In response to an ever-competitive marketplace for healthcare leaders with inter-professional education, the Health Law Institute at Widener University School of Law and College of Graduate Studies at Thomas Jefferson University have teamed up to offer two new joint-degree programs in law and public health.

Beginning this fall, students can work toward either a Juris Doctor and Master of Public Health (JD-MPH), or a Master of Jurisprudence in health law and Master of Public Health (MJ-MPH).

These two new dual degrees are designed to prepare students who are pursuing a career in fields such as public health administration, health insurance organization leadership, health consulting and the pharmaceutical industry.

Linda L. Ammons, Associate Provost and Dean of Widener University School of Law, said combining the new joint-degree programs will surely make the program’s graduates sought-after in the marketplace.

The demand for individuals with joint degrees has increased in recent years and is sought after by hospitals, health departments, health associations, voluntary organizations and other health institutions.

“Jefferson is delighted to welcome this collaboration and the students from Widener Law to our public health program,” said James Keen, PhD, Dean, College of Graduate Studies.

“Widener’s strength in healthcare law is a perfect complement to our public health curriculum, and we foresee a strong synergy and benefits to the students and faculty of both institutions going forward.”

“I’m thrilled that we can now offer students in the Delaware Valley a competitive edge, by providing them the tools needed to effect change in their chosen areas of public health and law,” said David B. Nash, MD, MBA, Chair, Department of Health Policy and Co-Director, Master of Public Health Program, Jefferson Medical College (MCM).

The joint degree programs in law and public health continue a partnership already established between Widener University and Thomas Jefferson University. Currently, medical students at JMC can obtain their MBA in Health Administration through Widener’s main campus in Chester.

The joint degree programs can be completed in three to seven years, depending on which degree the student chooses and whether enrollment is part- or full-time.

To learn more, contact Jennifer Ravelli, MPH, Thomas Jefferson University, at 215-503-0174 or Jennifer.Ravelli@Jefferson.edu.

David McQuaid, RPh, MBA, FACHE, Named Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals

David McQuaid, RPh, MBA, FACHE, has been appointed as Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals’ new Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, announced hospital President and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas J. Lewis.

Mr. McQuaid comes to Jefferson from the Duke University Health System where he was the Chief Executive Officer for the Durham Regional Hospital. He will commence his responsibilities at Jefferson in early September. His appointment is the result of a national search for the position vacated by Alan Brechbill who is now the Executive Director at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

“David has shown himself to be a collaborative, energetic, strategic, results-oriented senior executive with a solid record of achievement in hospital operations,” said Mr. Lewis in announcing the appointment.

David McQuaid has been responsible for driving significant improvements in the overall performance of Durham Regional Hospital since his arrival there in 2003. Over the past four years, reported patient satisfaction at Durham Regional has greatly improved, quality indicators have risen to be among the best for community hospitals in North Carolina, employee satisfaction has steadily improved, discharges are the highest they have been in several years, and financial performance has improved dramatically.

Mr. McQuaid’s experience from 1996-2003 includes being the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Howard County General Hospital, both part of the Johns Hopkins Health System. Mr. Lewis stressed, “As you all know, this is an extremely important recruitment, and I believe it will ensure our progress toward meeting our strategic goals in collaboration with the University.”

A reception, hosted by Mr. Lewis, to welcome Mr. McQuaid to Jefferson will take place in early September.

‘Strides for Stroke’ Raises $65,000

More than 1,000 runners and walkers participated in the annual 5K Run/Walk “Strides for Stroke,” a benefit event that raised $65,000 for the fight against stroke, for the Delaware Valley Stroke Council.

Pictured are Toby Mazer, MPH, Founder and Executive Director, Delaware Valley Stroke Council, and Administrative Director, Stroke Network Development, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and Rodney Bell, MD, Medical Director, Jefferson Stroke Center and Chair of the Medical Advisory Board of the Delaware Valley Stroke Council.

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**Appraising Jefferson’s 'Top Doctors'**

*Philadelphia magazine* and Castle Connolly teamed up to identify the region’s “Top Doctors 2007” – the local doctors other doctors say they’d choose to tend to their family members.

You’ll find their names listed at www.phillymag.com

Salman Akhtar, MD
Psychiatry
Jame Diehl, MD
Thoracic Surgery
A. Lee Osterman, MD
Gastroenterology

Todd Albert, MD
Orthopedic Surgery
Anthony DiMarino, MD
Hand Surgery
Robert Perkel, MD
Family Medicine

David Andrews, MD
Neurological Surgery
Karl Doghranjii, MD
Diagnostic Radiology
Vijay Rao, MD

Rita Axelrod, MD
Medical Oncology
Neal Flomenberg, MD
Medical Oncology
Norman Rosenblum, MD

Demetrias H. Bagley, MD
Urology
Gregory Fossom, MD
Reproductive Endocrinology
Robert Rosensweig, MD

R. Anthony Carabasi, MD
Orthopaedic Surgery
Leonard Gornella, MD
Barry Rohner, MD
Getalitic Psychiutry

Christopher Chambers, MD
Vascular Surgery
Steven Greenbaum, MD
Dermatology
Robert Sataloff, MD
Otolaryngology

Mitchell Cohen, MD
Adolescent Medicine
Alan Hilibrand, MD
Orthopaedic Surgery
Peter Savino, MD
Ophthalmology

Murray Cohen, MD
Surgery
William Hozack, MD
Orthopaedic Surgery
Stephen Silberstein, MD
Neurology

John Cohn, MD
Allergy and Immunology
William Keane, MD
Otolaryngology
Michael Sperling, MD
Neurology

Randall Culp, MD
Hand Surgery
Elisabeth Kunkel, MD
Syndrome
Howard Weitz, MD
Cardiovascular Disease

Walter J. Curran, MD
Radiation Oncology
Alfred Kurtz, MD
Psychiatry
Richard Wender, MD
Family Medicine

Adam Dicker, MD
Radiation Oncology
David Nash, MD
Internal Medicine

In Memoriam

**Vincent T. Walsh**

The Jefferson community is saddened by the sudden death of Vincent T. Walsh of Hamilton, New Jersey. The editor of JeffNEWS, Mr. Walsh spent more than 30 years at Jefferson in various communications roles.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Judith, and his son, Thomas. The Walsh family plans to conduct a memorial service in August.

In Memoriam

**Russell W. Schaedler, MD, JMC ’53**

The Jefferson community mourns the death May 8 from Lou Gehrig’s disease of Russell W. Schaedler, MD, JMC ’33, of Center City.

A researcher and teacher as well as physician, Dr. Schaedler started the microbiology department and master’s degree program in clinical microbiology at Jefferson. He also researched infectious diseases for the Navy during the Vietnam War. He retired in 1996.

Born in Hatfield, Dr. Schaedler always wanted to be a doctor, his niece Pat Finnemore said. “He worked odd jobs to save money so he could go to medical school,” she said.

After graduating from Hatfield High School in 1945, he earned a BS in biology in 1949 from Ursinus College before earning his MD from Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. Schaedler worked for 15 years at Rockefeller University in New York, specializing in microbiology and infectious diseases, before returning to Jefferson as a teacher and physician.

In retirement, Dr. Schaedler and his longtime partner, Larry Bear, created safe houses and individuals within Mothers Matter communities.

Delivering the gift baskets is the highlight of the entire project for Mothers Matter volunteers. “Seeing the smiles on the faces of Moms when they open their gift baskets really touches our hearts,” says Susan Rose, Lauren Rose Albert Foundation’s President and Founder. “For many, our gift basket is their only Mother’s Day present.” Since 2001 the LRAF has been distributing beautiful Mother’s Day Gift Baskets filled with women’s personal care and beauty products to mothers, grandmothers and caregivers; each gift basket carries the message that Mothers Matter.

**‘Mothers Really Do Matter!’ Says Lauren Rose Albert Foundation**

The guiding principle – year-round – at the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation is always: “Mothers Really Do Matter!”

This year was certainly no exception as Mothers Matter volunteers delivered more than 1,900 Mother’s Day gift baskets to women’s shelters, day care centers, pediatric hospital wards and day care facilities, women’s safe houses and individuals within Mothers Matter communities.

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**Leonard Gornella, MD, Urology Chair, Named One of Top 20 Urologists in Nation**

Recognized as an expert in the field of laparoscopy and urologic oncology, Dr. Gornella pioneered the multidisciplinary approach to prostate cancer patient care, contributing to the design and implementation of multi-center national and international clinical trials for prostate cancer and led the clinical team that first identified a new molecular prostate cancer micro-metastasis blood test.

Dr. Gornella is involved in both basic science and clinical research in the development of new diagnostic techniques and treatments for prostate, bladder and kidney cancer through Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center.

In 2003, Mr. Reiling oversaw an impressive project to improve patient safety at St. Joseph’s Hospital in West Bend, Wisconsin, with the construction of a new $55 million facility. His building design, which included window blinds that reduced the breeding of germs, slip-proof floors and soundproof walls, has served as a model for other hospitals. He subsequently created a safety design plan for the Boca Raton Community Hospital’s new $700 million facility in Florida. Recognized as one of the “50 Health Care Leaders for the 21st Century” by the American Hospital Association’s Top Docs for urologic oncology and prostate cancer.
Women’s Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Continues Its 100-Year Tradition of Support with Philanthropic Commitment

The Women’s Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital has announced a $500,000 gift to the Jefferson Breast Care Center. The announcement was made on the day the Women’s Board hosted its centennial celebration at the home of Mrs. Samuel M. V. Hamilton. Located at 1100 Walnut Street, the Jefferson Breast Care Center will consolidate breast imaging and treatment modalities into a patient-centered facility that is personalized and private, and offers state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained clinicians. The center will be the gateway to Jefferson’s vast cancer resources, practitioners and clinical departments and a focal point for research.

“Jefferson is grateful for the longstanding support of the Women’s Board,” said Thomas J. Lewis, President and Chief Executive Officer of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. “Their tireless efforts have made a significant impact on the programs and services Jefferson has been able to offer to its patients and the community.”

Sharyn Vergare, President of the Women’s Board, commented on the meaning of this gift during the Board’s Centennial year.

“The Women’s Board was founded in 1907 on the principle of supporting patient care programs, and the board can think of no better way to commemorate its centennial than by supporting the Jefferson Breast Care Center which will serve thousands of patients.”

About the Jefferson Breast Care Center

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is recognized throughout the Delaware Valley as a leader in breast care delivery and breast cancer research. Each year more than 35,000 mammograms are performed with 600 new incidents of breast cancer identified. As a National Cancer Institute-designated Clinical Cancer Center, the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson conducts research that will be enriched as more patients access this state-of-the-art breast care center. Jefferson currently has 19 clinical trials open to enrollment for the treatment of breast cancer at every stage of the disease. In addition to screening, diagnostic mammography, surgery and treatment, patients will also benefit from the multidisciplinary care and education that will be provided in the new center.

Women’s Board Makes Annual Gifts to Hospital Departments

In addition, this year, the Women’s Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital has generously funded projects to benefit patient care in the following hospital programs: Pastoral Care, Social Work, Emergency Fund, Life Guard Fund, Blood Bank, Patient Services, Reach Out and Read Program and Maternity.

Giby Garnier, RN, BSN, Receives 2007 Janet C. Hindson Award

The Department of Nursing presented the 10th annual Janet C. Hindson Award to Giby Garnier, RN, BSN, to highlight the hospital’s Nurses’ Week celebration. An evening staff nurse who works on West/NW, Ms. Garnier was nominated by 3 West Staff for the Janet C. Hindson Award, which recognizes individuals whose work celebrates the caring and service to others that characterized Miss Hindson’s life.

The Hindson Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate steadfast caring for the most vulnerable in society by relieving suffering, respecting colleagues and creating environments that enhance the physical, mental and spiritual comfort of others.

Ms. Garnier proudly displays her award, with Janet Hindson’s sister, Sally Wagner, at left, and Mary Ann McGinley, RN, PhD, Senior Vice President for Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

New Center Provides Advanced Technologies for Treatment of Aortic Aneurysms

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital has opened a new center that will provide patients access to advanced technologies for the treatment of aortic aneurysms and dissections.

The Aortic Center at Jefferson is a multidisciplinary team of surgical and medical specialists focused on preoperative and postoperative care, making for a strong blend of surgical expertise, technology and quality bedside care.

Thoracic aortic aneurysms (TAA’s), which are diagnosed in more than 20,000 patients in the United States annually, occur when a section of the aorta, the body’s main circulatory vessel, weakens and bulges outward like a balloon in the section of the artery that runs through the chest.

“Should the aneurysm grow to the point where it ruptures, the patient would be at high risk for rapid death due to internal bleeding,” notes Dr. Lombardi.


“Our goal is to use a multi-specialty approach to providing comprehensive care for aortic problems,” says the center’s Director, Joseph Lombardi, MD, who is also Chief of Vascular Surgery at Jefferson’s Methodist Hospital Division.

To contact the Aortic Center at Jefferson, call 215-955-8304, Center City, or 215-551-0360, Methodist, or email aorta@jefferson.edu

Jefferson Screens More Than 400 at Annual Stroke Alert Day

Jefferson nurses, other healthcare professionals, Jefferson School of Nursing and Villanova College of Nursing students and volunteers teamed up to screen members of the public, visitors and employees at annual Delaware Valley Stroke Alert Day.

Jefferson sponsored the free screenings held in the lobbies of the Gibbon Building and the Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience.

Nursing students and volunteers fanned out down 10th St. to the corners of Walnut, Chestnut and Market Sts., as well as the Emergency Department lobby, to hand out information related to stroke awareness including educational brochures about promoting health for African American females. Many receiving these brochures came into the Jefferson lobbies for their free screenings.

Introducing Jeff-Share – Next-Generation Storage and Document Management

University Chief Information Officer Bruce A. Metz, PhD, has announced a new, state-of-the-art storage and document management service. Called JeffShare, it provides all members of the University community with the ability to conveniently and securely store, access, share and manage their files and documents from on- and off-campus locations.

Among other features, the new system’s Web links eliminate the need for email attachments.

Other benefits include:

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JeffShare implementation will proceed in two phases. Phase I, currently available, is for departments or groups that need shared, collaborative storage with these advanced features. Phase II, occurring later this summer, will replace individuals’ network home drives (the L: drive) with JeffShare.

JeffShare is based on a solution from Xythos Software, Inc., a firm focusing exclusively on advanced storage and document management products that utilize open standards. JeffShare integrates with other University applications, email, our electronic directory and network services. Other Xythos clients include Johns Hopkins University, Yale University, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, General Dynamics and Verizon.

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Observing World Breastfeeding Week, August 1 to 7

During World Breastfeeding Week of August 1 to 7, Jefferson’s Lactation Program will celebrate the benefits of breastfeeding during World Breastfeeding Week, August 1 to 7.

For employees, Jefferson Hospital will have pumping lounges available on 11th floor.

For more information on any property listing, complete a housing registration form available at the University’s Office of Student Services, Room 236, or call 610-208-6255. For sale: August 4 - August 25, $1,100, August 25 - August 31, $1,200.

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