Jefferson College of Health Professions Holds 183rd Commencement on May 31

Jefferson College of Health Professions (JCHP), Thomas Jefferson University, will hold commencement exercises on Thursday, May 31, 10:30 a.m., at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Marrian Wright Edelman will speak and receive an honorary doctor of science degree. It is expected that the Class of 2007 will total 630 graduates in JCHP’s Jefferson School of Health Professions and Jefferson School of Nursing, including 346 bachelor of science degree recipients in the disciplines of bioscience technologies, nursing and radiologic sciences; 131 master of science degree recipients in the disciplines of bioscience technologies, occupational therapy, nursing and radiologic sciences; and 34 Doctor of Physical Therapy recipients. In addition, 9 students will receive a post-master’s certificate in nursing; and 90 students will receive associate degrees.

Brian G. Harrison, Chair, Board of Trustees, will present an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Ms. Edelman, Founder and President of the Children’s Defense Fund (CDF). Under her leadership, CDF has become the nation’s strongest voice for children and families.

University President Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, will confer all student degrees, with JCHP Dean James B. Erdmann, PhD, presenting all undergraduate and graduate degrees. Janice Burke, PhD, OTR/L/L, Dean of Jefferson School of Health Professions and Chair and Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, will serve as the Grand Marshal.

Hugs and Smiles – at Match Day 2007

Sharing Match Day joy is Thomas Nasca, MD, MACP; Senior Vice President and the Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Dean of Jefferson Medical College, with, from left, Julia Lau, Robert Norton and Thomas Holdbrook. (See additional photos on page 3.)

There were happy hugs and smiles all around as fourth-year Jefferson Medical College students received news of their matches next year to residency programs.

Excerpts from remarks to the students by Charles A. Pohl, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Career Counseling, JMC:

“The specialties receiving the highest number of matches this year by JMC students are Internal Medicine (48), Family Medicine (16) and Pediatrics (16). Forty percent of you chose a primary care residency (Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics or Medicine-Pediatrics), 57 percent are doing residencies at a hospital in Pennsylvania, and what is especially nice for us at Jefferson, 36 percent of you will be at Jefferson or an affiliate this coming year.

“I am in awe of and humbled by your commitment to the lives of others and their community; scholarly accomplishments as demonstrated by numerous awards, research endeavors, and publications; leadership potential by your participation in local, national, and international organizations and activities; and campus enrichment ventures including talent shows, art journals, and your work on professionalism.

“I have witnessed acts of compassion, altruism, and empathy while working with you in the clinical arena.

“As you, the students, move forward in your career, I want you to enjoy and revere the practice of medicine. Unlike any other profession, we get to learn, teach, and care for patients every day. And that is a wonderful gift and privilege.”

Richard G. Pestell, MD, PhD, Keynote Speaker at 8th Annual ‘Celebration of Life’ on June 7

Richard G. Pestell, MD, PhD, Director of the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, will be the keynote speaker at Kimmel’s eighth annual “Celebration of Life” on June 7. The event will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bluenero Life Sciences Building.

“Celebration of Life” honors the lives and accomplishments of all cancer survivors. Several survivors, including cardiologist Matthew DeCaro, MD, Director of the Coronary Care Unit at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, will speak to more than 100 survivors and their families.

To register, call 215-835-1175 or 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

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Patient Satisfaction Overall Mean Score (Jan–Mar) 82.7
Gift to Support Breast Cancer Research Professorship

A plaque dedication was held at the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson in celebration of the $500,000 gift from the Margaret Q. Landenberger Medical Research Foundation for a Term Associate Professorship in Breast Cancer Research. With Michael Listanti, PhD, far left, and Richard Pestell, MD, PhD, center, are vice presidents from Brown Brothers Harriman Trust, NA, who manage the Foundation: Stephen J. Leitich, Gabriela Mostafian and William R. Levy.

DePalma Investiture Ceremony of Drs. Nasca and Pacifi

Thomas J. Nasca, MD’75, MACF Dean of Jefferson Medical College, left, and Maurice Pacifi, PhD, Director of Orthopaedic Surgery, right, are shown with Robert L. Banchi, MD, PhD, President of Thomas Jefferson University, and Gertrude M. DePalma, wife of Anthony F. DePalma, MD’29. Dr. Nasca was invested as the Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Dean of Jefferson Medical College, while Dr. Pacifi was named the first holder of the Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Professorship of Orthopaedic Research. The April 12 ceremony honored the legacy of the late Dr. DePalma as well as the two honorees.

Congratulations! Sigma Xi Student Research Day Poster Winners

Congratulations to Cell and Developmental Biology PhD students, Kevin Dougherty, Shannon Gallagher, Carla Rudoy and Zachary Schug for their winning posters at the Sigma Xi Student Research Day. These outstanding students are being recognized for their research interests in the Molecular Pathology/Pathology/Anatomy Award Category.

Hospital’s Comprehensive Acute Rehabilitation Unit Receives Full CARF Reaccreditation

The Comprehensive Acute Rehabilitation Unit at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital has received a full three-year reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). The Rehabilitation Unit received accreditation for its Comprehensive Inpatient Programs and the Stroke Specialty Program. Many areas of exemplary conformance to the standards were noted in the survey report. The accreditation is through February 2010.

Congratulations! Family Medicine Residents and Students!

The annual Foundation Research Day spring conference for residents and students held by the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) made the following awards to Jefferson’s Department of Family and Community Medicine:
• 1st year student Benjamin Black won Best Student presentation
• 3rd year resident Ada Nwaneri won both Best Resident presentation and Best Overall Research presentation
• PGY 3rd years won Best Poster

Important Notice for Employees About Workers’ Compensation Program Changes

Jefferson’s procedure for providing medical care under the Workers’ Compensation Program will change effective June 1, 2007. The Jefferson Workers’ Compensation Clinic will close, and services formerly provided by the Clinic for non-emergent care will be provided by Healthmark, Incorporated. Healthmark is a fully staffed Occupational Medical Center located at:

Healthmark, Incorporated
Navy Yard Corporate Center
One Crescent Drive, Suite 100
Philadelphia, PA 19112
(P) 215-952-9900
(F) 215-952-9977
www.jeffersonhospital.org/Healthmark

This change means that effective Monday, May 14, 2007 injured employees will be immediately directed to Healthmark for initial treatment and follow-up care. The EXCEPTIONS to this new procedure are:
• employees who incur serious injuries (apparent fractures, head injury, lacerations, etc.) requiring Emergency Care and
• employees working the second and third shift or weekends who incur any work-related injury

Such employees will instead be immediately directed to Jefferson’s Emergency Department for initial treatment and to Healthmark for follow-up care.

Jefferson is confident that this change will minimize treatment delays and further enhance the services provided to employees under the Workers’ Compensation Program.

For more information about Healthmark, call: Andrea McKenna, Account Executive, at 215-952-9914.

If you have questions, please call Andrea McKenna at 215-952-9914 or Joseph Casciato, Workers’ Compensation Manager, at 215-955-6433.

Directions To Follow If An Employee Is Injured At Work

Effective May 14, 2007

1. Employee must notify their supervisor immediately.
2. Supervisor must complete the Employee Accident Report and send it with the employee to the place of treatment.
3. Supervisor must also call the Accident Reporting Information Hotline at 215-955-SAFE (7233).
4. All employees with exposures to blood or body fluids or needlestick injuries must report to University Health Services (UHS). UHS hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. After hours, please report to Jefferson’s Emergency Department.
5. If an employee is seriously injured (i.e. LACERATIONS, HEAD TRAUMA, FRACTURES, CHEMICAL BURNS) go to the Jefferson Emergency Department immediately. For non-emergent injuries (i.e. STRAINS/SPRAINS) please follow the procedure for reporting to Healthmark for treatment.
6. Call the Healthmark Hotline at 215-952-9900. A Healthmark representative will arrange transportation to and from our campus in order for the employee to be treated. Healthmark’s hours of operation are Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Patients will be seen until 4 p.m.
7. If you are injured during Healthmark’s off-hours, report to the Jefferson Emergency Department. Please bring the Employee Accident Report with you so that the ED physician can complete Section B of the report.
8. All employees treated in the Jefferson Emergency Department must report to Healthmark the next business day, unless admitted to the Hospital. Please refer to #6 for instructions for contacting Healthmark.
9. If you have any questions, feel free to call Healthmark at 215-952-9900, or the Workers’ Compensation Office at 215-955-6433.

Employee Benefits Hosting Retirement Planning Fair May 17

The Benefits section of the Department of Human Resources will host the annual Retirement Planning Fair on May 17 in Room 101 of the Blaue Life Sciences Building from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Employees may stop by at any time during these hours.

This event will provide an opportunity to start or continue planning for the important life event of retirement and is open to all employees. Representatives from Aetna, Carebridge, Fidelity Investments, Independence Blue Cross, Jefferson’s Activities Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), MetLife, Social Security Administration (SSA), TIAA-CREF and The Vanguard Group will be available to speak with employees.

In addition, the following presentations will be held in Room 105 BLSB during the Fair:
• Long Term Care Insurance (presented by MetLife)……9 a.m.
• Medicare Overview, Including Part D Drug Benefits (presented by CMS)….12 Noon
• Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Social Security (presented by SSA)….2 p.m.

For more information, contact Maria Reilly at 503-8922 or Joanna Naso at 503-2743.

Commerce Bank Holds Grand Opening of Jefferson Hospital Branch at 11th and Chestnut

A grand opening of the Commerce Bank branch located at Jefferson Hospital will take place on Friday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with fun-filled entertainment outside the new store including caricaturists, a magician, stilt walker, and an appearance by Mr. C mascot.

Refreshments will be served outside the branch during the opening. From 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., there will be free coffee. After 11 a.m., be sure to stop by to sample refreshments from the hot dog cart, enjoy a soft pretzel, a soda, bottled water, or a refreshing water ice throughout the event.

The Commerce Bank celebration includes the following in-store promotions:
• Open a new account with $250 through May 29 and receive a $25 Visa gift card, a George Forman Grill or a Slow Cooker.
• $500 cash drawing at 1 p.m.
• Enter to win a $1,500 Weekend Getaway through May 29.

In addition, Jeffersonians are invited to enjoy a cup of Coffee on Commerce on May 18. Stop by the Atrium and food carts for your free cup of coffee.

Babies born at Jefferson on May 18 will receive $25 in a new account. Commerce Bank representatives will be available to help you with your banking needs from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 18.
May Is ‘Better Speech and Hearing Month’

Offering a wide range of services, the Jefferson Center for Balance and Hearing provides patients with on-site testing, using leading edge technology to identify a wide range of hearing and balance disorders. Current services include basic evaluation and diagnosis of hearing loss, as well as disorders relating to vestibular complaints such as dizziness, vertigo, and imbalance. Behavioral methods are also used to test the hearing of at-risk newborns and children suspected of having a hearing impairment.

The Center’s audiologists and hearing aid fitting specialists dispense state-of-the-art digital and digitally-programmable hearing aids for patients whose hearing impairment negatively impacts their ability to communicate in personal and/or professional settings.

Audiologists also troubleshoot hearing instruments using digital analysis. Until recently, there were few options to improve the hearing of persons with profound hearing loss or single-sided deafness. In the last decade, however, cochlear implants and implantable hearing aids, such as the BAHAs® have emerged as exciting options.

Jefferson’s Generosity Helps Fight Cancer by Welcoming Spring Daffodils

For the 19th straight year, Jeffersonians generously supported the American Cancer Society’s (ACS) annual Daffodil Days program that included a Site Sale sponsored by a group of volunteer medical students from the AOA Medical Honors Society. More than 10,200 daffodils and over 600 ported daffodil bulbs burst into various stages of bloom before being picked up by their purchasers or delivered to patients. The flowers and bulbs thus served as both symbols and tangible evidence of Jefferson employees’ annual generosity.

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The distribution was coordinated by Patricia A. Wallace, Director, Volunteer Services along with Anne Delegowski, RN, MSN, Clinical Nurse Specialist who was quite overwhelmed and impressed by the joy it brought to the patients and clinical areas.

Others helping make the event a repeat success were: Patrick Delaney, Regional Vice President, American Cancer Society (ACS), Courtney Fritz, Daffodil Days Event Coordinator for the ACS and Mandy Blake-German, Director, Quality of Life Services, ACS.

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Offering full-service implant program

The Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery offers a full-service implant program. Staff provide counseling and education beginning with the patient’s initial visit through post-implant care.

The initial evaluation is conducted by an Otolaryngologist, Thomas Willcox, MD, the Center’s Medical Director, who then refers the patient for an implant eligibility assessment by an experienced audiologist. Based on the assessment, the Otolaryngologist determines whether surgery is indicated. The audiologist then provides follow-up care including cochlear implant programming and rehabilitation post-operatively. The Center is committed to comprehensive, compassionate care.

For more information about any of the leading edge evaluations and treatment or to make an appointment call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

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Come to the Master of Public Health Program Open House May 23

The Jefferson College of Graduate Studies Master of Public Health program will hold an Open House on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the lobby of Blaue Life Science Building.

Please come meet JCGS faculty, staff and students. Take this opportunity to learn more about the college’s exciting new programs and how you can become part of them.

Call 215-503-0174.

BROWN BAG LUNCHES

Lebanon gay and gender group for staff, students and other members of the Jefferson community. The meetings will be held every third Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 211 S. 9th St., Suite 300. Please call 215-923-1835 for more information.

May 15: Employee Health and Fitness.

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