrics Residency
Grand Rapids Medical Education and
Research Center - Michigan State
University Program
Grand Rapids, Michigan

JAMES A. SCHMIDT

Minot, North Dakota
North Dakota State University, B.S.
Family Medicine Residency
University of North Dakota School of
Medicine and Health Sciences
Minot, North Dakota

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Karey Breen (right) accepts the Doctor of Medicine diploma from UND President Charles Kupchella during commencement ceremonies for the M.D. Class of 2004 in May at the UND Chester Fritz Auditorium. She will go on for three years of family medicine residency training at the UND medical school's Grand Forks program beginning in July.

Doctor of Medicine Graduates 2004

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GRANT R. SEEGER

Red Lake Falls, Minnesota
St. John's University, B.A.
Internal Medicine Residency
University of Minnesota Medical School
Minneapolis, Minnesota

JOHN C. SILLERY

Glendive, Montana
University of Alberta, B.S.
Transitional Residency (one year)
Sacred Heart Medical Center
Spokane, Washington
Diagnostic Radiology Residency
(beginning July 2005)
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine
Rochester, Minnesota

HEATHER M. STOY

Fargo, North Dakota
University of Minnesota, B.S.
Preliminary Surgery Residency (one year)
University of California - Davis Medical
Center
Sacramento, California
Otolaryngology Residency (beginning July
2005)
University of California - Davis Medical
Center
Sacramento, California

JAMIE S. VENNES

Great Falls, Montana
Carroll College, B.A.
Family Medicine Residency
Rapid City Regional Hospital Program
Rapid City, South Dakota

Faculty, Alumni and Residents Selected for AOA Membership

Faculty members, residents and alumni of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences were recognized as new members of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) honor medical society during commencement day activities for the M.D. Class of 2004.

Faculty member inductees are: **A. Michael Booth, M.D., Ph.D.**, clinical professor of surgery, Bismarck, and **Elizabeth Burns, M.D.**, professor and chair of family medicine, Grand Forks, and

Volunteer clinical faculty-member inductees: **Jeffrey Verhey, M.D.**, clinical

associate professor of internal medicine, Minot;

Alumni inductees are: **RaNae Doll, M.D. '96**, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine, Grand Forks, and **Albert Samuelson, M.D. (B.S. Med. '54)**, clinical associate professor of neuroscience, Bismarck;

Resident inductees are: **Todd Fife, M.D.**, and **Samina Sagri, M.D.**, both in family medicine, Minot, and **Debra Geier, M.D.**, internal medicine, Fargo.

First 'Hippocratic Dignity Award' Presented to Dr. William Newman

William Newman, M.D. (B.S. Med. '72), professor and chair of internal medicine and assistant dean for veterans affairs, Fargo, was selected to receive the first Hippocratic Dignity Award.

The award was presented to him during the commencement awards brunch for the M.D. Class of 2004 on May 8 at UND.

The award was established last year by an endowment gift from **Manuchair Ebadi, Ph.D.**, associate dean for research and program development at the UND medical school and associated vice president for health affairs at UND, Grand Forks.

It is presented to a current or former senior member of the faculty or administration at the UND medical school who has exhibited a sustained and unwavering record of supporting all students and their educational programs in a dignified fashion.

The award recognizes "the most esteemed role models for medical scholarship and practice," said **H. David Wilson, M.D.**, dean of the UND medical school and vice president for health affairs at UND.

Newman has been a faculty member at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences since 1981.



William Newman, M.D. (B.S. Med. '72), professor and chair of internal medicine (left), Fargo, receives the first Hippocratic Dignity Award from **Manuchair Ebadi, Ph.D.**, associate dean for research and program development, Grand Forks, during the commencement awards brunch for the M.D. Class of 2004 in May at UND.



Several faculty members were honored with the Dean's Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer Faculty during commencement activities this spring. Each was presented the award during the commencement ceremony for the M.D. Class of 2004. Award recipients are (from left): **Christopher Tionson, M.D. '93**, pediatrics, Fargo; **Jeffrey Verhey, M.D.**, internal medicine, Minot; **Kevin Collins, M.D.**, radiology, Minot; **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**; **RaNae Doll, M.D. '96**, internal medicine and pediatrics, Grand Forks, and **Kenneth Carlson, Ph.D.**, neuroscience, Grand Forks.

Outstanding Volunteer Faculty Receive Special Recognition Award

Several physician-faculty members were honored during the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2004 commencement ceremony May 8 for their contributions to the education of medical students at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Selected to receive the Dean's Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer Faculty and invited to participate in the ceremony are:

Charles Breen, M.D. '90, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Hillsboro; **Kenneth Carlson, Ph.D.**, clinical professor of neuroscience, Grand Forks; **Kevin Collins, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of radiology, Minot; **RaNae Doll, M.D. '96**, clinical assistant professor of

internal medicine and pediatrics, Grand Forks; **Rhonda Ketterling, M.D. '79**, clinical associate professor of internal medicine, Fargo; **Michael McIntee, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of radiology, Bismarck; **Robert Ostmo, M.D. '80**, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Bismarck; **Rolf Paulson, M.D.**, clinical professor of community medicine and internal medicine, Grand Forks; **Mark Tieszen, M.D.**, associate professor of internal medicine, Fargo; **Christopher Tionson, M.D. '93**, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics, Fargo, and **Jeffrey Verhey, M.D.**, clinical associate professor of internal medicine, Minot.

They were honored for the extraordi-

nary commitment they have brought to teaching UND medical students, according to **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**, who presented the award on stage during the commencement ceremony.

For nearly 30 years, medical students from the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences have received training from practicing physicians in community hospitals and clinics throughout the state.

"We are deeply indebted to our physician-faculty members who help prepare the next generation of doctors," said Wilson. "Without their interest and enthusiasm for teaching we could not offer a medical education program in North Dakota."



Members of the M.D. Class of 2004 who were inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) honor scholastic society in medicine are (from left): **William Kurtz**, **John Sillery**, **Justin Buhls**, **Kevin Karls**, **Heidi Lako-Adamson**, **Kenric Malmberg**, **Jill Melicher**, **Leah Metz** and **Greg Mumm**. At right is **William Newman, M.D. (B.S. Med. '72)**, professor and chairman of internal medicine, and AOA member, Fargo.

Seniors Inducted Into AOA Honor Society in Medicine

Nine members of the M.D. Class of 2004 have been inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) honor medical scholastic society.

The only national honor medical society in the world, AOA promotes scholarship and research in medical schools, encourages a high standard of character and conduct in medical students and graduates, and recognizes high attainment in medical science, practice and related fields.

The new AOA members, announced at the May 8 commencement awards brunch, are: **Justin Buhls**, son of Patricia Buhls of Dillon, MT, and the late Patrick Buhls; **Kevin Karls**, son of Ken and Karen Karls of Bismarck; **William Kurtz**, son of William and Claudia Kurtz of Bismarck; **Heidi Lako-Adamson**, daughter of Wayne and Viola Lako of Arthur, ND; **Kenric Malmberg**, son of Doris Malmberg-Long of San Antonio, TX, and the Philip

Malmberg; **Jill Melicher**, daughter of Kevin and Jean Melicher of Fargo; **Leah Metz**, daughter of Gordon and Sandra Metz of Coleharbor, ND; **Gregory Mumm**, son of Gregory and Irene Mumm of Hankinson, ND, and **John Sillery**, son of George and Agnes Sillery of Wainwright, Alberta.

Kurtz and Mumm were selected for AOA membership during their junior year in medical school.

PT Chairman Tom Mohr Receives Fawcett Award

Tom Mohr, Ph.D. (Physiology '86), professor and chairman of physical therapy, Grand Forks, was selected to receive the William Crozier and Edith Magwood Fawcett Faculty Enhancement Award. He is the second faculty member to accept the award, which was first presented last year to **Stephen Wonderlich, Ph.D.**, professor and associate chair of neuroscience, Fargo.

The award is given to acknowledge excellence in teaching, research and service. It is made possible by a gift from **Robert Fawcett, M.D. (B.S. Med. '38)**, now deceased, and his wife, Margaret Fawcett of Devils Lake, ND, to the UND

Foundation. The award is given in memory of Dr. Fawcett's parents.

In providing this award the Fawcett family wishes to build on the proud tradition of attracting and retaining top quality, dedicated faculty members who are essential to maintaining the high-quality education offered to med-



Tom Mohr, Ph.D.

ical students at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Mohr is serving a three-year term as an elected member of the board of directors of the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy, the national organization which works with all state licensing authorities to oversee the examination and licensing of all physical therapists in the U.S.

He has served on the faculty of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences since 1978 and was appointed chairman of physical therapy in 1993.

Physician-faculty Members Selected as Outstanding Teachers

Four physician-faculty members were recognized as outstanding teachers in each of the medical school's four statewide campuses during commencement activities for the M.D. Class of 2004 in May.

The award recipients are:

Madeline Free, M.D., who also received the award last year, practices psychiatry at Medcenter One Health System in Bismarck; she is a clinical assistant professor of neuroscience at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences;

Paul Bilstad, M.D. '98, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Fargo, practices emergency medicine at the



Madeline Free, M.D.



Paul Bilstad, M.D.



RaNae Doll, M.D.



Alexandre Kindy, M.D.

MeritCare Medical Center in Fargo;

RaNae Doll, M.D. '96, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine, Grand Forks, practices internal medicine and pediatrics with the Altru Clinic in Grand Forks, and

Alexandre Kindy, M.D., clinical assistant professor of surgery, practices

orthopedic surgery at Trinity Health Center-West in Minot.

The senior medical class is divided among the four campuses where students pursue study in elective rotations with practicing physicians who serve as faculty members for the UND medical school.

Faculty, Student Receive Humanism in Medicine Awards

During the commencement awards event for the M.D. Class of 2004, two teachers and a medical student were recognized for demonstrating extraordinary humanism in their approach to medicine.

Warren Jensen, M.D. (B.S. Med. '80), clinical associate professor of community medicine and associate professor of aviation, Grand Forks, received the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Humanism in Medicine Award.

The award is presented by the AAMC, through support from the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative, to honor the nomination by the AAMC Organization of Student Representatives, of a faculty member who embodies the finest qualities in a teacher of healing and who exemplifies humanism in medicine.

Kevin Collins, M.D., clinical assistant professor of radiology, Minot, and **Jill Melicher, M.D. '04**, received the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

The award is given to a graduating medical student and a medical school faculty member to recognize compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of care to patients and their families.

Vaughan Receives Wilson Award in Neuroscience

Roxanne Vaughan, Ph.D., associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology Grand Forks, received the H. David Wilson, M.D., Academic Award in Neuroscience during the commencement awards brunch for the M.D. Class of 2004 on May 8 at UND. The award honors members of the basic and clinical sciences faculty who have exhibited a sustained record of achievements in the neurosciences. It was created and endowed by a gift from **Manuchair Ebadi, Ph.D.**, associate dean for research and program development, Grand Forks.

Vaughan is recognized nationally for her research which is aimed at understanding how cocaine works in the brain to promote addiction. Her investigations are funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse. She has been extraordinarily successful in also securing funding from the National Science Foundation. Her studies of dopamine transporter function in the brain also hold tremendous implications for understanding disorders such as Parkinson's disease, depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and schizophrenia.

Since joining the UND medical school five years ago, she has established herself as an inspiring model and mentor for her students and an integral member of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Her support and encouragement has led to the success of two of her graduate students in securing very competitive National Research Service Awards from the National Institutes of Health to support their research.



Roxanne Vaughan, Ph.D., accepts the H. David Wilson, M.D., Academic Award in Neuroscience from Manuchair Ebadi, Ph.D.

Graduates Receive Awards for Outstanding Scholarship and Service

Awards were presented to members of the M.D. Class of 2004 at a commencement awards brunch May 8 at UND.

Dean H. David Wilson, M.D., presided over the program during which the following awards were presented:

The North Dakota Medical Association Awards

Presented to three outstanding students in the class - **William Kurtz, Gregory Mumm, John Sillery**

North Dakota District Medical Society Awards

Given by the district medical society in each campus to the student who best exemplifies high scholarship and characteristics of integrity, leadership and initiative.

First District (Fargo) - **Isaac Grindelund, Andrea Howick**

Third District (Grand Forks) - **John Sillery**

Fourth District (Minot) - **James Schmidt**

Sixth District (Bismarck) - **Jamie Vennes**

University Alumni Special Awards

For special service to the School of Medicine and Health Sciences - **Rimon Bengiamin, Michael Grant, Daniel Lewis**

Merck Award

Awarded to outstanding seniors - **Shaun Christenson, Kenric Malmberg**

The Endocrine Society Award

In recognition of special achievement and interest in endocrinology - **Ross Meidinger**

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine

Awarded to a senior medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine - **Travis Lien**

Department of Family Medicine/

Community Medicine Research Awards

(indented as follows):

The Altru Health System Family Practice Study Award

Awarded by Altru Health System of Grand Forks for a study of a specific disease -

Justin Buls, John Sillery

N.D. Academy of Family Physicians Research Award

Awarded to medical students who are entering a family medicine residency and who have demonstrated potential in the area of research - **Christina Broadwell, Travis Lien, James Schmidt**

MeritCare Health Systems, Department of Family Medicine Research Award

Awarded to medical students for an outstanding research project - **Daniel Anderson, Brent Barnstuble, Grant Seeger**

Brent Barnstuble, Grant Seeger

West River Regional Medical Center Award

Awarded by the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger to senior medical students for an outstanding research project related to research of a primary health care problem in a rural area - **James Bares, Kevin Karls**

Drs. O. W. and C. G. Johnson Award

Awarded by the Johnson Clinic of Rugby to native North Dakotans demonstrating outstanding research in rural family medicine - **Laura Berg, Andrea Howick**

Dr. Charles H. Fee Memorial Endowment Award

Established in memory of Dr. Charles H. Fee for his many personal and professional accomplishments; awarded to a junior or senior medical student who has strength of character, attitude, desire and academic achievement, and a high potential for success in family medicine - **Brent Barnstuble**

Dr. John Wahl Memorial Rural Health Scholarship Endowment

Given by the parents and family members in memory of Dr. John Wahl to a senior medical student who has demonstrated an interest in practicing rural medicine in North Dakota and who has shown a capacity for compassion and dedicated family practice - **Candelaria Feliz Kokila and Raman Patel, M.D., Family Practice Award**

Given by the Tioga (N.D.) Medical Center to a senior who has been accepted into a family medicine residency in North Dakota and who has shown a strong interest in rural health - **James Schmidt**

Dr. John Graham Memorial Medical Scholarship Endowment Award

Awarded to a senior(s) who possesses the personality and drive to become a competent and caring physician - **Amie Haugo, Eric Lokken**

Axel and Agnes Kongsli Memorial Scholarship Endowment Award

Awarded to two senior students who have shown excellence in the field of medical research - **Todd Officer, Heather Stoy**



Judy DeMers (center), associate dean for student affairs and admissions, Grand Forks, presents the Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citation to **Leah Metz** (left) and **Jill Melicher**. The award is given by the American Medical Women's Association to women students who rank in the top ten percent of their class.



Joey Rexine (center), a member of the M.D. Class of 2004, received the *Laura Ehmann Memorial Pediatrics Scholarship Award*. He is pictured above with Laura's parents, **Mary** and **Darcy Ehmann** (right), Council Bluffs, Iowa, who established the award. Rexine begins pediatric training this summer in Grand Rapids, MI.

LeBien-Poindexter Outstanding Pediatric Student Award

Given by the MeritCare Department of Pediatrics to the student who best exemplifies the qualities of a general pediatrician in the tradition of Drs. LeBien and Poindexter

- **Brent Barnstuble**

Department of Pediatrics Award - Southwest Campus

Awarded to the outstanding student in pediatrics on the Southwest Campus

- **Kara Looyesen**

Laura Ehmann Memorial Pediatric Scholarship Award

Given by Darcy and Mary Ehmann as a living memorial to their daughter, Laura Marie, and as a tribute to an extraordinary child who died at a young age; awarded to a senior student who is entering a pediatric residency and ultimately a career in pediatric medicine

- **Joey L. Rexine**

Robert C. Painter, M.D., Internal Medicine Award

Awarded to a senior medical student who exhibits scholastic achievement and the attributes of conscientious concern for the patient, exceptional communication skills and a caring, humanistic personality as exemplified by Dr. Painter throughout his 40-year career

- **Leah I. Metz**

Lloyd S. Ralston, M.D., Memorial Endowment Award

Given by Mrs. Lloyd (Ruth) Ralston in memory and honor of her husband to a senior medical student or resident who best displays Dr. Ralston's dedication to excellence, respect for the intrinsic dignity of each patient and the ability to apply basic science thoughtfully and critically to clinical practice

- **Janelle Jones**

Dr. Louis B. and Thelma K. Silverman Medical Award

Given by the late Thelma K. Silverman in loving memory of her husband and in recognition of his many professional contributions to the community; given to a graduating senior who shows an interest in becoming a pediatrician and who has the qualities of compassion, dedication, integrity, leadership and interest in community service as exemplified by Dr. Silverman

- **Gregory Mason**

Altru Clinic Senior Medical Student Fund Award

Awarded to a student(s) displaying excellent scholarship, character, leadership and integrity; in recognition of physicians who have worked for the Altru Clinic (formerly Grand Forks Clinic)

- **Justin Buls, JoEllen Kohlman, Heidi Lako-Adamson**

American College of Physicians - Department of Internal Medicine Senior Award

Given for outstanding humanistic qualities and scholastic excellence to a senior student who has chosen internal medicine as a career

- **Kevin Karls**

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Senior Award

Given for scholastic excellence and exceptional clinical potential to a senior student selecting a career in obstetrics and gynecology

- **Christina Broadwell**

Department of Surgery Senior Award

Awarded to a senior student(s) who demonstrates excellent capabilities in the specialty of surgery

- **Candelaria Feliz, Jill Melicher**

Dr. Frank E. Stinchfield Award

Received from the Margaret and Frank Stinchfield Foundation in honor and appreciation of all that Dr. Stinchfield received from faculty and friends at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences;

given to an academically outstanding student

- **Karna Colby, Kathleen Fisher**

Richard P. Stadter Excellence in Psychiatry Award

Recognizes a senior medical student who best exemplifies excellence in the areas of psychiatric knowledge base, psychosocial skills, enthusiasm and curiosity in working with psychiatric issues, and the ability to interact with sensitivity and perception; the Department of Neuroscience wishes to affirm such excellence regardless of specialty choice

- **Gregory Mumm**

Tiongson Humanities Award

Presented to a graduating senior medical student in recognition of the student's continuing involvement in and appreciation of the arts and the humanities

- **Grant Seeger**

Reverend Elmer and Min West Memorial Faculty Award

For an outstanding faculty member (alternates between the College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences)

- **Wade Talley, M.D.**, assistant professor of family medicine, Minot

UPDATE

'COBRE' Project Hosts Nationally Renowned Researchers

Members of the external advisory board of the Center for Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) on the Pathophysiology of Neurodegenerative Diseases at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences visited the school last month. It was the group's second visit within a year.

Serving on the external advisory board are some of the most esteemed scientists in the country, says Jonathan Geiger, Ph.D., professor and chair of pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics, Grand Forks.

They are providing critical input on the scientific progress of the \$10.3 million COBRE grant, research assistance and career development advice for COBRE project directors, and guidance to Geiger, who is the grant's principle investigator.

Of the 61 COBRE programs in the country, UND's COBRE program is one of the few to have their entire advisory board meet, Geiger said.

"These people are busy and accomplished scientists," said Geiger. "Their willingness to take time to come here and help us shows that they are committed to

and excited about what we are doing."

UND's COBRE program was funded in 2002 with a five-year, \$10.3 million grant received from the National Institutes of Health to build infrastructure for research dedicated to the study of diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and others.

During the board's recent visit to Grand Forks, a two-day symposium featured presentations by all five external advisory board members as well as UND biomedical scientists and students who are working on projects supported by the COBRE grant. Also, more than 30 research posters were presented by UND faculty, postdoctoral and graduate students, among others.

UND COBRE external advisory board members are:

Robert Nussbaum, M.D. - senior investigator and chief of the Genetic Disease Research Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH; he has extensive experience in the area of neurodegenerative diseases including Parkinson's;

Gary Gibson, Ph.D. - professor of neuroscience at Cornell University Weill School of Medicine; he is associated with the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains, N.Y., and focuses his research on oxidative metabolism and neurodegenerative disease;

Sadashiva Karnik, Ph.D. - member of the associate staff at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation; he has widespread experience in the structure-function determination for a diverse number of G protein-coupled receptors;

Henry Weiner, Ph.D. - professor of biochemistry at Purdue University and an international authority on the biochemistry and cell biology of aldehyde dehydrogenases, and

Robert Fyffe, Ph.D. - associate dean for research affairs and director of the Center for Brain Research and professor of anatomy at Wright State University in Dayton, OH; he is an internationally recognized expert in the area of neurotransmitter receptor and ion channel expression in the central nervous system and an excellent electrophysiologist, Geiger said.



Advisory board members who met recently to provide input on the COBRE (Center for Biomedical Research Excellence) project at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences are (from left): Gary Gibson, Ph.D., professor of neuroscience, Cornell University Weill School of Medicine, White Plains, NY; Robert Nussbaum, M.D., senior investigator and chief of the Genetic Disease Research Branch, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD; Jonathan Geiger, Ph.D., COBRE principle investigator and chair and professor of pharmacology, physiology and therapeutics, Grand Forks; Henry Weiner, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN; Robert Fyffe, Ph.D., associate dean for research affairs and director, Center for Brain Research, Wright State University, Dayton, OH, and Sadashiva Karnik, Ph.D., member of the associate staff at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH

Students Recognized for Excellence in Scholarship and Leadership

Several second-year medical students received awards recently for outstanding academic achievement and service to the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The following awards were presented:

The James Kelleher Award - to **Kara Johnson**, daughter of Ronald Bakke of Grace City and the late Jean Brakke; presented by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology to honor Dr. Kelleher's outstanding service to the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and his dedication and contributions to the teaching of medical students

The Stanley J. Brumleve Award - to **Alex Campbell**, son of Robert and Linda Campbell of Moorhead, MN, presented by the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics on behalf of Dr. Harley Pakola in recognition of Dr. Brumleve's contributions to physiology

The Dr. Arthur Saiki Award - to **Melissa Teigen**, daughter of Tom and Kitty Teigen of Casselton, presented by the Department of Pathology in recognition of Dr. Saiki's outstanding contributions in teaching and service to the UND medical school

The Philip H. Woutat Memorial Scholarship Award - to **Ryan Reynolds**, son of Jim and Lynn Cooley of Grand Forks; presented by the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology on behalf of Mrs. Philip H. Woutat in memory of her husband for his long-time service as a radiology instructor

Dr. William Eugene Cornatzer Award - to **Aaron Berg**, son of David and Pamela Berg of Lignite; presented by the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in recognition of W.E. Cornatzer, M.D., Ph.D., the founder of the department, the first chair and a pioneering and innovative leader in medical education and biomedical research

The DeBoer Memorial Award - to **Jody Huber**, daughter of Gary and Margo Huber of Bismarck; the award is given in memory of Mrs. Benjamin DeBoer and presented by the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Therapeutics

The McGraw-Hill/Appleton & Lange Book Award - to **Joni Buechler**, daughter of Calvin and Caroline Buechler of Golden Valley, and **Jason Erpelding**, son of Mark and Paula Erpelding of Manvel

The Kevin Monk Award - to **Corey**

Kroetsch, son of Gary and Sandy Kroetsch of Fargo, for outstanding service to the UND medical school

North Dakota Medical Association Awards:

Group Leadership and Professionalism - to **Andy Bakke**, son of Laura and **Eric Bakke, M.D. '88**, of Grand Forks; presented to a student who engages in ethical conduct, facilitates group interaction and productivity, motivates others to learn, exhibits personal integrity and interacts with others appropriately with respect and courtesy

Peer Teaching - to **Karin Pierce**, daughter of Michael and Judith Lokensgard of Mankato, MN; presented for outstanding contributions to the group's data base and facilitating group learning, skillful and accurate presentations and willingness to assist fellow classmates to learn complex concepts

Integrative Reasoning and Patient Application - to **John Miller**, son of John and **Brenda Miller, M.D. '95**, of Bismarck; the award is presented for demonstrated ability to analyze problems, generate and test hypotheses, draw appropriate conclusions and apply the knowledge to patient cases

Theige Named Director of Internal Medicine Residency

David Theige, M.D. '85, associate professor of internal medicine, Fargo, has been named director of the internal medicine residency program at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences' Southeast Campus, based in Fargo. His appointment was effective July 1.



Theige

The announcement was made recently by **William Newman, M.D. (B.S. Med. '72)**, who, as chair of the school's Department of Internal Medicine, is responsible for the program and has been serving as its director since last fall.

Theige was selected for the position

based on the "outstanding national reputation he has earned in both undergraduate and graduate medical education," Newman said. During his career, "Dr. Theige has received numerous academic and educational awards. His background, experience and academic excellence make him uniquely qualified to direct and shape the internal medicine residency's future."

Dean H. David Wilson, M.D., said, "I am delighted that Dr. Theige has been named program director in internal medicine. He is an outstanding physician and has earned an exceptionally strong national reputation in academic medicine. I think he will be a real asset to the program."

UND medical school physician-faculty of the three-year residency program educate and train medical school graduates to become board-certified internal medicine doctors. The program is accredited to enroll a total of 24 resident-physicians,

eight in each of the year-levels of the program. Training takes place in Fargo-Moorhead-area hospitals and clinics.

After earning his doctor of medicine (MD) degree from the UND medical school in 1985, Theige went on to complete internal medicine residency training in the UND program he now directs.

He has been a member of the UND medical school faculty since 1989 when he joined the school as clerkship director in internal medicine. He also served as president of the national clerkship directors' organization from 1988 to 1999.

At the UND medical school, he served as assistant dean for clinical education and director of clinical education. Most recently, he has filled the role of program director for the transitional, one-year, residency program and assistant program director of the internal medicine residency program.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Invests \$325,000 in Innovative Projects

Ten Groups Receive Grants to Improve Rural Health Care Delivery

For the third year, North Dakota organizations received funds through Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota's (BCBSND) Rural Health Grant Program to implement their innovative ideas for improving health care delivery in rural communities.

This year's program, administered by the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, awarded a total of \$325,000 to 10 organizations.

"Delivering high quality, affordable health care in the rural setting is one of the biggest challenges we face throughout our state," said **Mike Unhjem**, president and chief executive officer of BCBSND, Fargo. "The creative and innovative thinking



Mike Unhjem



Brad Gibbens

strated by our grant recipients represents practical steps toward meeting this challenge, and we are pleased to provide the funding to encourage these kinds of efforts."

"Rural communities are using the funds generously provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota to develop their own innovative ideas on how to improve their community health environment," said **Brad Gibbens**, associate director of the Center for Rural Health, Grand Forks. "These projects would not be possible if not for this program."

Communities are addressing health promotion and wellness, pediatric emergency care, parish nursing, diabetes, case management, home health and staff education.

"There are some very interesting and promising projects originating from rural North Dakota," Gibbens said.

In an effort to strengthen the rural health delivery system in North Dakota, BCBSND initiated a new rural health grant program in 2001. Developed and administered by the Center for Rural Health, the purpose of the grant program is to support communities which demonstrate an effective plan to successfully transition to new models of rural health care delivery.

The grant recipients are:

Ashley Medical Center

A consortium that includes the Ashley Medical Center, Ashley Public Schools and Ashley Park District received \$44,990 to develop a community-focused physical activity and wellness program for McIntosh County.

Carrington Health Center Ambulance

The Carrington Health Center Ambulance and its partners in Bowdon, Fessenden, McHenry and New Rockford received \$20,352 to standardize protocols and equipment used for pediatric patients.

Faith In Action Health Coalition, Cavalier

This faith-based coalition, which includes eight churches, Pembina County Memorial Hospital, Wedgewood Manor Nursing Home, Pembina County Board of Commissioners, Pembina County Meals and Transportation, Cavalier Senior Center, Options Resource Center for Independent Living and the Cavalier Public School, received \$26,760 to establish a network of parish nurses and trained volunteers to provide holistic health care services for individuals through home-based services.

Mid-Valley Health Alliance, Cooperstown

Four hospitals—Unity Medical Center, Grafton; First Care Health Center, Park River; Cavalier County Memorial Hospital, Langdon, and Pembina County Memorial Hospital, Cavalier—are joining Cooperstown Medical Center, Hillsboro Medical Center, Northwood Deaconess Health Center and Union Hospital, Mayville, in this partnership, a previous rural health grant recipient. The eight hospitals received \$34,845 for a preventive outreach service program for students in grades 5-12 and adults.

St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center, Dickinson

Three health organizations—St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center, Great Plains Clinic and Southwestern District Health Unit—received \$23,468 for a diabetes self-management education program for residents in Dickinson, Beach, Bowman, Killdeer and Richardton.

Roughrider Education Services, Dickinson

This school cooperative organization and its partners Dickinson State University, Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council and health care providers from Bowman, Dickinson, Hettinger, Killdeer and Richardton, received \$20,000 to conduct a feasibility study on the use of public school transportation for health care access in southwestern North Dakota.

Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nations of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Federal Indian Reservation, New Town

This consortium, which includes the Tribal Health Program, Community Health Nursing and Clinical Nursing staffs, Tribal Social Services, the Kidney Dialysis Unit and Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Elders' Association, received \$46,400 for a home health care delivery system.

Presentation Medical Center, Rolla

The Protect Our Children Coalition received \$34,568 for evidence-based teen wellness screenings and pediatric advanced life support education. The coalition includes Presentation Medical Center, Rolla; Rolette County Public Health District; Northland Community Health Center, Rolette; Rolla Clinic; Rolla Community Ambulance and Dunseith, St. John, Mount Pleasant Turtle Mountain and Rolette public schools.

Golden Heart Services, Rugby

A coalition including Heart of America Medical Center and Golden Heart Paramedics, both of Rugby, and the Fargo-Moorhead Ambulance Service received \$35,000 for a rural advanced pre-hospital education program.

Trenton Indian Service Area

A partnership that includes the Trenton Indian Service Area, Mercy Medical Center and Northwest Human Service Center, both of Williston, and Williams County Social Services received \$38,617 to continue a case management program that was created through a rural health grant.

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