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**2007 USU RESEARCH WEEK/
GRADUATE STUDENT COLLOQUIUM**

By Dr. Eleanor Metcalf
Associate Dean, Graduate Education

Research Week 2007 was held, May 14 - 16 at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU).

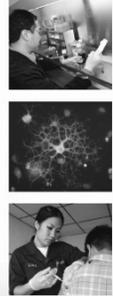
The primary goal of this event is to promote research by faculty, staff and students at USU, provide opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration, and to facilitate communication among USU graduate students and faculty.

Highlights this year included a Career Development Symposium for School of Medicine (SOM) graduate students, a Graduate School of Nursing Research Colloquium, a symposium presented by the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, a SOM Graduate Student Colloquium, and Symposia featuring lectures given by recipients of the Wu and Leonard Awards.

Keynote speakers were invited to present the Bullard Lecture at the SOM Graduate Student Colloquium, this year given by Dr. Stanley Maloy, Dean, College of Sciences, San Diego State University. The plenary lecture was given by Dr. Anthony Fauci, di-

rector, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health. Additionally, over 180 posters were displayed throughout the three days. The event ended with awards presented for outstanding posters, oral presentations, and research, and a celebratory dinner.

**Celebrating
Excellence
in Research**



**HIV/AIDS: Much
Accomplished,
Much to Do**

By MCSN Raul Zamora
Staff Writer, VPE

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, who has been instrumental in developing strategies for therapy and immune reconstruction and in leading the world's effort in fundamental research on HIV/AIDS, spoke during USU's annual research week, May 14-16.

The title of his lecture is: *HIV/AIDS Much Accomplished, Much To Do.*

"In have been involved with AIDS since the first day it was mentioned," said Fauci. "It was June 5, 1981. To me it was like when President Kennedy was assassinated, I remember where I was, when it was and how I felt when I first heard about it. It wasn't a frightening experience, but more of curiosity."

On July 4, 1981 25 or 26 gay men were diagnosed with pneumocystis pneumonia. "For the first

time in my experience in medicine I got goose pimples because I knew that something was very wrong," said Fauci.

Ninety percent of HIV/AIDS cases are in developing countries and 2/3 of the cases are in Africa. "AIDS is like malaria and tuberculosis," said Fauci. "If you are poor, unprivileged and living in a developing country, you have a major chance of getting infected by the disease."

The global HIV/AIDS estimates in 2006 were 39.5 million people are living with HIV; there were 4.3 million new HIV infections; 2.9 million deaths due to AIDS.

A few years ago AIDS took over as the leading cause of microbial deaths in the world. Before AIDS, it was a combination of tuberculosis (1.7million) and Malaria (1.7 million). HIV is equal to the total of both combined.

"The activation of the immune system in response to a microbe, which is usually a positive thing, actually paradoxically turns out to be negative," explained Fauci. "It activates the phenotypes in the immune system allowing the virus to replicate efficiently. In the end the virus wins because it has a fertile atmosphere to replicate and the immune system can't control it."

Fauci explained the "ABCs" of

HIV prevention: abstinence, being safe by being faithful to one's partner, correct and consistent condom use. Some countries that have achieved success with the "ABC" approach include: Uganda, Thailand, Zambia, Cambodia, and the Dominican Republic.

Another way to reduce infection is by circumcision. Three studies took place in Africa which showed 53% of those who were circumcised were not infected with HIV.

"Can you imagine if I told you that I had a vaccine that was 53% protective?" Fauci said. "I would announce it to the world if that were the case, but circumcision would take a while to be accepted."

"At the end of the 1996 AIDS conference I was asked to write a commentary about all of the advancements that occurred in 1996 and that's where I got the title for today's speech," Fauci said. "Ten years later, on the 25th anniversary of finding out about AIDS, I was asked to do a similar commentary, I reflected and felt that although we made spectacular scientific advancements, we are now confronted with how we are going to get precaution to the people throughout the world who need it. Although it is important and appropriate to celebrate scientific advances."

USU faculty member receives FDA Commissioner's Special Citation

By MCSN Jeff Hopkins
Staff Writer, VPE

A faculty member at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) received the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner's Special Citation in a ceremony May 11, at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center.

Kenneth C. Curley, MD, an assistant professor of Surgery and Biomedical Informatics with USU's Military and Emergency Medicine (MEM) department, received the award for providing invaluable assistance to the FDA, "as well as outstanding scientific and program leadership in the development of interagency scientific and technical collaborations for advanced medical technologies."

Curley was nominated for the award by the FDA's Office of Science and Engineering Labs, for his work with them from 2003 to 2006, while at the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center (TATRC) at Fort Detrick, Md.

Curley said he wasn't expecting the award, and appreciates the recognition of his work very much.

"I am quite surprised and obviously honored to be recognized in this way," Curley said. "It is fulfilling to be recognized for efforts that I hope will lead to better healthcare for service members and their families."

Curley is a USU graduate, class of 1993, and was medically retired from the Army in 2002 after a spinal cord injury.

In addition to his position at USU, he is also chief scientist and neuroscience portfolio manager for TATRC, and a special consultant to the director of the Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine.



Kenneth C. Curley, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Surgery and
Biomedical Informatics,
MEM

Class of 2007 SOM, GSN, Graduate Education, BOR Awards

By MCSN Jeff Hopkins
Staff Writer, VPE

Each year at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) new students arrive ready to learn the science and the practice of health care, while the graduating students get ready to begin practicing all that they have learned. The School of Medicine (SOM) and Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) hold ceremonies annually to present the top students and faculty in each departing class with prestigious and well-earned awards.

The SOM and GSN's graduating classes of 2007 held their ceremonies, respectively, in Sanford Auditorium, the GSN May 14, and the SOM May 17.

The SOM presented more than 32 awards during its ceremony; among them were the Surgeons General awards, presented to a recipient from each of the four services. The awards are presented to graduating medical students whose university careers have been characterized by academic achievement, military medical professionalism, and an exemplary commitment toward enhancing the mission and goals of their services.

The U.S. Army Surgeon General's award, presented by Acting Army Surgeon General MG Gale S. Pollock, went to 2LT Christopher Welton, USA. The U.S. Navy Surgeon General award, presented by Navy Surgeon General VADM Donald C. Arthur, went to ENS Rolf Graning, USN. The U.S. Air Force Surgeon General award, presented by Air Force Surgeon General Lt Gen James G. Roudebush, went to 2nd Lt Joshua Tyler, USAF, and the U.S. Public Health Service's Surgeon General award,

presented by the U.S. Acting Surgeon General, RADM Kenneth C. Moritsugu, went to ENS Molly Evans, USPHS.

Also presented were the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces (SMCAF) Award, and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS) Award.

The SMCAF award was presented to 2nd Lt Justin Fox, USAF, and 2nd Lt Joshua Tyler, USAF, who both held a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and were the Class of 2007 valedictorians.

The AMSUS award was presented to 2nd Lt Evan Jones, USAF, whose leadership served as the standard for all his classmates, and was reflective of the role of the uniformed physician.

Outstanding faculty are also recognized at each year's graduation ceremonies for their contributions to the future of military medicine by providing education and example.

The William P. Clements, Jr. award was presented to Col John E. McManigle, USAF, MC, who was chosen by the graduating medical students for exemplifying the principles of excellence in education by personal example and performance.

The SOM Outstanding Civilian Educator award was presented to James Smirniotopolous, M.D., chosen by the graduating medical students as the individual who displayed the highest qualities of a medical educator by example and performance.

The GSN bestowed its highest honor for graduates, the Federal Nursing Service Chiefs Award, which is presented to the graduating student whose overall academic performance has been characterized by achieving excellence in academics and

setting the highest standards of professionalism for uniformed and federal nurses, to Mrs. Christine Engstrom, MS, CRNP, AOCN of the PhD program, and MAJ Robert Staggs, AN, USA of the Masters program.

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Outstanding Student Award is presented to the graduating students who demonstrate the highest levels of academic performance while simultaneously demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities, and is awarded to one student from each of the nursing programs. This year's winners were Mrs. Christine Engstrom, Capt Megan Laughlin, USAF, from the Family Nurse Practitioners program, CPT Young Yauger, USA, from the Nurse Anesthesia program, and Capt Robert Smith, USAF, from the Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialists program.

Outstanding GSN faculty included MAJ Sandra McNaughton, USA, who received the Distinguished Masters Uniformed Faculty award, and Diane Seibert, PhD, CRNP, who received the Distinguished Masters Civilian Faculty award.

The Board of Regents (BOR) award, exemplifying scholarship, leadership, and service, went to 2nd Lt Justin Fox, USAF, from the Medical Program; Beth McNichol, from the Graduate Program; and Capt. Kristine Willingham, USAF, Graduate Nursing Program.

Dr. Carol J. Johns was a long-time enthusiastic and effective supporter of USU, and was a member of the BOR from 1985 until her death in 2000. USU established an annual award in her name, the Carol J. Johns Medal. This year's award honors Dr. Neil E. Grunberg, whose accomplishments emulate Dr. Johns' spirit.

Research Week 2007 Awards

Emma L. Bockman award: Dr. Emma L. Bockman was an associate professor in the Department of Physiology at the Uniformed Services University (USU) from 1979 to 1985, when she lost her battle against cancer. At the request of her parents, the Emma Bockman Memorial Fund was created through the Henry M. Jackson Foundation to encourage and support scholarly endeavors of USU students. In her memory, the Emma L. Bockman Memorial award has been established to keep her academic ideals and quest for knowledge alive.

The recipient of the graduate student award is selected competitively primarily based upon the applicant's research efforts, but also academic performance and community service.

The awardee for the 2007 Bockman Graduate Student Competition is: **Kimberly A. Bishop** from the Emerging Infectious Diseases program for her research entitled: *"Identification of Residues in the Hendra Virus G glycoprotein Critical for Receptor Binding."*

Faculty award: Every year, nominations are solicited from the students and faculty within the medical school program of graduate studies for the Outstanding Biomedical Educator award. The selection is made by a combined graduate student

and faculty committee. The recipient of this faculty award is selected competitively primarily based upon the applicant's demonstrated excellence in teaching and mentoring graduate students. The recipient of the award for 2007 is: **Lt Col Peter LaPuma**, Department of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics.

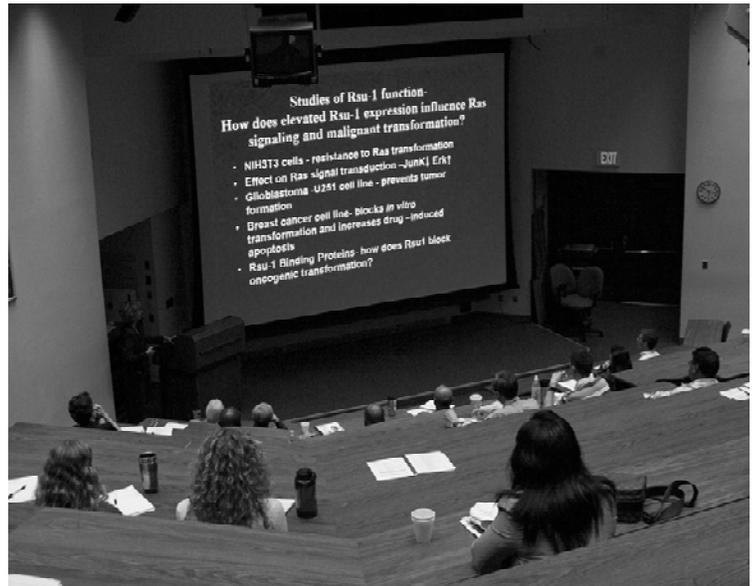
Student awards: Out of all the abstracts submitted by graduate students, six finalists were chosen for oral presentations in the Graduate Student Research Colloquium and six finalists were chosen for poster presentations.

Two panels of faculty judges chose the best oral presentation and the best poster out of an outstanding group of finalists. This year the award for the outstanding oral presentation goes to: Oral Presentation, **Lara M. Kingeter**, Emerging Infectious Diseases program for her presentation entitled: *"Defects in TCR signals Through PKC Theta and Bcl-10 Selectively Impair NF-kappa B Activation and Effector Differentiation in the CD4+ T Cell Subset."*

This year the Award for the outstanding poster presentation goes to: Poster Presentation, **Robert J. Cybulski, Jr.**, Emerging Infectious Diseases program for his poster entitled: *"Localization and Immunogenicity of Bacillus Anthracis Spore Proteins."*

Mary Lou Cutler, Ph.D., Pathology Department, was a presenter during Research Week.

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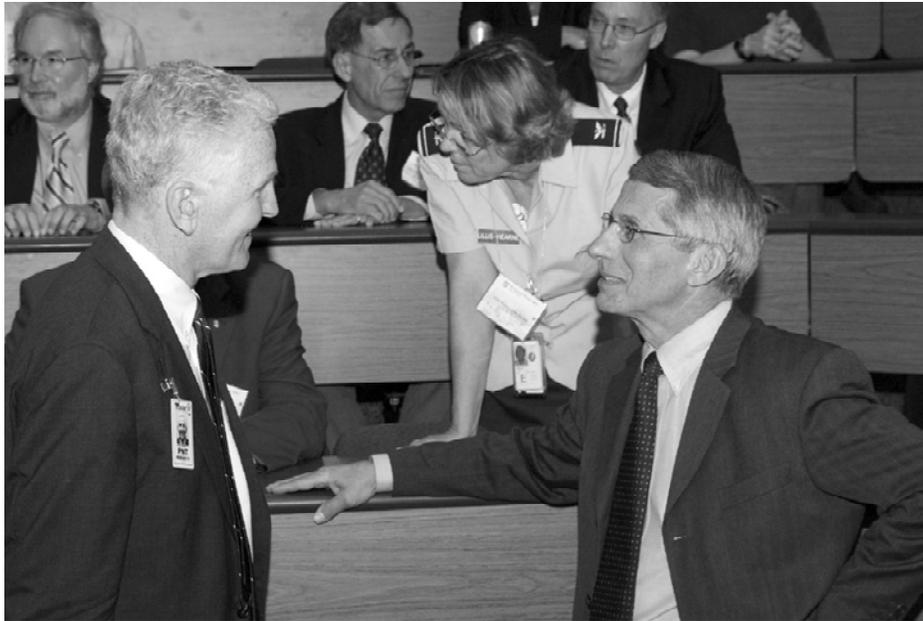


LT Lina Badura, NC, USN (center), briefs spectators about her research on the effects of body armor.



Drs. Steve Kaminsky, vice president of Research, (left) and Larry Laughlin, dean, School of Medicine, were in attendance during a Research Week lecture.

Research Week 2007



Dr. S. Ward Casscells, assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (left), speaks with Dr. Anthony Fauci, director, NIAID, after Dr. Fauci gave the keynote lecture on HIV/AIDS.



Dr. Eleanor Metcalf, associate dean for Graduate Education provided introductions before the lectures.

Dr. Stanley Maloy, professor and dean, college of science, associate director, center for microbial sciences, San Diego State University, Calif., presented the Bullard Lecture at this year's Research Week.



LT Carolyn Oyster, USPHS, presents her Research Week poster, "Can A Synthetic Framework (PRIME) Improve Written Performance Evaluations for Pediatric Residents?"

USU's 28th Commencement

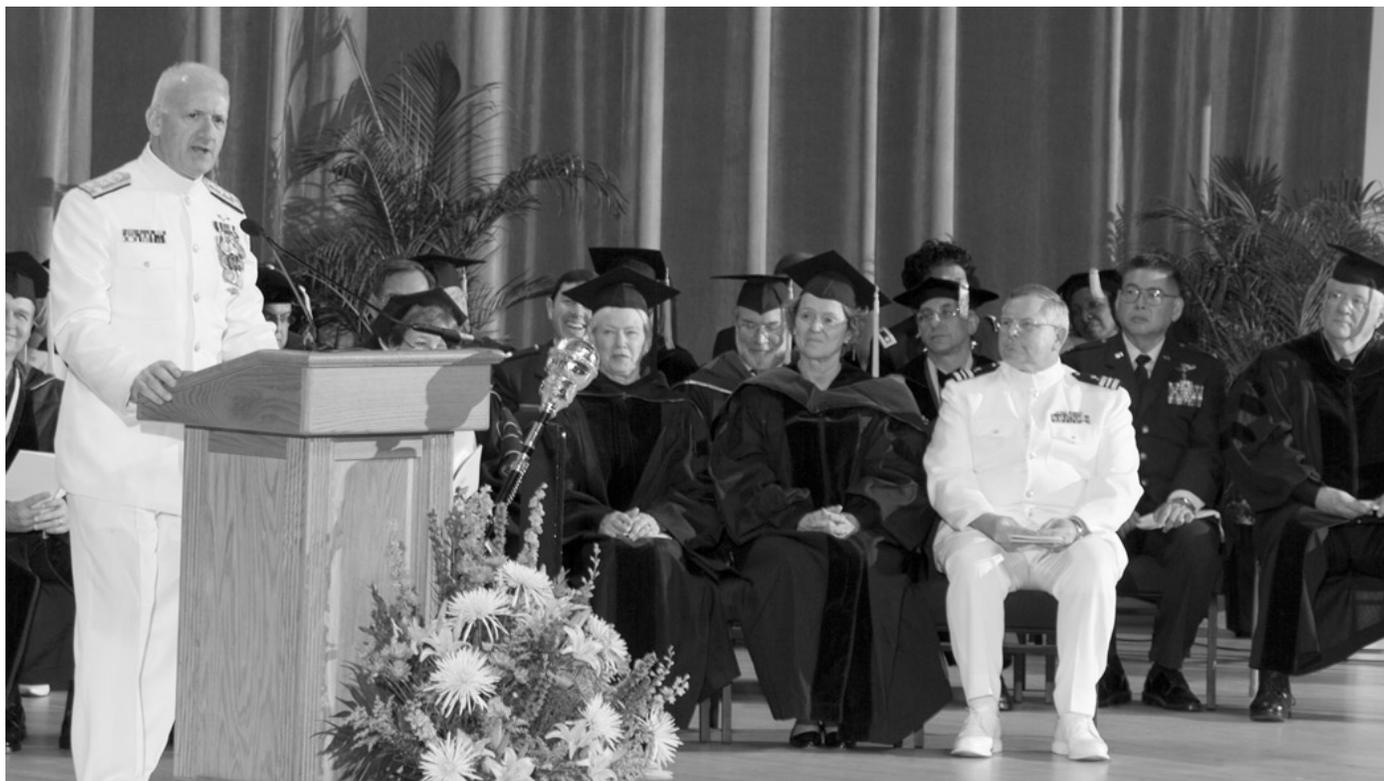


Photo by TSgt James Steele

Vice Admiral Donald C. Arthur, 35th Navy Surgeon General and Chief of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, provided the commencement address for the 28th Commencement Ceremony of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine awarded 159 doctor of medicine and 49 biomedical sciences graduate degrees, while the Graduate School of Nursing awarded 25 Master of Science degrees in the Family Nurse Practitioner, Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Nurse Anesthesia disciplines.



Photo by HM2 Michael Oliver



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Students line up for the graduation procession.

After the students have graduated and pinned on their new rank, they prepare to take the Hippocratic Oath.

Commencement



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(Left) TSgt Walter Bennett, USAF, USU Service-member of the Year, had the honor of leading the graduation processional, carrying the University Mace. (Below) SMSgt Susan Neil, USAF, Air Force Medical Student Enlisted Advisor, helps the graduates backstage.



Photo by TSgt James Steele



Photo by Tom Balfour

Members of the USU Color Guard Post the Colors as an ensemble from the Marine Band plays the "National Anthem."



Photo by Tom Balfour



Photo by HM2 Michael Oliver

(Above) A medical student poses with her daughter at USU's 28th Commencement Ceremony. (left) Dr. Charles L. Rice, president, USU, reads the Distinguished Service Medal citation before presenting it to Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., former assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.



Photo by MCSN Raul Zamora

New USU Coin

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) has a new coin. The coin was designed by MCSN Raul Zamora, staff writer, VPE. "There were so many ideas floating around my head," Zamora said. "But eventually the 'Moon gate' was chosen as the image to represent USU." One side of the coin is the USU seal, and the other side is the "Moon Gate." "I love how it turned out," said Zamora. "The 'gate,' the clock, and Building B work in harmony from this view." The new USU coin is available in the Alumni Bookstore.

Nobel Laureate Sydney Brenner Presents Packard Lecture

By MCSN Raul Zamora
Staff Writer, VPE

The 2002 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine recipient, Dr. Sydney Brenner presented "The David Packard Lecture" at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), March 28.

Dr. Brenner received the Nobel Prize for his contributions toward discoveries on how genes regulate organ growth and process of programmed cell death.

The title of his lecture to USU was "Humanities Genes." Dr. Brenner said that at the time he was giving his Nobel Lecture he pointed out two problems that were important to the future of bio cell and that he had two projects for them.

The first one was cell mapping. "Cell mapping is a way of guiding through an immense amount of data that is pouring out of the scientific machine everyday," he

said.

Dr. Brenner stated that the second project was humanity itself and that the next model system should be ourselves. Humans have the most complex brain, and are interested in the unknown. "We have millions of phenotypes which I like to call doctors," said Brenner. "So the answer is to study humans, invert the picture. Imagine the planet like a giant Petri dish. I know that experimenting on humans is illegal but everyone is doing it. You are doing it to your child, McDonald's is doing it to all of us, the government and even nature are doing it."

"I strongly believe that the future in medicine resides in creating a new public health," Brenner said. "We have to get away from the paradigms which says a man in the street can do whatever he wants. For example, eat and drink what he wants, and think that medical research can save him. The first thing is that we have to

teach people to become responsible for their bodies. We also have to understand that people are diverse and that they have different genes."

"I think that we can bring up wonderful projects to create ourselves," Brenner said. "The next model is ourselves, because what we have to say is that the deep subject is morality. Only the gods know that but we can't study the gods. President Clinton said, 'when we have the genome we are seeing the language God used to create man.' My reply is this is like the Bible, because I consider the Bible the language man used to create God."

The David Packard Lecture is the premiere invited lecture sponsored by the faculty at USU each academic year. The lecture is named after USU's second president, The Honorable David Packard, who served as the university president from 1976 to 1981. Dr. Packard is co-founder of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

Faculty Profile: Col. Brian V. Reamy

By MCSN Jeff Hopkins
Staff Writer, VPE

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) is home to people from all different cultures and backgrounds. Each issue, the USU Newsletter tries to spotlight members from USU's staff, faculty and students to illustrate this fact.

Col. Brian V. Reamy, USAF, MC, is USU's chair of the Department of Family Medicine. He was born and raised in Tarrytown, New York, to a family of seven children. He first became interested in medicine when he and his siblings were taken to visit the family physician.

"Going to my family doctor growing up got me interested in family medicine," said Reamy. "It was a good first step."

Reamy's father was a petroleum engineer, and also served in the Navy during World War II. His mother was a teacher, turned stay-at-home mother, who, with a household of seven children, undoubtedly had her work cut out for her.

Reamy attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he attained his Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in biology. Afterwards, he stayed on at Georgetown's School of Medicine, earning his medical degree.

Reamy funded his medical education through the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program, a four-year scholarship in which the Armed Forces pays for a student's medical school tuition and expenses, to include required medical supplies and required

books in exchange for an active-duty military obligation to the service of the student's choice. Reamy said that his choice of service, the Air Force, was largely influenced by the fact that his brother had chosen the Air Force as a career before him.

"My brother is an Air Force Academy graduate, retired, class of '76. He was on active duty at the time, and looking at the different services, that seemed like the logical one to choose," Reamy said.

Reamy has spent 20 years on active duty in the Air Force, and four years in the Reserve. In this time, he's been to many assignments, including Zaragoza Air Base in Spain, Eielson Air Force Base (AFB) in Alaska, Travis AFB in Calif., and Andrews AFB, before coming to USU. He said, they were all good assignments, but narrowed down two as his favorites.

"I like all of them," Reamy said, "but Alaska was great, really beautiful, but in terms of assignment, I liked Travis the most, because I got to teach. I was the residency director at Travis AFB."

Among his other accomplishments, Reamy recently became president of the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians, one of the largest national medical organizations, dedicated to promoting and preserving the science and art of family medicine.



**Col. Brian Reamy,
USAF, MC
chair, Department of
Family Medicine, USU**

Walter Reed Society helps out wounded warriors

By MCSN Jeff Hopkins
Staff Writer, VPE

When a servicemember is injured in battle and medically evacuated to a stateside hospital, their recovery and comfort are top-priority; spouses may take leave of absence from their jobs to visit their wounded warriors, kids may be taken out of school to see their parents whom they've missed during their deployment.

Recovery however, is a very long process, and while a military spouse is seeing to their injured loved one, their job at home may not wait for them. Bills that still need to be paid may pile up, some to the extent of causing serious financial hardship. Families of

wounded servicemembers may find themselves running out of places to turn.

For these reasons, the Walter Reed Society (WRS), a non-profit organization created exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, has embarked on its "Wounded Warrior" program, to provide aid to military families in need.

"What we do is provide money to servicemembers and their families who have incurred financial hardship as a result of their injuries," said John Frankenburg, the National Naval Medical Center's WRS liaison, and protocol officer at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU).

The WRS to date has provided more than \$600,000 in direct aid to injured servicemem-

bers and their families, and in support of Walter Reed Army Medical Center's (WRAMC) Occupational Therapy program, Mologne House, and special recreational programs for wounded warriors, said Frankenburg.

Jeff Swope, a special assistant to the vice president for External Affairs has been a member of the WRS for a year, and says he's heard some very positive feedback about the society and its programs.

"I've heard directly from some recipients that the aid they received was extremely beneficial, and that they were very grateful," Swope said. "The WRS is genuinely poised to help servicemembers and their families when they really need it. They're really engaged in looking for ways to help people."

USU Brigade holds Quarterly Awards Ceremony

By MCSN Jeff Hopkins
Staff Writer, VPE

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences held its Quarterly Awards Ceremony in the Sanford Auditorium, May 4.

Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen received medals, letters of commendation and appreciation. Among the awards presented were the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

The Color Guard of the Quarter was SSgt Fabio Batista-Sanchez (MILPO) and the Servicemember of the Quarter was HM3 Chephren Dialino (LAM) Both received reserved parking spaces, \$50 dollar gift



**SSgt Fabio Batista
Sanchez, MILPO
Color Guard of the
Quarter**



**HM3
Chephren Dialino, LAM
Servicemember of the
Quarter**

cards, a 72-hour liberty pass, and the Brigade Commander's coin.

Class of 2007 Establishes Endowment in Honor of Student

*Contributed by 2nd Lt Sean Jersey, USAF, MC
President, SOM Class of 2007*

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' (USU) School of Medicine (SOM), Class of 2007 plans to establish an endowment in honor of 2nd Lt Catherine Baxter Wochos, an SOM class of 2007 student who passed away March 7, after a long battle with cancer.

The annual proceeds from the endowment will be used to sponsor a yearly prize for student research in pediatric oncology, establish a charitable fund to help future USU medical students who may face a medical crisis, and to create an annual award recognizing the medical student who best demonstrates the values treasured so much in Catherine; scholarship, compassion, humility, work ethic, a positive attitude, and a desire to help both patients, and her fellow students.

The class will establish the fund with an initial donation of \$4,000 with the goal to quickly reach a target of \$10,000 necessary to carry on these activities in perpetuity. It is our sincere hope that this fund will constitute a lasting, and growing legacy both to Catherine's ideals and the best qualities of her friends and colleagues in the Class of 2007.

Baxter's family and the Henry M. Jackson Foundation have

worked closely with us to establish this endowment. When Catherine passed away in March, many of you reached out and asked how you could help the family or what you could contribute in lieu of flowers. Well this is how you can help.

While our initial contribution is sizeable and will surely be added to by her family, we still have a ways to go in order to reach our initial goal of \$10,000.

This gift we are establishing will be a legacy of your generosity and goodwill. It will be here long into the future. To my knowledge, this gift is the first of its kind for a graduating USU class. It is a fitting tribute both to our friend Catherine and the best attributes each of you helped to instill in us as officers and physicians.



**2nd Lt Catherine Baxter Wochos,
SOM, Class of 2007**



Photo by HM2 Michael Oliver

19th Annual International Spine Workshop

The International Spine Workshop returned to USU May 4 through 10 to bring advanced hands-on training in peripheral nerve, cervical spine and thoraco-lumbar surgery. The workshop is directed by Col. James Ecklund, a USU alumnus (class of '87,) and introduces participants to the latest techniques, emerging technologies, and helps them recognize and discuss low-tech solutions for use in deployed military surgeons and for underdeveloped countries when state-of-the-art equipment are not available to them. The event is not sponsored by any one medical instrumentation company; instead, an open invitation is issued and any interested company can bring its equipment

USU News Briefs

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month: To honor and commemorate the distinguished service of Asian Pacific Americans, May is recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Pursuing Excellence Through Leadership, Diversity, and Unity." The USU Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Program has changed to June 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the USU dining facility. The keynote speaker will be Rear Adm. Kenneth Moritugu, USPHS, the Acting U.S. Surgeon General. All are encouraged to attend.

Voting Information Website: For information regarding voting requirements and absentee ballots for military personnel, please visit www.fvap.gov. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact the Brigade Voting Officer, LCDR Michael Kemper, USN (CMD) at mkemper@usuhs.mil, or the Brigade Voting Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, IT2 Gregory Woods, USN (UIS) at gwoods@usuhs.mil, or by phone at (301) 295-1911.

20th Annual Women's Leadership Symposium: The 20th Annual Women's Leadership Symposium will be held from June 26-27 at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. This year's theme is "Women Leaders: Keeping Your Compass Calibrated." The symposium will be jointly sponsored by the Coast Guard Women's Leadership Association and the Sea Services Leadership Association.

UIS Awards: The UIS awards are in recognition of staff efforts in resolving JTF-GNO identified compliance vulnerabilities. Four spot awards were presented to **Mai Tran, Jerrold Noland, Steve Davis, and Joel Robertson**. Four time-off awards were given to **Blaine Gibson, Gary Payne, Dan Nevius, and SGT Gabriel Perry**.

Brigade Commander's Officer Call: The Brigade Commander will hold an Officer Call for all military faculty and staff officers May 31 at 6:45 a.m. in the Sanford Auditorium. This event is considered mandatory unless essential mission duties prevent attendance. The guest speaker will be MG Eric Schoomaker, MC, USA, NARMC and WRAMC Commander, who will speak about current affairs with Walter Reed and military medicine. There will be a question and answer period.

USU Alumni Awards, Promotions

Congratulations to the following USU alumni who were each named U.S. Air Force Flight Surgeon of the Year for their respective major commands. Overall, 11 flight surgeons were selected for this honor. Four of them were USU alumni:

Lt Col Charles Tedder, USAF, MC - class of 1990 - Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Flight Surgeon of the Year

Maj Reinaldo Morales, USAF, MC - class of 1999 - Air Force Academy (AFA) Flight Surgeon of the Year

Capt Jessica Kehren, USAF, MC - class of 2004 - Air Mobility Command (AMC) Flight Surgeon of the Year

Maj Christopher Walker, USAF, MC - class of 1998 - Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) Flight Surgeon of the Year

Brig. Gen. Tom Travis, USAF, MC, class of 1986, received the Society of USAF Flight Surgeon's George E. Schafer Award. The George E. Schafer Award was approved by the Society's Board of Governors in 1978 to recognize outstanding contributions of Air Force flight surgeons to the health, welfare, safety and mission effectiveness of USAF aircrew as well as to the vitality of the specialty of Aerospace Medicine over an extended period of time.

He also received the Marie Marvingt Award, which is an annual award given by the Aerospace Medical Association. The award was established by the French Aerospace Medical Association in memory of Marie Marvingt (1875-1963), a pioneer French pilot and surgical nurse who in-

volved herself in the conception and development of air ambulance services and in the education of the general public regarding their use and benefits.

And one last side note, Brig. Gen. Travis will become Major General Travis on June 1st. He is the first USU alumnus to be selected for promotion to the rank of O-8.

Congratulations to the following USU alumni and faculty who were selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, U.S. Army. There were 151 selections made, and four below-zone selections made. One of the four BTZ selections was a USU alumnus.

Faculty:

Michael A. Pelzner - Department of Pediatrics, USU

Alumni:

John Bojeskul - class of 1996 - Orthopaedics

Benjamin Cable - class of 1996 - ENT

Yong Choi - class of 1996 - Surgery

Jimmy Cooper - class of 1996 - Emergency Medicine

William Crum - class of 1996 - Family Medicine

Alan Davis - class of 1996 - Family Medicine

David Easty - class of 1997 - Emergency Medicine

Thomas Eccles - class of 1999 - Pediatrics

John A. Edwards - class of 1996 - Family Medicine

Mary J. Edwards - class of 1996 - Surgery

Jason Friedman - class of 1996 - Neurology

George Garcia - class of 1996 - specialty unknown

Daniel Gates - class of 1996 - Medicine

George Goodwin - class of 1996 - Medicine

Geoffrey Grammar - class of 1996 - Medi-

cine/Psychiatry

Sharette Gray - class of 1996 - Psychiatry

Jeffrey Hirsch - class of 2000 - Radiology

Daniel Hsu - class of 1996 - Pediatric Pulmonology

William Keppler - class of 1997 - Psychiatry

Bernard Kopchinski - class of 1996 - Plastic Surgery

Michael Licata - class of 2004 - Pathology

M. Liza Lindenberg - class of 1996 - Family Medicine

Stephen R. Lowe - class of 1994 - Radiology

C. Beckett Mahnke - class of 1996 - Pediatrics

Richard Malish - class of 1996 - Cardiology

Curt Misko - class of 1996 - OB/GYN

Vincent Moore - MPH class of 2003 - specialty unknown

Brian Mulhall - MPH class of 2003 - Gastroenterology

Clinton Murray - class of 1996 - Medicine

Angela Mysliwiec - class of 1996 - Hematology/Oncology

Vincent Mysliwiec - class of 1996 - Pulmonary Medicine

Ben K. Phillips - class of 1999 - Psychiatry

Aaron Pitney - class of 1996 - Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

Matthew S. Rice - class of 1997 - Emergency Medicine (BELOW ZONE SELECTION)

Troy W. Ross - class of 1997/MPH class of 2004 - Preventive Medicine

Michael Sebesta - class of 1996 - Urology

Niten Singh - class of 1997 - Surgery

Christopher Soltis - class of 1999 - Pediatrics

Joel Tanaka - class of 1996 - Family Medicine

Matthew Vreeland - class of 1997 - Emergency Medicine



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27 May	28 Memorial Day Observed	29	30 USU Toastmasters Meeting Noon—1 p.m. AFRRI Small Conference Room	31	1 June	2
3	4	5 Town Hall Meeting 3 p.m. USU Cafeteria	6 Administrative Officers/Departmental Representatives Meeting 10:30 a.m. Lecture Room B USU Toastmasters Meeting Noon—1 p.m. Room A2011	7	8	9
10	11	12 Faculty Development Grand Rounds: RIME and Reason—Investigating the Use of Objectives in Clinical Education 2 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Room A2053	13 USU Toastmasters Meeting Noon—1 p.m. AFRRI Small Conference Room	14	15	16
17	18 Basic Patient Safety Manager's Course: CME, CNE, ACHE Continuingeducation@usuhs.mil USU	19 Basic Patient Safety Manager's Course: CME, CNE, ACHE Continuingeducation@usuhs.mil USU	20 Basic Patient Safety Manager's Course: CME, CNE, ACHE Continuingeducation@usuhs.mil USU USU Toastmasters Meeting Noon—1 p.m. Room A2011	21 Basic Patient Safety Manager's Course: CME, CNE, ACHE Continuingeducation@usuhs.mil USU	22 Basic Patient Safety Manager's Course: CME, CNE, ACHE Continuingeducation@usuhs.mil USU	23