

Alumni Association

The Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association was founded in 1870 by one of America's greatest surgeons, Samuel D. Gross, MD, Class of 1828. There are more than 10,500 living graduates of the College and nearly 4,200 graduates of other medical schools who have completed postgraduate training at Jefferson. These physicians are practicing in all specialties in 50 states and many foreign countries.

The goals of the Alumni Association are as follows:

- Strengthening ties with the alumni, graduate and postgraduate, to foster greater involvement with Jefferson.
- Introducing students and residents to the Alumni Association with programs and events which would encourage them to become active alumni.
- Increasing the participation percentage and dollar amount raised from our 15,000-plus alumni each year.

The Alumni Association's programs, events and publications are designed to accomplish these goals.

The Alumni Association sponsors many events for our medical students throughout the year. Incoming freshmen and their parents were welcomed on August 8 during Orientation Week. At Opening Exercises, the freshmen received their white coats, a symbol of the physician, as a gift from the Alumni Association.

The Career Day Program for sophomore and junior students was held on December 3. Alumni

spoke with the students, giving them an introduction to the residency match procedure, and an insight into 35 medical specialties. Later, students and alumni enjoyed a light supper in the cafeteria, giving students an additional opportunity to discuss career alternatives with alumni.

A Beef and Brew reception for the freshmen, held on January 7, gave them the opportunity to meet Jefferson alumni in an informal setting. The freshmen also had a chance to talk with our alumni during small luncheons in the Jefferson Club hosted throughout the year by Dr. Marone.

The Parents' Day Program was held on March 6, it allows second-year students to share a bit of their medical school experience with parents and spouses. The program opened with a Welcome Reception where a presentation was given by five faculty members, followed by lunch in the cafeteria. Dean Mark L. Tykocinski, MD was present to welcome the students and their guests.

During Class Day on the eve of graduation, the senior with the highest cumulative record is awarded the Alumni Prize. This year the recipient was Laura Heinmiller. Later that day, seniors and their guests were feted at a reception hosted by the Alumni Association.

A Women's Forum took place on March 4. This is a networking opportunity and panel discussion on issues of special interest to women medical students and house staff.

The Mentor Program links freshmen and sophomores with local alumni who offer practical career

advice. For senior students who are traveling across the country for postgraduate program interviews, the Host Program arranges overnight accommodations in the homes of local alumni.

The Alumni Association was one of the sponsors of the AOA spring banquet, the Jeff HOPE charity ball, the 2008 *Clinic* and the Black and Blue Ball.

Alumni can stay in touch with Jefferson and each other through the articles and class notes section of the *Alumni Bulletin*. The *Bulletin*, which is published and mailed to all constituents four times a year, is also available in electronic format on the Internet. The Alumni Association's home page on the Internet is another way for alumni to stay in touch with Jefferson. In addition to learning about ongoing programs and upcoming events, alumni can register for our new password-protected online community where alumni can contact former classmates, search geographic areas for Jefferson alumni, change their address, send in class notes and make online contributions to Annual Giving.

During the year, the Alumni Association held receptions for our alumni bringing them together in a social setting to hear the latest news about Jefferson from members of the administration or faculty. Alumni specialty receptions were held throughout the year at various locations. Regional receptions were also held on March 21, Clearwater, Florida; March 22, Manalapan, Florida; April 28, Wilmington, Delaware; and May 6, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

In addition, the Alumni Association helped to arrange several alumni receptions at specialty meetings in various cities across the country.

Alumni Reunion Weekend was held in the fall on September 26-27, 2008. The Alumni Banquet was held on Friday evening at the Dorrance H. Hamilton Building during which the Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Bruce E. Jarrell, MD '73. The Saturday morning program included 10 clinic presentations. The Dean's "Taste of Philadelphia" luncheon followed. On Saturday evening, 12 reunion dinners were held at the Loews Hotel.

At the Alumni Executive Committee Annual Business Meeting on April 22, John H. Moore, MD, GS '85 continued as president, and officers including president-elect George P. Valko, MD '86; vice presidents Craig T. Haytmanek, MD '72; Clara A. Callahan, MD, PD '82; Patricia M. Curtin, MD '88 and secretary James J. Purtill, MD '93 continue to serve with the Executive Committee.

The 61st Annual Giving campaign concluded on June 30, 2009. We thank the 2,731 alumni and postgraduate alumni, as well as non-graduate faculty, widows, and friends who contributed \$1,198,676 to advance the mission of the Medical College.

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