Welcome JMC Class of 2007!

Smiles of joy and optimism beamed across Scott Plaza as first-year Jefferson Medical College (JMC) students, family members and faculty participated in Opening Exercises and the traditional White Coat Ceremony for 229 members of the JMC Class of 2007.

Race to Register For Distance Run

The annual Jefferson Hospital Philadelphia Distance Run always provides fun and bonding for individuals and families who participate. You can be part of the 26th Annual Jefferson Hospital Philadelphia Distance Run — if you register now for the September 21 event.

Or — sign up for the “Big Walk for Little Feet” and take a giant step to help save babies’ lives. All funds raised by this newly popular event will benefit all babies born at Jefferson.

In addition to encouraging donations from parents and friends, corporations are supporting the third annual Big Walk for Little Feet. At press time, corporate supporters include Silver Sponsors Jones Apparel Group Inc. and the duPont Hospital for Children.

Walkers and runners can register online at www.jeffersonhospital.org/scr. Or you can pick up brochures with registration forms at several campus locations, including the Women’s Health Source, 1990 Gilbton Building, where you can also register online.

Special ‘Big Walk’ Sign-Up Days in Atrium September 18 and 19

Once again, as a special service to employees, there will be a “Big Walk for Little Feet” sign-up table in the Atrium on Thursday and Friday, September 18 and 19. Walkers can register for the “Big Walk,” drop off donations and pick up “Big Walk” t-shirts.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer spots for both events are filling quickly. Don’t miss your opportunity to join the fun! Call Volunteer Services at 215-955-6222.

Walter Koch, PhD, Named Director of Medicine’s Center for Translational Medicine

Walter J. Koch, PhD, has been appointed Director of Medicine’s Center for Translational Medicine, the leading-edge new initiative of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Koch comes to Jefferson from Duke University Medical Center, where he was Professor of Experimental Surgery and Research Professor of Pharmacology and Cancer Biology. Arthur M. Feldman, MD, PhD, the Mugge Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), says, “Dr. Koch is an outstanding and internationally recognized investigator of cardiovascular biology and disease. We are fortunate to have a leader of such outstanding credentials to direct our new Center for Translational Medicine.”

Dr. Koch received his PhD in Pharmacology and Cell Biophysics in 1990 from University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He has worked as a researcher and research professor at Duke since 1991. Most recently Dr. Koch has led a research program in molecular cardiovascular biology, including cardiovascular gene transfer and human gene therapy trials. He has worked to develop novel experimental therapeutics for cardiovascular diseases such as congestive heart failure. A member of several national and international societies for both heart research and molecular biology, Dr. Koch serves on the editorial board for three scientific journals and on the scientific advisory board for the International Academy of Cardiology. He is a Fellow of the American Heart Association (AHA).

Dr. Koch believes the Center for Translational Medicine offers a unique research and clinical opportunity to bring laboratory discoveries “from the bench to the bedside.”

“While there are other cardiokinesis research institutes,” he says, “the Center seeks to do more all-encompassing research, which will allow physicians not only to potentially tailor drugs and other therapies to individual patients but also to use genetic place on being acknowledged for superior performance, individual acts of merit and loyal service. Jefferson administration shares the belief that such recognition is an integral part of worklife quality, and is therefore pleased to have this opportunity to acknowledge more than 950 employees who have recently celebrated a service anniversary. Included in the group are 145 employees marking 25 or more years of service to Jefferson. Invitations to all honorees will be distributed during the week of September 2.

For more information about the Service Recognition Celebration, call Randy McLaughlin in Human Resources at 215-955-4373.
Robert H. Rosenwasser, MD
Elected President, Society of University Neurosurgeons

Cerebrovascular surgeon Robert H. Rosenwasser, MD, has been elected President of the Society of University Neurosurgeons. A Professor of Neurosurgery at Jefferson Medical College (JMC), he is world renowned for his expertise in both preventing and treating brain aneurysms that are often life-threatening. Dr. Rosenwasser does more such operations annually than any other surgeon in the United States. "This is a tremendous honor for both Dr. Rosenwasser and the Department of Neurosurgery," said William Buchheit, MD, Chair of Neurosurgery, JMC. "It reflects Dr. Rosenwasser's exceptional achievements and high standing among his peers." Dr. Rosenwasser directs the Division of Cerebrovascular Surgery and Interventional Neurology, which employs the most comprehensive approaches to cerebrovascular disease and the treatment and prevention of stroke, including microsurgery, endovascular embolization techniques for aneurysms and arteriovenous malformations (AVMs), and stereotactic radiosurgery for brain AVMs using the region's only Gamma Knife and dedicated linear accelerator. The program treats the largest volume of aneurysms, brain AVMs and carotid endarterectomies in the region.

Jefferson College of Graduate Studies
Names Associate, Assistant Deans

Gerald B. Grunwald, PhD, and Carol L. Beck, PhD, have been named Senior Associate and Assistant Dean, respectively, of the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies (JCCS). James H. Keen, PhD, JCCS Dean, has announced.

Dr. Grunwald is Professor of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology and Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology. Dr. Beck is Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology.

In making the dual announcement, Dr. Keen said, "Among his many recent activities on behalf of JCCS, Dr. Grunwald has been active in spearheading development of postdoctoral policies, revision of the JCCS Bylaws and preparation for the upcoming Middle States Accreditation review. Dr. Grunwald will continue to be involved in the doctoral and postdoctoral programs of the College. He will also continue to maintain his research and teaching activities as Professor of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology."

"In addition, we are very fortunate to have recruited Dr. Beck to serve as Assistant Dean. She will pursue her research interests in voltage-gated ion channels and their role in normal and aberrant muscle function, and will work with Eleanore Gorman and Drs. Giorgio Specchia and Karen Dohm in support of the Master's Degree Programs of the College."

Robert Rood Retires from Rehab Medicine
After Serving Hospital for 34 Years

Richard G. Rood, PT, who helped the hospital's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine create an amputee program in 1969 under Chairman John F. Ditozzo Jr., MD, has retired after 34 years of service.

Mr. Rood served as Chief Physical Therapist from 1969 to 1999. Mr. Rood, who admits to being "mechanically minded," crafted artificial legs for as many as 400 patients over 25 years, he estimates. Mr. Rood spent the last nine years of his career working in Jefferson's Outpatient Rehab Program as an Advanced Clinician.

He also taught prosthetics and orthotics (artificial limbs and braces) for 15 years to Jefferson College of Health Professions students. "It brought indescribable satisfaction to see patients walk out the hospital after fitting them with temporary artificial legs," he says of his years with the amputee program. "Jefferson has been a great place to be all these years, giving me a tremendous opportunity to carry out my skills and work with such fantastic and dedicated surgeons and other staff."
Jefferson College of Health Professions Makes Two Major Announcements

**Signing “3+3” Physical Therapy Transfer Agreement**

Thomas Jefferson University has entered into a program agreement with Penn State Abington enabling students to earn both the Bachelor of Science (BS) and Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degrees in six years after graduation from high school. Students will spend the first three years at Penn State Abington and then proceed to Jefferson College of Health Professions (JCHP) for the final three years of graduate physical therapy coursework.

The BS in Science with the Life Science Option from Penn State Abington will be awarded after successful completion of the first year at JCHP. The DPT degree from Thomas Jefferson University will be awarded after successful completion of the third year at JCHP.

The Department of Physical Therapy at JCHP is proud to announce that it will be offering the DPT degree for the first time, beginning in the Fall 2004 semester. The College will continue to offer the Master of Science in Physical Therapy to students who enroll through Fall 2003.

**Naming Penny G. Kroll, PhD, New Physical Therapy Chair**

Penny G. Kroll, PhD, has been selected as new Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, Jefferson College of Health Professions (JCHP). Dr. Kroll comes to JCHP from the University of Miami where she was an Associate Professor, Graduate Faculty, at the University of Miami's Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, Division of Physical Therapy. She has extensive experience in curriculum development, having chaired their Task Force for Curriculum and Program Preparation. She also served as Admissions Coordinator.

Dr. Kroll's major goals for the coming year include implementing the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, recently approved by the University, as well as the subsequent design for later implementation of a transitional DPT program so that former graduates might avail themselves of the advanced degree. Says Dr. Kroll, “I hope to facilitate and engage in a number of interdisciplinary activities with JCHP, Jefferson Medical College and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital for our faculty and students.”

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Kroll joining us,” says JCHP Dean, James B. Erdmann, PhD. “The breadth of her experience in directing and guiding the development of programs at the University of Miami is perfect for the challenges that exist for our PT program at the College.”

Dr. Kroll received her PhD in Clinical Research from the Department of Physical Therapy, School of Education, Health, Nursing and Arts Professions at New York University. She also received her MA in Kinesiology from NYU. She earned her BS in Physical Therapy from Lebanon State University Medical Center.

Kimmel Cancer Center (KCC) Presenting ‘Life After a Cancer Diagnosis’ September 18

Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center (KCC) presents its Second Annual Patient and Family Conference – “Life After a Cancer Diagnosis” – September 18 at Jefferson Alumni Hall from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The successful conference of the past gives people who have received a diagnosis of cancer some of the tools needed to not only deal with the disease, but to live the healthiest life possible.

The program features participation in two breakout workshops and a Keynote Address. Dr. William E. Champion Chair of Psychiatric Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. The workshops are geared for people in any stage of illness or treatment – whether they are currently in treatment, have completed treatment or have yet to begin. The workshops can also be helpful for family members, friends and healthcare providers.

For a conference brochure, call 215-956-1719 or visit www.kimmelcancercenter.org/ survivorconference

Jefferson's Nafeesa Hunt Owens Named 'Graduate Student Leader of the Year'

Nafeesa Hunt Owens, Developmental Biology/Teratology PhD candidate at Jefferson College of Graduate Studies, has been named 2003 Graduate Student Leader of the Year.

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Jefferson will contribute up to half your time when you volunteer in one of the following projects:

- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Help assemble materials for its findam.org/Exchange; Student Recognition Award winner Ms. Owens has been recognized in the past for her outstanding contributions to the Jefferson community.

Thomas Jefferson University is an active volunteer for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. For several years now, she has participated in various March of Dimes fundraising events. This past year, she was a member of the Star Chefs of Philadelphia planning committee. Currently, she serves on the local chapter's Program Services Committee.

In a congratulatory letter, Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street remarked, “Students such as you continue to keep our great City vibrant and young with new ideas that we need to grow and evolve.”

Noting that Philadelphia area colleges host over a quarter million students, Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell observed, “It is truly an exceptional honor to be chosen as the most outstanding student leader.”

The awards mark the culmination of a year-long movement to establish Philadelphia as a college town, following the fall 2002 launch of Campus Philly and the Greater Philadelphia Students Association.

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Monday, September 22
Supporting Families in the Journey, Barbara C-Caldarella, PhD, topic to be announced, 4 p.m., 101 Dobbie.

Tuesday, September 23
• Kimmel Cancer Center, Cancer in Women, Donna Zies, MD, “Heart Disease in Women,” 9 a.m., 101 Dobbie.
• Women’s Health Source, Charlotte Screening, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. to 10 p.m. Appointment only. Call 1-800-888-BREAST.

Monday, September 29
• TJU Choir rehearsal, 34rd season, choir is open to all members of the Jefferson community without audition, 7 p.m., 302 MOB. Call 215-573-5511.

Wednesday, September 3
• Kimmel Cancer Center, Second Annual Patient and Family Conference, “Life After Cancer,” 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 505-507 John McClellan Hall. (Continues through October 31.)

Wednesday, September 17

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• Activities Office, Baby CPR course, 139 JAH. Pre-register in Activities office, B100 JAH.

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• Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Service, 4:30 p.m., Prayer Room, 302 MOB. Call 215-573-5511.

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