A Message from Dean Richardson

Our goal in the School of Medicine – to improve the health and well being of Oregonians and people everywhere – requires that we strive to be national and international leaders in health care, education, research and outreach, and that we balance those efforts so that each contributes to its fullest potential toward our goal.

I’m therefore very pleased to tell you that a new survey, published very recently by the Annals of Internal Medicine, indicates we are succeeding at “mission balance.”

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Alumni Profile

A Skilled and Compassionate Medical Director at Burundi Clinic

After 36 hours of stalled labor and fetal distress, a young expectant mother was brought from the dirt floor of her mud hut to a remote clinic in Burundi where Dziwe Ntaba, M.D. ’01, presided as medical director.

The child was delivered, Dr. Ntaba remembers, with “a frightening blue coloration” and was neither moving nor breathing. Lacking any advanced life support equipment, he suctioned out

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Update from Marquam Hill

Associate Dean Allison Fryer Reflects on Science and Lord Voldemort

Appointed as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies in June 2008, Allison Fryer, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Medicine, oversees almost 600 students enrolled in 26 programs. Demanding as this role is, it is one she fills in addition to her other responsibilities as a principal

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OHSU Contributes to Oregon’s Economy

OHSU’s economic impact on Portland and Oregon has grown to $4 billion a year, according to an analysis commissioned by OHSU and completed in February 2010 by ECONorthwest. The analysis also shows that OHSU’s presence provides 35,000 jobs annually and creates $2 billion in personal income. Visit www.ohsu.edu/impact to read The Economic Impacts of Oregon Health & Science University report and other associated material.

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The study, titled “The Social Mission of Medical Education: Ranking the Schools,” was designed to develop a metric to evaluate if medical schools are meeting society’s health care goals. The authors defined this as producing an adequate number of primary care physicians, adequate distribution of physicians to underserved areas and a sufficient number of minority physicians.

OHSU was ranked #11 in the nation. That’s a strong showing.

There are fair questions about the underlying methodology of this new social mission metric – by definition, such broadly-defined metrics will always be imperfect. However, what struck me when I read the results was this issue of mission balance.

The study found that the level of support from the National Institutes of Health for research correlated inversely with output of primary care physicians, stating that schools with smaller “research portfolios” were more likely to meet the social mission of training needed physicians.

Yet the School of Medicine is among the top recipients of research awards from NIH and still we ranked #11 in the nation in this survey about meeting our social mission.

As OHSU has grown into a world-class leader in research during the last two decades, and as our clinical enterprise has also grown in size and stature, this survey demonstrates that we have been able to balance that extraordinary success and growth with an enduring commitment to the educational programs which meet the immediate social needs of Oregon and make a genuine difference in many people's lives. One-third of all licensed Oregon physicians received all or part of their training at OHSU.

And while a moment of pride is well-deserved, we have much more to do. Access to basic health care remains a challenge for many people. We must remain committed to meeting the social mission of medical education and build on this success to do even more, while continuing to balance all our missions.

Mark Richardson, M.D., M.B.A.
Dean

A Message from School of Medicine Alumni Association President
Robert J. Laird, M.D. ‘68

Greetings and welcome to the Summer/Fall 2010 edition of Bridges. I hope you enjoy this bi-annual update on the many events taking place at our School of Medicine.

I was honored to attend one of those events recently – the annual Hooding and Awards ceremony at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in downtown Portland. As I heard the graduates’ stories, I was struck by their desire to use the knowledge they had acquired at the School of Medicine to bring about real change in the world.

I have seen firsthand the impact that this kind of desire can have. Late in 2009, I participated in a medical mission to the rural highlands of Guatemala, where a team of surgeons, nurses and other health care professionals carried out medical and surgical procedures that changed lives.

Not all of us have the desire or ability to travel to give of our time, but as alumni of the School of Medicine there are many simple, close-to-home ways that we can help today’s students as they seek to better their world and change people’s lives.

Share your expertise. Judge student scientific presentations at the annual Student Research Forum, host a travelling student through the Help Our Students Travel (H.O.S.T.) program or help a student decide which specialty is right for them at our Medical Specialty “Speed Dating” event. Take a look at the reports from these events in the following pages to learn more.

Share your time. Mentor a student who is looking for career advice as a scientist or a medical student who is trying to gain a broader perspective on what it means to be a physician.

Share your resources. Debt seriously impacts the lives of our students and, in some cases, causes them to turn away from some disciplines and specialties. Our contributions to the Alumni Scholarship Fund make a difference to these students and help them pursue their true passion as they follow in our footsteps to become tomorrow’s scientists and health care professionals.

Thank you for joining me in support of our students.

Robert J. Laird, M.D. ’68

Help Our Students Travel (H.O.S.T.) Program

The Help Our Students Travel (H.O.S.T.) program offers alumni living outside Oregon a chance to connect with and support fourth-year M.D. program students who are interviewing at residency programs around the country. Interested in discussing the residency program where you work with a current student? Want to share your insights and experience on where you live and work? Or perhaps you could make a travel budget go further by offering overnight accommodation. If so, we’d love to connect you with a student.

Please email us at sm-alum@ohsu.edu and let us know your specialty, where you live and how you can help.
Alumni Profile: 
A Passion for Rural Medicine

Broken bones. General surgery. New babies. Broken hearts. Oregon’s rural physicians are a unique breed of health care professional, working in some of the most beautiful – and remote – areas of the state. Consequently, Oregonians who live in the far corners of the state – and the physicians who provide their care – need an ambitious champion to voice their unique needs. Lisa Grill Dodson, M.D. R ’91, Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Director, Oregon Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), has for 18 years cast herself in this demanding role.

“Almost everything I do has some kind of advocacy for rural medicine behind it,” said Dr. Dodson. “If I hadn’t come to OHSU specifically and at a particular moment in history, I doubt very much that I would have gone into rural medicine. In fact, I probably would have done something totally different.”

Dr. Dodson completed her residency training in family medicine at OHSU in 1991 and then practiced for seven years in John Day, Ore., where she hosted medical students and residents. Dr. Dodson joined the OHSU faculty in 1999. She called herself “very fortunate” to have been mentored at that time by John Saultz, M.D., Bob Taylor, M.D., and J.S. “Dutch” Reinschmidt, M.D.

Calling a physician’s residency training “the foundation for subsequent work,” Dr. Dodson emphasized the role of training and the continuing need for this type of education, which combines thorough preparation with effective mentorship. “In order to feel comfortable practicing in rural communities, residents need to have broad training that helps them recognize and meet the needs of these underserved communities.”

Under Dr. Dodson’s leadership, the School of Medicine has instituted two educational tracks designed to help reverse rural provider shortages. The Rural Community Health Clerkship is a five-week requirement for all third-year medical students, which allows them to experience firsthand the rewards and challenges of rural practice. The Oregon Rural Scholars program gives a group of interested third-year medical students a more lengthy rotation – 14 weeks – in rural areas. Dr. Dodson said all nine participants in the inaugural group intend to practice in a rural area and plan to go into family medicine or general surgery, specialties most needed in rural communities.

“Almost everything I do has some kind of advocacy for rural medicine behind it.”

– Lisa Grill Dodson, M.D. R ’91

“The Rural Scholars Program allows students to immerse themselves in the culture of rural living during a formative time in their career,” she said.

Dr. Dodson’s work has not gone unrecognized. In July 2009 she was named Oregon Family Doctor of the Year by the Oregon Academy of Family Physicians. And in 2010, School of Medicine Dean Mark Richardson presented her with the Dean’s Award.

Dean Richardson called her “the Wonder Woman of rural health care.” But true to her unassuming style, Dr. Dodson is humble even when compared to a superheroine. “I have a tremendous amount of passion and energy for what I do, and anyone can look like Wonder Woman if they love what they do. But I also have the resources – an amazing husband and kids, a great staff, a supportive school – that contribute to what is truly a team effort.”

Particulars:
• John Saultz, M.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine
• Robert Taylor, M.D., Professor Emeritus and former Chair, Department of Family Medicine
• J.S. “Dutch” Reinschmidt, M.D., former Associate Dean for Medical Education, and founder of the Oregon AHEC program
From the Archives:
Back to 1906 and Portland’s First Internist – Noble Wiley Jones

A 1901 graduate of Rush Medical College, Noble Wiley Jones, M.D., settled in Portland in 1906 on the advice of onetime Portland surgeon and Rush faculty member A.D. Bevan, M.D., becoming the city’s first recognized specialist in internal medicine. Jones joined the University of Oregon Medical School (the precursor to the OHSU School of Medicine) in 1913 as a Clinical Associate in Medicine.

He brought to the School of Medicine faculty his advanced training in medicine and pathology, acquired in the great schools of Vienna, Berlin, and Oxford, and a commitment to clinical research and academic excellence. With Frank Menne, M.D., and Olof Larsell, Ph.D., Jones wrote the 1941 report which led to the creation of the Medical Research Foundation. He wrote or co-authored over 50 publications on topics from coronary disease to dyspepsia to pyorrhea. Howard P. Lewis, M.D., summed up Jones’ contributions by calling him “one of the most important of the group of men who worked so hard to advance the fortunes of the University of Oregon Medical School.”

Our Readers Respond:

Dear Bridges:

I read with interest the “From the Archives” article in the Winter/Spring 2010 issue of Bridges. The story mentioned Col. J. Guy Strohm, who organized and commanded the 46th General Hospital Unit from the University of Oregon Medical School.

My father, Cliff Morris, was a member of that unit. He signed up voluntarily in part because he knew he could not avoid the WWII draft and wanted to be assigned to something other than infantry. Col. Strohm (”The Old Colonel,” as Dad called him) preferred to hand pick his unit and was mostly interested in college graduates. After a personal interview in Portland with Col. Strohm, my dad was enlisted in 1942 and received hospital corpsman training on the Marquam Hill campus before being relocated to Ft. Riley, Kan., with his fellow corpsmen and many physicians and nurses from the medical school.

It was truly serendipitous for him to be stationed in Kansas, as he had become engaged earlier in the year to my mother, Irene (Ehlers) Morris, who lived in Omaha. It was during this time that they were married there.

My parents are both gone now but my dad talked about Col. Strohm with great respect, knowing he was a tough leader who demanded the best from his troops.

I first saw the portrait of Col. Strohm in the OHSU Old Library about 15 years ago, and was amazed to finally have a face to accompany my father’s stories. I hope your readers enjoyed this bit of history as much as I did.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Morris, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Professor and Vice-Chair,
Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology; Assistant Dean for Admissions,
OHSU School of Medicine

Col. J. Guy Strohm
Cliff and Irene Morris, photographed in Junction City, Iowa in 1942.
the baby’s airway with a syringe and IV catheter, started CPR and improvised a rapid sequential application of bed sheets, pre-warmed by a coal heated iron. “The baby (named Michele and shown in the accompanying photo) slowly started to breathe, and then turned a healthy pinkish color. And, finally, she let out a faint but miraculous cry.” And today, both baby and mother are thriving – no small miracle in a country where one in 12 women die due to pregnancy-related complications and one in five children do not live to age five.

This scene unfolded at a clinic in Kigutu, a village on a lush plateau overlooking Lake Tanganyika, in Burundi, Central Africa. Run by Village Health Works (VHW), clinicians here treat a poverty-stricken population ravaged by AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and malnutrition – public health issues exacerbated by a brutal, ethnically driven civil war which ended only recently.

Bestselling author Tracy Kidder’s 2009 book, Strength in What Remains, brought worldwide attention to Kigutu.

In 2006, Dr. Ntaba visited Burundi and saw a population “gripped with a sense of hopelessness and despair.” Having just earned his board certification in Emergency Medicine, he spent nearly two years volunteering his services to get the clinic off the ground.

Dr. Ntaba spent much of his childhood in Malawi, some 700 miles south of Burundi. His father, also a doctor, was Malawi’s minister of health. “Dziwe always had it in his mind that he was going to do something back home,” recalled Leslie D. Garcia, Vice Provost, Diversity, at OHSU.

Dr. Ntaba was drawn to OHSU in part, he says, by an opportunity to precept in an HIV clinic run by Mark Loveless, M.D., M.H.A., Affiliate Associate Professor, Department of Public Health & Preventive Medicine. Molly Osborne, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Dean for Student Affairs, remembers Dziwe as being “very bright, very soft spoken, very modest and very professional.” Dr. Ntaba pitched in on a multitude of community projects when he was at OHSU, doing everything from soliciting medical supplies for the victims of Hurricane Mitch in 1998 to developing a monthly lead-testing clinic in Portland and lecturing high school classes on HIV/STD prevention. Not surprisingly, he was awarded the OHSU Student Government’s Community Service award.

Since opening in December 2007, the VHW clinic has provided primary care to 28,000 patients, many coming from as far away as Tanzania and the Congo. “Patients will literally walk for days on end to be cared for at the clinic,” said Dr. Ntaba. Kigutu is in an area heavily populated by people who fled from the violence elsewhere in the country. “VHW is helping to turn Burundi’s focus from strife and hostility to community development and dignity,” said Dr. Ntaba.

The clinic receives outside assistance from a variety of groups; the unmet needs, however, are enormous. “Our entire imaging capacity is a single portable ultrasound machine,” said Dr. Ntaba. Still, the community health worker model that VHW promotes provides a level of what he calls “pragmatic solidarity with patients” that – despite the proliferation of advanced medical facilities – has been a challenge to achieve in the U.S.

“Patients will literally walk for days on end to be cared for at the clinic.”

– Dziwe Ntaba, M.D. ’01
"We have chosen our profession, or perhaps it has chosen us, because we want to contribute to a better, healthier world. Today’s ceremony honors that dedication to the goal of improving human health."

– Mark Richardson, M.D., M.B.A., Dean

Joyful cheers and tears filled the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall as 330 new graduates – including 118 M.D.s, four M.D./Ph.D.s, five M.D./M.P.H.s, 32 Ph.D.s, 15 M.P.H.s, 84 master’s and 72 graduate certificates in biomedical informatics, dietetics and other health care sub-specialties – were recognized June 1 during the School of Medicine Hooding and Awards ceremony. They join a long and proud tradition dating back 123 years to 1887 when the School of Medicine was first established. You’ll find more photos, stories about our students, awards information and videos on the School of Medicine Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ohsusom.
“It is easy to say that we are enormously proud of you, for you represent the next generation of physicians and scientists with the individual and collective potential to truly make a difference in our future.”

– Tana A. Grady-Weliky, M.D., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

“Our master’s and Ph.D. graduates leave us today equipped with tools to improve world health – as scientists, teachers, and health care providers. I look forward to hearing their stories of success in years to come.”

– Allison Fryer, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

“With my sights set on academic hematology and medical oncology, this day represents the first step I take in fighting for those who carried me to this moment but who could not be here to see it.”

– Shari S. Azar, M.D., President, M.D. Class of ’10
Three Generations at OHSU: The Ford/Ciesielski Family

When fourth-year M.D. student Thomas Ciesielski stepped forward to receive his hood at the School of Medicine Hooding Ceremony in June, he followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, Peter Ford, M.D. ’51, and his mother, Paula Ford Ciesielski, M.D. ’78.

Thomas is beginning his career as a general internist and academic hospitalist at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.; his mother is an internist with her own clinic in Eugene; and his grandfather started out as a rural general practitioner before establishing a succession of family practice clinics in Portland.

Thomas was fascinated by the family "business" as far back as he can remember. "Growing up, if we saw an accident by the side of the road, we’d always be the ones stopping. As I got older, I’d often find a way to tie a school project back to medicine and I often went on rounds with my mom." Dr. Paula Ciesielski also went on rounds with her father as a girl and the memories are equally vivid. “My father was my first and best mentor,” she recalled.

Dr. Ford, the son of an itinerant Congregational preacher who had pastorates across Washington state, was torn between following his father into the ministry and becoming a doctor. But after graduating from Pacific University in 1945, he was drafted and pressed into service as an Army medical technician, an experience he found so engaging that it tipped the balance. Now 84 and retired, Dr. Ford looks back on his time as a physician as “the golden years” of medicine. “I can’t think of any profession I would rather have been in.”

He is hopeful that the recent passage of federal health care reform will improve the situation for those currently without health insurance. “I’m pleased with the progress being made. It does not totally solve the problem, but I think we are moving in the right direction.” It was a different world in his day. Most people didn’t worry too much about how to pay. If they couldn’t afford it, the bill was paid in barter. Some patients, Thomas recalled, brought chickens to his grandparents and “my mom still has furniture traded for my grandfather’s services.”

Dr. Ciesielski herself commented on a few other changes in medicine over the past three generations, including the increasing role of technology and specialization. “The expectations of a GP in my father’s day were to be the equivalent of a surgeon, pediatrician, obstetrician and internist. The breadth of his practice leaves me awestruck.”

Another way that medicine has changed over the last three generations is the number of women entering the profession. Only five out of the 71 in Dr. Ford’s class and 20 out of 120 in Dr. Ciesielski’s class were women, while more than half of Thomas’s class are women.

U.S. News & World Report Ranks School of Medicine Among Best in Nation

The School of Medicine’s primary care education programs were ranked third in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in its annual survey of “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2011 Edition.” In a companion survey of specialty programs, the School of Medicine’s rural medicine program ranked fourth nationwide and the family medicine program also featured in the 2011 listings of best specialty programs, ranking at number two in its category — a jump from number eight in 2010. For more than a decade, U.S. News & World Report has consistently ranked the School of Medicine’s education programs among the best in the nation. Rankings are based on peer assessment surveys.
2010 Student Research Forum: From Alligators to CRELD1

The 27th Annual Student Research Forum – a two-day celebration of student research, collaboration and dialogue – once again filled the Old Library Building with oral presentations, poster sessions and a keynote speaker whose work involves the capture and study of alligators.

Louis Guillette Jr., Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Zoology at the University of Florida and Professor at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, described his research into the impact of environmental toxins on the generational development of alligators, and the connection between maternal exposure to pollutants and abnormal physical development and health challenges in offspring. “An environment that is not healthy for alligators cannot be healthy for us,” he said. “We should be able to generate offspring that can reach their full potential.”

Fifty-one students from across OHSU gave oral presentations on subjects ranging from CRELD1 – the founding member of a family of matricellular proteins – and its role in cardiovascular development to the effect on Oregon children of citizenship documentation requirements for Medicaid eligibility. An additional 47 students presented posters of their work in a wide variety of clinical, basic science and public health fields.

“The Student Research Forum is a real celebration of science at OHSU,” said Allison Fryer, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. “In addition to offering a chance for students to develop their presentation skills and learn how to organize an event of this size, the forum reinforces the importance of collaboration in scientific research and provides both students and faculty with a two-day immersion into the rich and varied research going on here.”

We need you! Can you help judge student presentations at the 2011 Student Research Forum? Email us at sm-alum@ohsu.edu.

J. Eric Gouaux Named to National Academy of Sciences

J. Eric Gouaux, Ph.D., Senior Scientist at the Vollum Institute and Professor, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, has been named a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Gouaux is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator and a pioneer in the structural biology of membrane proteins, studying the molecular mechanisms of communication between nerve cells. His discoveries in neurotransmission have established him as one of the top investigators in his field, and his research has important implications for understanding the mechanisms of drugs used for the treatment of psychiatric and neurological diseases.

The first molecular structure of a glutamate receptor, determined in the laboratory of Eric Gouaux by Alexander Sobolevsky and Michael Rosconi. Glutamate receptors mediate communication between nerve cells in the human brain and their function is implicated in a spectrum of nervous system disorders and diseases that include Alzheimer’s disease, schizophrenia and epilepsy.

New Alumni Website Launched

Check out our new website at www.ohsu.edu/som/alumni, where you’ll find alumni news, information on upcoming events, links to photos and reports on recent activities and much more. Interested in the latest news from the School? Need a transcript? Looking for a tricked-out thumbdrive from the OHSU Store? It’s all there.
investigator on research grants, a mentor, a teacher, an administrator, a wife and a parent. "On my best days I feel I am organized and in control of everything," she said. "But there are a few days when I worry that, like Lord Voldemort in the Harry Potter novels, if I fracture my soul into one more piece it will become terminally unstable!"

Dr. Fryer received her Ph.D. from the University of London in 1986, and was a postdoctoral fellow at both the University of California, San Francisco, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore. In 1990, she joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins University where she rose to the rank of Professor before moving to the OHSU School of Medicine in 2003.

Her reputation as a scientist is evidenced by her service as editor on two international peer-reviewed journals, *The British Journal of Pharmacology* and *The American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. Her research is focused on how interactions between inflammatory cells and peripheral nerves cause the airway hyperreactivity characteristic of asthma; and she was the first to discover a mechanism (called M2 muscarinic receptors) that inhibits release of chemical transmitters from nerves supplying the lungs. In 2010, her OHSU colleagues recognized her scientific achievements and contributions to education by awarding her the John A. Resko Faculty Research and Mentoring Award.

She asks of her students no less than she demands of herself. "We are teaching them how to think differently," she said. "As biomedical scientists they will add to the body of knowledge around prevention and treatment of human disease. To do this, graduate students must develop something of a dual personality. They must learn how to test their ideas experimentally and interpret their data objectively but they must also be encouraged to think creatively in order to see something new in the universe around them."

She meets regularly with student representatives at formal and informal meetings and she and her husband, David Jacoby, M.D., Professor, Department of Medicine and Director of the M.D./Ph.D. program in the OHSU School of Medicine, invite students to their home for dinner monthly.

She is keen for alumni to stay in touch with the graduate studies program. "We'd love for alumni to help judge at the Annual Student Research Forum, or give seminars about their career paths," she said. "There is no better teacher than experience and our students would benefit from your knowledge and your wisdom."

She is also conscious of the critical role that time plays in the development of a scientist. "Human health of the future depends upon training biomedical scientists today," she said. "We need to advocate for increased funding for scientific endeavors and training and at the same time ensure that we train excellent scientists who are able to understand, prevent and cure disease."

A Flood of Applicants Vied for OHSU’s Open Residency Slots

This year’s competition for open slots in OHSU Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs was the stiffest in OHSU’s history. The primary care residencies – those in internal medicine, family medicine and pediatrics – drew the most applicants overall. More than 3,900 applications for 63 primary care residency slots came in from graduating medical students across the country.

All the residency programs attracted large numbers of applicants, including, for example, the general surgery program which drew 917 applications for 18 slots, emergency medicine – 854 for 10 slots, psychiatry – 840 for eight slots, and anesthesiology – 805 for 12 slots.

"These results once again demonstrate that OHSU’s programs are among the very best in the country and attract the most competitive students from around the nation.”

– Donald E. Girard, M.D. R ’73, Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education and Graduate Medical Education

Approximately 275 new residency slots become available each year at OHSU. In addition to the 153 slots filled through the ACGME Match, approximately 100 slots open up through specialty matches and transfers in and between residency programs. A further 20 to 25 slots are filled from an advanced match process from prior years.

OHSU’s Graduate Medical Education programs rank 10th in the nation for in-state retention of residents and more than half of the new physicians completing their residencies at OHSU remain in Oregon to practice. One-third of all Oregon licensed physicians completed all or part of their education at OHSU.
The Envelope, Please!

**Drama of residency decisions unfolded against health care reform backdrop**

On March 18, the M.D. Class of 2010 learned where they would be heading for the next chapter of their educational journey. Decisions spit out of a computer in Washington, D.C., were made known – at exactly the same moment across the country – to every graduating fourth-year medical student seeking an internship.

“Match Day this year carried a special import as it occurred in the same week as the national health care debate reached its climactic moments,” said Dean Mark Richardson.

Forty-eight percent – a total of 60 grads – matched to primary care residencies in internal medicine, family medicine or pediatrics. Some of these new graduates may end up sub-specializing, but the numbers initially attracted to primary care are encouraging and moving in the right direction. Family medicine residencies, in particular, were a destination for 20 percent, or 25 of the students – a 56 percent increase over last year when 16 chose that specialty. Other destinations include 15 who will complete residencies in emergency medicine, nine in OB/GYN, seven in radiology, five in surgery and three in anesthesiology.

Thirty percent of the graduating class – or 34 of OHSU’s medical school seniors – will stay in Oregon, including 28 graduates who will train at OHSU. All told, 74 percent of the OHSU seniors, or 93, will remain in the West, including Oregon.

“Our graduating students will witness the beginning of a change in the health care system in which they will be practicing.”

– Mark Richardson, M.D., M.B.A., Dean
School of Medicine Alumni Association Honors Its Own

The May 6 School of Medicine Alumni Association Annual Dinner and Awards Gala recognized a number of outstanding alumni, along with volunteer faculty involved in teaching and mentoring. Attended by Dean Mark Richardson and more than 85 guests, the event was a celebration of the national and international contributions of School of Medicine alumni in fields as diverse as public health, genetic research and the interface of medicine and media.

The Dean's Award was presented to Lisa Grill Dodson, M.D. R ’91. In his remarks, Dean Richardson cited “Lisa’s passionate commitment to rural health and family medicine as a physician, a teacher and an advocate – a commitment that has permeated all aspects of Lisa’s medical career.”

The Esther Pohl Lovejoy, M.D. Leadership Award was presented to Gretchen Berland, M.D. ’96, Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine and Associate Director, Medical Humanities and Arts Council, Yale University. The winner of three Emmy Awards before she started in medical school, Dr. Berland was a producer for MacNeil/Lehrer Productions and the PBS “Nova” program, and received a MacArthur Fellowship grant in 2004.

The Charles A. Preuss, M.D. Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to David W. Fleming, M.D. R’82, Director and Health Officer, Public Health, Seattle & King County, Seattle, Wash. Dr. Fleming served as State Epidemiologist for the State of Oregon before becoming Deputy Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and then Acting Director from 2000 to 2003.

The Richard T. Jones, M.D., Ph.D. Distinguished Alumni Scientist Award was presented to Susan B. Olson, Ph.D. ’84, Professor, Department of Molecular & Medical Genetics. Dr. Olson’s areas of interest include the role of chromosomal changes in fetal development and survival, cancer and genetic disease and the cellular and molecular basis of Fanconi Anemia.

The winner of the award for Outstanding Post-doctoral Paper was Daniel Gareau, Ph.D. Dr. Gareau’s paper was entitled “Feasibility of digitally-stained multimodal confocal mosaics to simulate histopathology.”

The winner of the award for Outstanding Resident Paper was Jessica Castle, M.D. Dr. Castle’s paper was entitled “Novel use of glucagon in a closed-loop system for prevention of hypoglycemia in Type 1 diabetes.”

Also recognized at the dinner were a number of volunteer members of the School of Medicine faculty who have provided outstanding service to the School’s education mission. The recipients in 2010 were:

Roger E. Alberty, M.D., nominated by the Department of Surgery
Gary Oxman, M.D., nominated by the Department of Public Health & Preventive Medicine
Peter Reagan, M.D. ’77 & Bonnie Reagan, M.D. ’84, nominated by the Department of Family Medicine
James Resk, M.D., FAAP, nominated by the Department of Pediatrics
Medical Specialty “Speed Dating”

Put 10 physicians in a room, ask them how they chose their medical specialty, and you’ll hear 10 different answers.

Some will say they knew the specialty they wanted to pursue even before they applied to medical school. A few probably thought they knew, but found some compelling alternatives on the way through their education. And some will tell you that their specialty found them, rather than the other way around.

The second annual Medical Specialty Speed Dating event, sponsored by the Alumni Association, was designed to help students with their specialty research and their decision-making. Twenty-four OHSU faculty physicians and community physicians – many of them alumni of the School of Medicine – attended the March 31 event to talk about their specialty to medical students.

Students appreciated the informal atmosphere and the chance to ask the hard questions: “What mistakes do people make in choosing their specialty? What are the good and the bad points about your specialty? Would you choose this specialty again if you had the option? Will this specialty enable me to pay back my loans?”

“It is important to have these opportunities for conversations between established physicians and students,” said Donald Houghton, M.D. ’71, Professor, Department of Pathology and Chair of the Alumni Association’s Alumni Relations Committee. “Even students who are sure about their choice appreciate the opportunity to talk with someone who has spent their career doing the kind of work they themselves would like to do.”

Back to the Classroom

Quick! Can you describe the process for the acquisition of memory through the hippocampus? Or identify the area of the cortex responsible for the highest level of association between competing ideas?

Five Alumni Council members spent a February morning brushing up on these and other basic neurology and neuroanatomy concepts as part of “Back to the Classroom” day. They joined second-year medical students at lectures given by Gary Ciment, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology, Barry Oken, M.D., Professor, Neurology, and Joseph Quinn, M.D., Associate Professor, Neurology, before adjourning for lunch and a discussion with Dean Mark Richardson.

“This was an unique and gratifying experience,” said Stanley Huber, M.D. ’65, who attended with classmate Jim Fearl, M.D. ’65, as well as Walt Meihoff, M.D. ’59, Robert J. Laird, M.D. ’68 and Donald Houghton, M.D. ’71. “It placed me back in a neuroanatomy classroom for half a day and exposed me to familiar material as it is taught to today’s students. They are an impressive group, and I would strongly recommend this opportunity to any alum.”

Email us at sm-alum@ohsu.edu if you would like to be included in a future session of “Back to the Classroom.”
Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events

Annual Student Welcome Barbeque
September 24
Vollum Courtyard, OHSU

Class of ’90 Reunion
October 11
McMenamins Edgefield, Troutdale, Ore.

Class of ’65 Reunion
October 15 – 16
Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, Ore.

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Upcoming CME

6th Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Update
September 24
Governor Hotel, Portland, Ore.

5th Annual NW Regional Hospital Medicine Conference
September 30 – October 1
Governor Hotel, Portland, Ore.

11th Annual Oregon Geriatrics Society Conference
October 8 – 10
Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, Ore.

35th Annual Pacific Northwest Update in Ob-Gyn and Women’s Health
October 28 – 29
Governor Hotel, Portland, Ore.

For registration and information about other CME events, visit www.ohsu.edu/som/cme or call 503 494-8700.

Reunions

Class of ’60
The Waverley Country Club in Portland was the setting for the Golden Anniversary Reunion of the Class of ’60 on May 22. Dean Mark Richardson gave alumni and their guests an update on the School of Medicine and thanked the organizing committee of Fritz Fraunfelder, M.D. (chair), Michael Deeney, M.D., Joanne Jene, M.D., and Jim Saunders, M.D., before inducting those present into the Golden Circle. Master of Ceremonies Les Bergeron, M.D., led the program with humor and skill. Despite the wet weather, a large group toured the campus earlier in the day and took a trip on the Portland Aerial Tram.

Class of ’75
Almost 60 alumni and their guests gathered on May 7 at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Class of ’75. Held in conjunction with the Sommer Memorial Lectures, the event was organized and led by Tod Tolan, M.D., and an organizing committee. Master of Ceremonies Mark Litchman, M.D., introduced a program that included remarks from class presidents Michael Potter, M.D., and Ted Galey, M.D. Dr. Tolan’s slide show prompted many memories and a lively discussion. Four class members visited the Marquam Hill campus for a tour the following morning.

Check out photos from all School of Medicine alumni reunions at the School of Medicine’s Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ohsusom.
It’s All About Teaching and Sharing

Mark and Chris Hattenhauer endow a $100,000 scholarship fund to benefit Oregon medical students

Born in The Dalles, Ore., Mark Hattenhauer, M.D. ’66, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, moved with his mother to southeast Portland at the age of five. He attended Washington and then Madison high schools and became the first in his family to complete college, attending Willamette University and Portland State College under the three-year baccalaureate program.

From an early age, Dr. Hattenhauer was drawn to a career in medicine. “It was the greatest day of my life,” he said, “when I opened the mailbox and found that I had been accepted into the OHSU School of Medicine.”

But then, as it does for many aspiring physicians and scientists, the question of affordability came into play. “Our family income was around $100 a week in the early 1960s,” he said. “The scholarship assistance I received at OHSU made the difference.”

Newly married at the time, he helped make ends meet by working during the summer vacations, reviewing charts for an OB/GYN research project and serving as an extern with psychiatric patients at the now-closed Dammash State Hospital. He graduated in the Class of ‘66, completed his residency at OHSU and was accepted into a cardiology fellowship.

“The education I received at OHSU was the foundation for everything else I did, the bedrock of my success,” he said. “Thanks to a solid education and personal mentoring from legendary physicians such as Dr. Howard Lewis, I was able to navigate and adapt successfully to a period of great change in cardiology just as I began my career. For example, our world was completely transformed when the first coronary angioplasty took place in Switzerland in September, 1977.”

Dr. Hattenhauer went on to perform the first coronary angioplasty in Oregon on June 12, 1981, and taught these same angioplasty techniques to physicians all over the Pacific Northwest. Committed to life-long education, he passed on what he had learned by serving mid-size communities in Oregon and Washington, providing consults in The Dalles, Goldendale, Lincoln City, Newport and elsewhere. He was recognized by the faculty and residents of the OHSU Division of General Internal Medicine & Geriatrics in June 2008 with the Marion L. Krippaehne Humanism Award for his exceptional compassion in caring for patients. Dr. Hattenhauer now has a practice at St. John’s Medical Center in Longview, Wash., on assignment from the OHSU Division of Cardiology.

“IT’s all about teaching and sharing,” he said.

Despite the advancement of imaging technology in his field, Dr. Hattenhauer continues to believe in the fundamentals he was taught in the early 1960s and hopes that the generation of students who will benefit from the scholarship will do the same. “Listen to the patient. The information you need will be in the history, and will guide your physical examination. Then follow up on the details. You have to follow up and do what you tell the patient you are going to do.”

Dr. Hattenhauer met his wife, Chris, a registered nurse, at Good Samaritan Hospital. She shares his desire to teach and mentor others and has been a preceptor to students and new RNs at many local hospitals, including OHSU. “I am very impressed with the outstanding qualities shown by OHSU’s medical students,” she said. “I hope this scholarship opens doors for more young students to be able to pursue their dreams.”

“It’s an honor to be a physician, to do your best to make a difference in someone else’s life,” said Dr. Hattenhauer. “I want today’s students to feel just as elated as I did when that acceptance letter arrives in their mailbox. We cannot allow their financial situation to hold them back.”

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