Opening Exercises, White Coat Ceremony for Class of 2009!

On a sparkling mid-summer morning, 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 255 members of the JMC Class of 2009. Students and faculty pose for the group photo following the program. Thomas J. Nasca, MD, FACP, Dean of Jefferson Medical College and Senior Vice President of Thomas Jefferson University, officially welcomed the class by speaking of “Professionalism and the Jefferson Legacy.” Mitchell J. Cohen, MD, Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, JMC, who initiated the ceremony 11 years ago, described “The White Coat Legacy.” Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, President of Thomas Jefferson University, delivered the 2005 White Coat Keynote Address. James D. Plumb, MD, MPH, Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, led the students in reading the Hippocratic Oath. Charles A. Pohl, MD, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Career Counseling, JMC, whose office organizes the event, introduced all speakers.

Jeff Introduces Security Bike Patrol on Campus

Over the summer, you’ve probably seen Jefferson officers on all shifts riding through campus on black TREK bikes. That’s because the Jefferson Security Department has introduced a Security Bike Patrol. Jefferson officers wear a bright yellow shirt with “Jefferson Security” printed across their backs. The bike patrol sector includes both the university and hospital, with officers riding the entire campus between 11th and 9th St., – south to Irvine St., and north to Chestnut St.

Says Security Director Bob Hendrick: “Bike patrol is an urban and campus patrol concept that focuses on being a visible deterrent to street crime and an approachable source of assistance and information within the Jefferson campus area. Bike patrol officers can see over the heads of most pedestrians and over most vehicles. The bikes also provide speed and mobility through crowded and narrow streets. “Bike officers can patrol larger areas more frequently in shorter periods of time, thus being more visible and accessible to the general public. Officers become more approachable and less threatening, and officers also become more involved in their community and increase their knowledge of community needs through increased positive contact.” Jefferson’s four bike officers (see photo) completed 32 hours of bike patrol training with the University of Pennsylvania Police. Their training emphasized community policing concepts, urban safety and defensive tactics. “Our bike officers are dedicated to supporting our security mission which focuses on providing Jefferson with a secure working environment,” Mr. Hendrick sums up.
Cristina Cavalieri, Esq., Named Vice President And University Counsel

Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, University President, has announced “with great pleasure the appointment of Cristina Cavalieri, Esq., as Vice President and University Counsel following the completion of a nationwide recruiting search.” Ms. Cavalieri comes to us from the Philadelphia law firm of Pelino and Lentz where she has worked the last 16 years. There she developed and managed the firm’s interdisciplinary healthcare department, served as its Chairperson and was active in governmental relations. Ms. Cavalieri has experience in many aspects of academic medicine legal issues and has served as outside counsel for several healthcare and governmental agencies. She has extensive experience in mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, tax-exempt matters, contract negotiations and academic affiliation agreements. She has also served as Chief Counsel at ICI Pharmaceutical Division in the late 1980s.

Ms. Cavalieri earned her JD from the Temple University School of Law. She has a BSN from the College of New Jersey and an RN from New York’s Misericordia School of Nursing. Her office is at 630 Scott Building and her telephone is 215-503-8496.

Jeffrey L. Benovic, PhD, Named Chair of Jefferson’s Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Jeffrey L. Benovic, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), has been named Chair of Jeffrey’s newly restructured Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He previously was a Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology and Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Dr. Benovic currently is interim Deputy Director of Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center. He has been leader of the Cell Biology and Signaling Program at the Kimmel Cancer Center since 1993 and Director of the Molecular Pharmacology and Structural Biology Graduate Program at Jefferson since 1998. Dr. Benovic studies G protein-coupled receptors, a class of proteins that control many biological processes, including nerve cell signal transmission, sensory perception, development, and cardiovascular and immune response. “We are pleased to have Jeff Benovic as the Chair for the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology,” says Thomas J. Nasca, MD, JMC Dean. “His commitment to the University and its students, as well as his extensive research experience, make him the perfect choice to lead this department.”

Before coming to Jefferson in 1991, Dr. Benovic was an Assistant Professor at the Fels Institute for Cancer Research at Temple University School of Medicine. He was an Associate Professor of Pharmacology at JMC from 1991 to 1995. Dr. Benovic earned a BS from Pennsylvania State University in 1976 and a PhD from Duke University in 1986.

He has received numerous awards in his career; has written more than 50 book chapters and reviews, as well as nearly 200 peer-reviewed publications in prominent journals, and has lectured widely. Dr. Benovic is currently an Associate Editor for Biochemistry and on the editorial board of Molecular Pharmacology, the Journal of Cell Biology and the Journal of Receptors and Signal Transduction. He serves as a manuscript reviewer for a number of journals, and is a member of several scientific societies.

His current research is supported by the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Robert S. Adelson Named Chair of Hospital Board of Trustees

Robert S. Adelson has been elected Chair of the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Board of Trustees, effective immediately. Mr. Adelson has been a Trustee of Jefferson Hospital since the fall of 2001. He is also a Trustee of Friends Central School and the Philadelphia School, a member of The Yale Law School Fund, and on the Advisory Board of Graham Partners, Inc., a private equity firm in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania.

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is a partner in a fourth-generation family business, Mr. Adelson is President and Chair of Osage Investments, Inc., a privately owned investment firm in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. Prior to founding Osage in 1990, Mr. Adelson clerked with the honorable Wallace K. Stapleton, U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and practiced corporate law at the Philadelphia law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and of Yale College.

Tim Manser, PhD, Named Chair of Microbiology and Immunology

Tim Manser, PhD, has been named Chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Jefferson Medical College (JMC), has been leader of the Immunology Program at Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center since 2000 and director of its Training Program in Developmental Immunology since 1996. Dr. Manser’s research is aimed at understanding how the activity of B lymphocytes, the white blood cells that produce antibodies, contributes to human health and disease. Dr. Manser hopes to discover the key genes involved in regulating B lymphocyte activity, and how changing the expression of these genes contributes to autoimmune disease and cancer.

“Dr. Manser was an outstanding choice to be the new Chair of Microbiology and Immunology,” says Thomas J. Nasca, MD, JMC Dean. “His extensive experience as a researcher and teacher will enable him to provide strong leadership in the department.”

Dr. Manser was an Associate Professor of Molecular Biology at Princeton University from 1985 to 1991, when he came to Jefferson. He was Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at JMC from 1991 to 1997, and was a visiting member of the Basel Institute for Immunology in Basel, Switzerland, from 1997 to 1998. Dr. Manser received a BA summa cum laude from the University of California, San Diego, in 1977, and a PhD in 1982 from the University of Utah. He was a postdoctoral fellow in immunology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1982 to 1983.

He has received numerous honors and awards for his work, was a Pew Scholar in Biomedical Sciences, and has been a frequent lecturer at national and international professional workshops, meetings and conferences. He is the author or co-author of more than 80 peer-reviewed publications, reviews, and book chapters, has published widely in prominent journals and served in editorial capacity with several.

Dr. Manser is also a member of the American Association of Immunologists. His research is supported by the National Institutes of Health as well as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Karen D. Novielli, MD, Selected for ELAM National Leadership Program

Karen D. Novielli, MD, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), has been accepted into a national leadership program that helps prepare women for senior administrative roles in academic health.

Dr. Novielli was named a fellow in the 2005-06 class of the national Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women. Established in 1995, ELAM is the only in-depth national program that focuses on preparing women faculty at United States and Canadian medical and dental schools for senior leadership positions at academic health centers.

Says Page S. Morahan, PhD, ELAM Co-Director and a co-founder: “The ELAM Fellowship experience is like no other, providing time and opportunity for personal reflection and insight, application of new concepts and perspectives, and entry into an expanding network of women leaders eager to support each others’ advancement.”

Prior Jefferson ELAM participants are Elisabeth Kunkel, MD, Professor and Vice Chair, Psychiatry and Human Behavior, and Vijay Rao, MD, Professor and Chair of Radiology. As JMC Associate Dean, Dr. Novielli oversees programs for faculty development and career advancement and the orientation of new faculty, as well as other activities which promote faculty welfare. Dr. Novielli is also the Director of Special Programs, Office of Scientific Affairs, where she manages several federally funded medical student short-term research training programs. Prior to assuming her current administrative role, Dr. Novielli served as Section Chief and Fellowship Director of Geriatric Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine. She was the recipient of a federally funded demonstration project to develop a geriatric fellowship program, and has published in diverse areas of geriatrics and medical education.

Dr. Novielli has been named a “Top Doc” in geriatric medicine by Philadelphia Magazine as well as one of the “Best Doctors in America” and one of “America’s Top Family Doctors.”

This is the only national leadership program of the Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia. Visit the ELAM web site at www.drexel.edu/elam.

Muhammad Mukhtar, PhD, Institute of Human Virology and Biodefense, Honored with Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award

Muhammad Mukhtar, PhD, Research Assistant Professor of the Institute of Human Virology and Biodefense, received the Bioscience Technologies Award for Outstanding Clinical Faculty of the year 2005. This annual award honors a faculty member who is effective in teaching, has shown commitment to high standards of excellence and successful mentoring of students.

In collaboration with other scientists of the Institute (formerly Center for Human Virology and Biodefense), Dr. Mukhtar has developed vigorous teaching and training programs for undergraduate/graduate and medical students. A number of students trained in this Institute are working in both industry and academia throughout the country.

Dr. Mukhtar was also a recipient of the 2005 Diabetes Trust Foundation Research Award.

In Memoriam

Susan J. Gordon, MD, JMC ’66

The Jefferson community mourns the death July 16 of Susan J. Gordon, 62, a 1966 graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Chief of Gastroenterology at Graduate Hospital at a surprising young age. Dr. Gordon was an Attending Physician at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and taught at Jefferson for 27 years before joining Tenet Healthcare Corp. in the late 1980s. She was appointed to head Graduate Hospital’s Gastroenterology division and was repeatedly named a “Top Doc” by Philadelphia Magazine.

Memorial donations may be made to Dr. Benjamin Lee and Dorothy Gordon Memorial Scholarship, the Atlantic County Medical Society, 321 Shore Rd., Somers Point, NJ 08244.
Buy Stroehmann, Help Breast Cancer Foundation

JeffCARE cares about breast cancer and women in its community. That’s why we are happy to spread the word that Stroehmann Bakers is helping to support breast cancer education and care in the Delaware Valley. Stroehmann has designated five of its Dutch Country breads as products that will raise funds for the Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation. August through October this year, buy these Stroehmann products and a portion of sales will go to the foundation.

Richard C. Wender, MD, Outlines His Goals as New JeffCARE CEO

Richard C. Wender, MD, while continuing in his capacities as Alumni Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Jefferson Medical College, has succeeded Stanton N. Smullens, MD, as Chief Executive Officer of JeffCARE.

JeffCARE is Jefferson’s affiliated physician hospital organization, which contracts with managed care plans on behalf of more than 850 physician members of Jefferson Hospital. “I’m impressed with what JeffCARE has accomplished under Dr. Smullens’ direction,” Dr. Wender says. “JeffCARE has become the only organization that unifies the entire clinical community at Jefferson, manages a multi-million-dollar full-risk contract in a way that provides good patient care with an efficient use of resources, and provides a high-quality credentialing service. The organization is serving its members well.”

Outlining Three Goals
To help JeffCARE continue to evolve, Dr. Wender has set the following goals:

JeffCARE’s future direction must be consistent with the strategic planning of Jefferson Hospital and TJUH.
• In particular, we must explore how JeffCARE and its members can be a part of developing and executing a new care model supported by appropriate technology,” stresses Dr. Wender, who serves as Co-Chair of the Jefferson Hospital’s Strategic Planning Committee.

JeffCARE must provide medical oversight and input into its current activities of contracting and credentialing provider relationships.

“We’re currently contemplating whether it might be beneficial to offer a variety of membership level options, with corresponding levels of benefits,” Dr. Wender says.

JeffCARE must solidify its partnerships with and between all of the physicians on staff at Jefferson Hospital and those who admit patients to the hospital, including members of Jefferson University Physicians (JUP).

“I’m especially interested in what we can do together in terms of information systems,” Dr. Wender elaborates. “For example, JUP is leading the implementation of a full ambulatory electronic health record, and JeffCARE should explore how that may become a way to link JUP members with other physicians at Jefferson more effectively.

“Maintaining JeffCARE is especially important,” Dr. Wender adds, “because, as the future of health insurance contracting inevitably changes, there will be a strategic advantage to having a physician hospital organization (PHO) in place with the necessary expertise and experience to respond acutely and quickly to new contracting options and models.”

Prostate Cancer Screening Set for September 14

The Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Screening Day will be held on September 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bodine Center, 10th and Sansom Sts. The program has been held at Jefferson since 1989 and has provided free screenings for almost 7,000 men. It is jointly sponsored by the Kimmel Cancer Foundation. “We are very appreciative of this contribution by Stroehmann, and we encourage everyone to buy these quality baked goods.”

In addition to its awareness and advocacy work, the Linda Creed Foundation facilitates access to screening and treatment, and can offer financial assistance to women receiving breast cancer treatments.

Richard L. Rosenberg, MD, Director of Urologic Oncology, Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson.

“Each year more and more men become aware of the importance of annual exams, and make certain to have them,” says Dr. Gornella, who is also the Bernard W. Goodwin Jr. Professor of Prostate Cancer and Chair of Urology, Jefferson Medical College.

seen in the Philadelphia Atrium, 10th St. seating area

10th Annual ‘Taste of the Neighborhood’ September 6

Time to eat! The 10th annual “A Taste of the Neighborhood” restaurant expo sponsored by the University Activities Office will be held Tuesday, September 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Scott Plaza (rain location is Jefferson Alumni Hall Mezzanine). The always popular event affords employees, students, and volunteers a chance to sample discounted fare from area restaurants. Here are some scenes from last year’s event.

Mark Your Calendar! Employee Day Celebrations September 13, 14 and 15

The Employee Appreciation Day Committee is pleased to let you know that Thomas Jefferson University Hospital will be holding an Employee Day Celebration on the following days:

Ford Road: Tuesday, September 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SPU Lounge

“Midnight Madness” Deliveries for Center City and JHN, “Morning” of September 14, 12 midnight to 1 a.m.

Center City: Wednesday, September 14, 2 to 4 p.m., Atrium, 10th St. seating area

Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience:
Thursday, September 15, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Café, 1st Floor

Our theme this year is based on a Carnival. We will be having ice cream sundaes and of course, our employee raffle, games and massages will be back. In addition to the activities being held in the Atrium, we will also be distributing snacks in various units and departments. Please make every effort to have your staff attend one of the events.

For questions or more information, call Beth-Ann Schauer at 215-955-6835.

Help Celebrate Constitution Day September 19

Join the Jefferson community in observing Constitution Day. Jefferson will be celebrating on September 19 with a display in the Jefferson Alumni Hall lobby. For more information, contact Kim Callagirone, Program Coordinator, Activities Office, at 215-503-9085.

See Breast Cancer Treatment – Live on Your Computer September 29

As a special educational offering just prior to Breast Cancer Awareness month, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital will host a webcast on breast cancer treatment on Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. at www.jeffersonhospital.org/webcast

Patients and physicians will have a chance to view a mastectomy with reconstruction as well as to learn about breast cancer screening and diagnosis, genetics and breast cancer, and breast cancer support programs. Viewers will also have the opportunity to ask questions online during the webcast.

Accomplished surgeons Anne L. Rosenberg, MD, and Steven E. Copit, MD, will perform the procedures. Dr. Rosenberg will also narrate the webcast. CME credit is available.

Dr. Rosenberg is Clinical Associate Professor and Breast Surgeon, Jefferson Medical College and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and Dr. Copit is Clinical Associate Professor and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Jefferson Medical College and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Are You Prepared to be a Nurse Educator?

A special program at Thomas Jefferson University – Jefferson Nurse Educator Track – may help you answer the question.

The four-course curriculum includes: nursing education, teaching strategies, evaluation measures, academic role of the nurse educator.

Apply at www.jefferson.edu/jchp/nursing

Questions? Contact Elizabeth.Speakman@jefferson.edu, or 215-503-7551.

University Health Services Offers Flu Shots

The University Health Services Department will again be offering free flu shots to employees in the fall. Watch JeffNEWS and JeffThisWeek for announcements or call 215-955-6835 for more information.
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Thursday, September 15

“Journal Club,” 5 to 6 p.m., 780-L Main.

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JeffGala@aol.com for more information.

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