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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

Events to Know

November

- 5 Dr. Andrei Alexandrov**, "Update on Acute Stroke Trials," noon, MSB 2.135.
- 6 Houston Heart Walk**, 8 a.m., Sam Houston Park, downtown Houston.
- 10 Faculty Research Seminar**, noon, **Dr. James Giordano** will address the neuroscience of healing, noon, JLL 405.
- 16 Dr. Stuart Logan** will address health and wealth issues, 8 a.m., MSB 2.103.
- 20 Gulf Coast Consortium for Membrane Biology Fall Symposium**, 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Rice University. Contact <laura.tirado@uth.tmc.edu>.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Philip R. Orlander, Internal Medicine, and **Dr. Han Zhang**, Neurobiology and Anatomy, of the Houston chapter, Delta of Texas, of Alpha Omega Alpha, have been elected as alumni to the organization...**Dr. John Reveille**, director, Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunogenetics, was recently honored for his service to the lupus community by the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America.

RHEUMATOLOGY STUDY

Are you in good health? If so, you may qualify for a study the Division of Rheumatology is conducting. This only requires a one-time visit to give a blood sample. Compensation is available. Contact **Tammy Clemmons** at 713-500-6883 or <Tammy.Clemmons@uth.tmc.edu>.

MOODY HONORED FOR ADVANCING SCIENCE

Dr. Frank G. Moody is among 308 new 2004 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Fellows in the Medical Sciences, as announced in the "AAAS News & Notes" section of the journal, *Science*. New AAAS fellows will be honored at a ceremony Feb. 19, 2005, in Washington, D.C. Moody is a former Denton A. Cooley Professor of Surgery and chair, Department of Surgery, and current professor of surgery at the Medical School.



Dr. Frank G. Moody

Dr. Bruce C. Kone, professor and chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, also received the prestigious honor (see related article, *Scoop* 10/22/04).

Moody was recognized for "distinguished contributions to the understanding of the pathogenesis and pathophysiology of inflammatory diseases of the gallbladder, biliary tract, and pancreas." He has spent his career as a general surgeon with a primary interest in the treatment of digestive disorders. He joined the UT Medical School faculty in 1982 and is the eighth member of the current UT Health Science Center faculty to be elected as an AAAS fellow.

The nonprofit American Association for the Advancement of Science is the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal, *Science*. The AAAS was founded in 1848 and serves some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, reaching an audience of 10 million.

In addition to his AAAS honor, Moody will be recognized in Durban, South Africa, in August 2005 for honorary membership in the International Society of Surgery/Société Internationale de Chirurgie (ISS/SIC), during International Surgical Week there.

Moody was one of three selected for the ISS/SIC honor, and the only person from the United States.

TRANSPLANT SURVIVOR TO SPEAK ON STEM CELL WORK

Dean's Special Lecturer **Dame Julia Polak, M.D., D. Sc.**, will address "Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine" at 4 p.m. on Mon., **Nov. 15**, in MSB 3.001. She redirected her research in 1995, from pathology to tissue engineering, after receiving a heart and lung transplant in the United Kingdom.

Polak is the subject of a novel, *Intensive Care*, and a new play, "Change of Heart," to open in England in February. Her research presently focuses on finding ways to grow lung and bone tissue to provide an alternative to transplantation. She is one of the highest ranking and most recognized researchers in her field, acknowledged on the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2003 and named as Dame Commander (DBE) for her services in medicine. She is professor and chair of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine at the Imperial College in London. Polak is the recipient of the Cable and Wireless Sir Eric-Sharp Prize for Oncology, the Medal for Science to Pathology by the Swedish Academy, the Medal of the Society for Endocrinology, and the Medal for Valuable Contributions to Medicine by the Royal Society of Medicine.



Dr. Julia Polak

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE PROPOSALS DUE

Proposals for Faculty Development are due Mon., **Nov. 15** in the Office of Faculty Affairs, MSB G.300. The guidelines can be found at <<http://www.med.uth.tmc.edu/faculty>>. Click on Guidelines, and then click on Guidelines for the Faculty Development Leave Program. Call **Faye Viola**, 713-500-5101, for questions.



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MEDICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND DONORS RECOGNIZED

Keith Gates jokingly divulges his recipe for financial disaster: marry a social worker and raise two children while attending medical school.

But when he gets into the details of the financial challenges he must overcome to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor, his tone is more serious.

"It's hard," said Gates, who graduates this spring from the Medical School. "Most fourth-year students talk about going on interviews, starting their residency and finally earning a paycheck, even though it's a small paycheck. They also talk about the enormous debt they're going to have to pay off when they start earning that tiny paycheck."

Scholarships ease that burden, Gates told scholarship donors and more than 80 scholarship recipients during a luncheon held on Nov. 1 at the Warwick Hotel. "It was definitely helpful when I got that scholarship check," said Gates, the recipient of the Harris County Medical Society Alliance Scholarship.

Stanley G. Schultz, M.D., dean of the Medical School, said that as tuition to medical schools increases, graduates across the U.S. carry a student loan debt averaging more than \$100,000.

"At our school, the average is about \$85,000 because of our lower tuition," Schultz said. "We still give the best education for the buck."

"Scholarships for our students have never been more important," he added. "We have a great deal to be proud of, but at the same time, we have a long way to go. There are many students who

want to attend our Medical School but can't because we don't have scholarships to offer them."

During the third annual scholarship luncheon, Schultz

thanked those who helped pay for students' medical education. "Every penny counts," he said.

Adriane Ramirez, a third-year medical student and recipient of the Woman's Club of Houston scholarship, said scholarships help students focus on their education and patient care.

"Our attention should not be on how we'll pay for next semester or whether we should charge something to our ever-growing credit card debt," Ramirez said. Her scholarship allowed her to pay for her National Board exam. It also gave her peace of mind.

"A scholarship does what a loan could never do," she said. "It acknowledges our work and provides us with the encouragement we need to carry out our dream."

- M. Raine



(L. to R.) Scholarship recipients **Brandice Graves, Lindsey King, Adam Conley, Juan Rossini, and Laura Morgan** gather for a group photo.

SCHOLARSHIP DONORS AND WINNERS

Joseph T. Ainsworth, M.D. Country Doctor Scholarship/Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Raul Rodriguez

Auxiliary Enterprises Medical School Student Scholarship, Bryan Ehlert
Laurence E. Baker Memorial Scholarship, Monica Cantu, Courtney McCray, Ashley Waghorn

Bryant Boutwell, Dr. P.H. and John P. McGovern, M.D. Scholarship/Dr. Bryant Boutwell and the John P. McGovern Foundation, Justin Thomas, Shaun Varghese

Classes of 1973 -1977 25th Reunion Scholarship/UT Medical School Alumni, Laura Morgan, Joseph Ray

Charles and Rosemary Conlon Scholarship, Rebecca Pohlmann

Meg Davis Memorial Scholarship, Gus Zamora

Dean's Endowed Scholarship, Ryan Friebe, Hong Vo

Dierks Surgical Scholarship, Robert and Marie Dierks, Christopher Stutz
Gian Luigi Giannotti Memorial Scholarship in Rheumatology, Paola Giannotti, friends and family, David Nichols

Floyd L. Haar, M.D., Scholarship, Celine Bicquart

Hammond Trust, Christopher Stutz

Hardin-Parents Organization Scholarship, John Stirton

Harris County Medical Society Alliance Scholarship, Cameron Coury, Keith Gates, Autumn Jackson, Sebastian Partesotti, Magdalena Peixoto, Beth Rawlings, Elise Roe, Brittany Spelman, Jason Terrell, Mary Vu
Collins Hill Scholarship in Cardiology, Eleanor Hill, Pilar Laborde Lahoz
Hispanic American Medical Association of Houston Scholarship, Marrison Isaac, Magdalena Peixoto, Juan Rossini

Stephen C. Hofmann, M.D. Student Assistance Fund Scholarship, Jeffrey Courville

Institute of Hispanic Culture Scholarship, Pilar Laborde Lahoz, Manuel Reyes

The Crawford and Hattie Jackson Foundation Scholarship, Derek Meeks, Latricia Thompson

Ernst Knobil, Ph.D. Memorial Scholarship, Manuel Reyes

Daniel H. Lam Scholarship, Edson Cheung, Lonniejay Latimer

Lucy Massenburg Scholarship, Ida Juarez, Magdalena Peixoto, Lisa Schlitzkus, Tiffani Simpson, Tiffany Taylor, Nowice Trexler
M.D. Anderson Foundation Matching Scholarship, Bill Covington, Kelvin Kemp, Jose Perez, Huy Phan, Mai Tran

C.E. and A.G. McNeese, Jr. Medical Student Scholarship, Margaret McNeese, M.D., Michael McGehee

Medical School Student Assistance Fund Scholarship, Deborah Aguilar, Arveitta Edge, Raymond Luna, Colt Melton, Alison Patek, Staci Perez

Betty Murphy Scholarship, Edson Cheung, Jason Tippet

National Medical Fellowships, April Alford

Joe T. Nelson Scholarship, Bryan Ehlert

Nunez, Esteban, Fuentes Diversity Scholarship, Robert Garcia

Leonard Ormsby Scholarship, Adam Conley, Lindsey King

The Organization of Faculty Wives and Women Faculty Doris Simon Scholarship, Haley Gempel, John Healy

The Organization of Parents and Friends Scholarship, T. Joshua Baker, Caroline Daigle, Julia Franks, Ryan Hewitt, Joseph Lockridge

John C. Ribble Endowed Scholarship, Carrie Dierker, Elizabeth Troung

Patti Jayne Ross Scholarship, To be awarded

Claire V. Smith Foundation Scholarship, Brandice Graves, Dana Grellhesl, Sean Meiner

Deborah F. Soderstrom Memorial Scholarship, Frances Soderstrom, friends and family, Cade McDowell

The Texas Exes Houston Chapter Scholarship, To be awarded

UT Health Science Center Adopt-a-Student Scholarship, Charles Jordan

UT Health Science Center Environmental Awareness Fund, Thai Dang

UT Health Science Center Golf Tournament Scholarship, Austin Hill, Jennifer Labrecque, John McFate, Eugene Ploch, Dennis Roberts, Latricia Thompson

UT Health Science Center Scholarship Foundation, Brandi Compton, Brannon George, Lindsey Keys, Claudia Moreno, Elton Naidoo

UT Medical School Alumni Association Scholarship, To be awarded

The Woman's Club of Houston Scholarship, Adriane Ramirez