



University Honors Doctors Farmer, Murray At 182nd Commencement

Jefferson's 182nd Annual Commencement will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 2, at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. University President Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, will deliver the Convocation and confer all degrees.

Thomas J. Nasca, MD, FACP, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), will present Doctor of Medicine degrees to 211 JMC students.

Dean Nasca will administer the Oath of Hippocrates.

James H. Keen, PhD, Vice President for International Affairs and Dean, Jefferson College of Graduate Studies, will present 19 Doctor of Philosophy degrees,

including two MD/PhDs, and 57 Master of Science degrees to students of the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS).

Brian Harrison, Chair, Jefferson's Board of Trustees, will deliver the Opening Proclamation and Reverend Deborah McKinley, the Invocation and Benediction. R. Anthony Carabasi III, MD, Professor of Surgery, will be Grand Marshal.

The University will award honorary Doctor of Science degrees to Paul E. Farmer, MD, PhD, Executive Vice President of Partners in Health, and to Joseph Edward Murray, ScD, MD, Professor of Surgery Emeritus, Harvard Medical School, a 1990

recipient of the Nobel Prize in Medicine for discoveries concerning organ and cell transplantation.

Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Farmer, a medical anthropologist and a founding director of Partners in Health, an international charity organization that provides direct healthcare services and undertakes research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty.

"Jefferson Medical College is honored to welcome Drs. Farmer and Murray and to have the opportunity to recognize them for their unique contributions to health care in this country," said Dean Nasca.

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Scores of well-wishers turned out to celebrate the appointment of Howard K. Rabinowitz, MD, as the Ellen M. and Dale W. Garber Professor of Family Medicine. A member of the Jefferson Family Medicine faculty for 30 years, a national leader in primary care and an international expert in increasing the supply of rural physicians, Dr. Rabinowitz is Director of the Physician Shortage Area Program (PSAP) at Jefferson Medical College (JMC). He is shown here with, from left, his wife Carol, daughter Elyse Hoffman and granddaughter Maya Hoffman.

New Garage, Pedestrian Bridge to Hospital Now Open



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The new Interpark Garage located at 10th and Chestnut Streets opened on Monday, May 22. A pedestrian bridge linking the garage and the Gibbon Building provides patients and employees with convenient access to the hospital.

Patients and visitors with validated parking tickets will receive Jefferson's special discount. Restricted use employee discount tickets are available at the Commuter Services Office for \$6 each. You must enter after 2 p.m. and exit before 9 a.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are valid all day Saturday and Sunday.

Employees with parking stickers to the 10th and Chestnut valet parking lot may exchange them for the new garage tickets.

Jefferson thanks all employees for your support, cooperation and patience in anticipation of the opening of the new garage and pedestrian bridge.



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Aneeka Jordan and Jade Cooper show their delight while visiting Jefferson for the Department of Family and Community Medicine's "Bring Your Child to Work Day." Jefferson was recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* for having one of the top 20 Family Medicine programs at a medical school in the United States. A total of 18 children toured Nutrition and Dietetics, Center City Imaging, Surgicenter, Security, Maternity Ward, Cast Room, Pharmacy, Ortholab, Research Labs at Bluemle Life Sciences Building.

Congratulations to 38 Jefferson Physicians Honored By Philadelphia Magazine's 'Top Doctors' Issue

Jefferson physicians Barry W. Rovner, MD and Rodney D. Bell, MD were featured in the May issue for Alzheimer's Disease and Stroke respectively, in the "12 Killer Diseases" feature that accompanied *Philadelphia Magazine's* annual listing of "Top Docs" in 56 specialties.

Jefferson's "Top Docs" are: (Listed alphabetically by specialty)

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| John R. Cohn, MD Allergy and Immunology | Todd Albert, MD Orthopaedic Surgery |
| Howard Weitz, MD Cardiovascular Disease | William J. Hozack, MD Orthopaedic Surgery |
| Tatyana R. Humphreys, MD Dermatology | William M. Keane, MD Otolaryngology |
| Alfred B. Kurtz, MD Diagnostic Radiology | John H. Moore, MD Plastic Surgery |
| Vijay M. Rao, MD Diagnostic Radiology | Salman Akhtar, MD Psychiatry |
| Richard C. Wender, MD Family Medicine | Mitchell J. Cohen, MD Psychiatry |
| Anthony J. DiMarino, Jr., MD Gastroenterology | Karl Doghramji, MD Psychiatry |
| Barry W. Rovner, MD Geriatric Psychiatry | Elisabeth J. Kunkel, MD Psychiatry |
| Norman G. Rosenblum, MD Gynecologic Oncology | Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD Radiation Oncology |
| Randall Culp, MD Hand Surgery | Mitchell Machtay, MD Radiation Oncology |
| A. Lee Osterman, MD Hand Surgery | Gregory Fossum, MD Reproductive Endocrinology |
| Bradley Fenton, MD Internal Medicine | Raphael J. De Horatius, MD Rheumatology |
| Geno Merli, MD Internal Medicine | Murray J. Cohen, MD Surgery |
| Rita S. Axelrod, MD Medical Oncology | Gordon F. Schwartz, MD Surgery |
| Neal Flomenberg, MD Medical Oncology | James T. Diehl, MD Thoracic Surgery |
| David Andrews, MD Neurological Surgery | Demetrius H. Bagley, Jr., MD Urology |
| Robert H. Rosenwasser, MD Neurological Surgery | Leonard G. Gomella, MD Urology |
| Rodney D. Bell, MD Neurology | R. Anthony Carabasi, MD Vascular Surgery |
| Stephen D. Silberstein, MD Neurology | |
| Michael R. Sperling, MD Neurology | |

VITAL SIGNS:

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TJUH, Methodist, Geriatric Psychiatry, Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience

	Budget	Actual	Prior Year
Admissions	3,544	3,495	3,559
Length of Stay	6.16	5.90	6.06
Patient Days	21,845	21,445	21,333
TJUH, Methodist Outpatient Visits	40,679	37,237	40,181
Patient Satisfaction Overall Mean Score (Jan-Mar) 83.3			

Save The Date! Sunday, September 17 For 2006 Jefferson Hospital Big Walk for Little Feet

Time: 8 a.m. sharp

Place: Eakins Oval
23rd St. and The Benjamin
Franklin Parkway



The Big Walk for Little Feet is 6 years old now. Can we count on your support again this year?

- 700 walkers joined us last year – let's keep the momentum going!
- 30 Jefferson Team Captains volunteered and recruited walkers from all departments of Jefferson Hospital and University – and we are counting on their continued support this year!

Through the generous donations of Big Walk parents, friends and Jefferson employees over the past few years, **big** changes have happened to Jefferson's Intensive Care Nursery rooms – all patient rooms are newly renovated, including the parents' lounge area. *Funds raised this year will go to support a parents' overnight guestroom.*

- Consider supporting the Big Walk through donations. We are asking our Big Walk families and Jefferson employees to help us raise funds for the Big Walk by approaching co-workers, communities, churches and schools to ask for donations. Look for the Big Walk donor booklets to be distributed June 30 in the Atrium.
- Jefferson's Big Walk is a family event and all children in strollers are free. Join us for drinks and snacks after the walk in the Big Walk Tent featuring face painting, a special appearance of the Phillies Phanatic, family photos and much more!

Questions? Please contact: Office of Special Events, The Jefferson Foundation, 925 Chestnut St., Suite 110, Philadelphia, PA 19107, or call the Jefferson Events hotline at **215-955-9100** or email events@jefferson.edu

Kudos to Jefferson Nursing, Facilities and Environmental Services Staff

Hats off to the many Jefferson staff nurses who worked above and beyond to protect patients and babies from severe flooding caused by burst pipes on Saturday, May 13. Special recognition is due nurses in the Emergency Department, Rehabilitation Medicine, Delivery Room, Intensive Care Nursery, Transitional Nursery, 10 Pavilion and Pediatrics, as well as staff from Facilities Services and Environmental Services.

In addition to moving patients in beds and wheelchairs into drier areas, nurses dammed hallways, using everything and anything to divert water from patients' rooms. Many staff had babies on each hip.

During the entire day, not one staff member complained; instead, all pulled together as a team, assessing, planning and executing their interventions to protect patients and hospital property.

In Memoriam

Bice Perussia, MD

The Jefferson community mourns the death April 26 of Bice Perussia, MD, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Jefferson Medical College, and member of the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson. She died the day after her 56th birthday from complications of breast cancer.

A member of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology since 1991, Dr. Perussia previously was an Assistant and Associate Professor at the Wistar Institute.

Dr. Perussia made many seminal contributions to the field of immunology and was an internationally recognized leader in the area of innate immunity. Author of more than 150 publications on innate immunity, she trained numerous PhD and MD/PhD students and postdoctoral fellows. Her extensive extramural activities included membership on the editorial boards of prestigious journals and on several National Institutes of Health study sections.

'Robin Hood' of Global Health Paul E. Farmer, MD, PhD To Be Keynote Speaker at 2006 Jefferson Commencement

Paul E. Farmer, MD, PhD, Executive Vice President of Partners in Health, described by a Pulitzer Prize-winning author as "a man who would cure the world," will be Keynote Speaker at the annual Commencement exercises for Jefferson Medical College and Jefferson College of Graduate Studies on June 2.

The University will award honorary Doctor of Science degrees to Dr. Farmer and to Joseph Edward Murray, ScD, MD (*see article below*).

A medical anthropologist, Dr. Farmer is a founding director of Partners in Health, an international charity organization that provides direct healthcare services and undertakes research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. He is known worldwide for his pioneering work in global health, focusing on diseases that disproportionately afflict the poor.

Dr. Farmer divides his time between Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, where he serves as Chief of the Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities, and a small hospital built by Partners In Health in the tiny village of Cange, Haiti.

Since beginning his medical career in the 1980s, Dr. Farmer has devoted his life to improving the health and lives of the world's neediest people – building a healthcare center in central Haiti; helping prison officials fight epidemic tuberculosis in the former Soviet Union; working to fight multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) in the shantytowns of Lima, Peru. Most recently, Partners In Health has expanded its work into the



African nation of Rwanda.

In a kind of Robin Hood fashion, Dr. Farmer has also begged and borrowed AIDS drugs from virtually any source he could find to provide medication to those who cannot afford them. He goes to the same lengths to secure medical supplies.

He has been profiled in the PBS-TV documentary series, "Rx for Survival."

Joseph Edward Murray, ScD, MD, to Receive Honorary Degree at 2006 Jefferson Commencement



Joseph Edward Murray, ScD, MD, Professor of Surgery Emeritus, Harvard Medical School, is the 1990 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Medicine for

discoveries concerning organ and cell transplantation.

Dr. Murray's career has been

devoted to medical surgery and in particular to plastic and reconstructive surgery, and he has been Chief Plastic Surgeon at two major Boston hospitals. He has not only been an active working and practical surgeon, but also a researcher and theoretician. He has thus engaged in debate, research and discussion at an international level, being constantly in the vanguard of new

developments and techniques, never hesitating to adopt bold and innovative approaches.

Considered one of the pre-eminent experts in the field, Dr. Murray's being awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1990 was a recognition of his many achievements in his field of specialization.

Salvatore Mangione, MD, Honored by Class of 2006 Portrait Presentation

The Class of 2006, Jefferson Medical College (JMC), honored Salvatore Mangione, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, by selecting him for the Annual Senior Portrait Presentation.

Kathryn Traves, JMC '06, Chair of the Portrait Presentation Committee, provided opening and closing remarks. Joseph S. Gonnella, MD, Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Director, Center for Research in Education and Health Care, and JMC Dean Emeritus, and Roberto Nicosia, MD, PhD, Professor of Pathology, University of Washington, and Director of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Seattle Veterans Administration Hospital, presented Dr. Mangione's full biographical sketch.

Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, University President, accepted the



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portrait on behalf of the University Board of Trustees.

Thomas J. Nasca, MD, FACP, University Senior Vice President and Dean, JMC, accepted the portrait for the University Board of Trustees and JMC. He called the Senior

Portrait Presentation "the highest honor that can be bestowed on a faculty member at Jefferson because it is from the students. Dr. Mangione is certainly well deserving of this honor."

John P. Sullivan, Vice President for Administration, Retires After 24 Years Service

John P. Sullivan, Vice President for Administration, will retire after nearly 24 years of service to Jefferson, effective June 2, Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, President, TJU, has announced.

Mr. Sullivan came to Jefferson in 1982 as Manager of Direct and Indirect Compensation and in 1985 was promoted to Associate Vice

President for Human Resources, serving in that position until 1997 when he became Vice President for Administration.

Said Dr. Barchi, "During his years at Jefferson, John has made many contributions to Jefferson's success and growth. His expertise in human resources and labor relations was a

major asset and his leadership was instrumental in significant achievements in the effectiveness and scope of Administrative Services. John has become a recognized expert in union labor issues, and we will continue to seek his help as a consultant on union issues in the future."

Neal Flomenberg, MD, Receives Top Award From Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



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From left, Richard G. Pestell, MD, PhD; his wife Nicky; Neal Flomenberg, MD; his wife Phyllis R. Flomenberg, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine; Jean Nasca and her husband Thomas J. Nasca, MD, MACP, Dean, Jefferson Medical College.

Internationally renowned bone marrow transplant specialist Neal Flomenberg, MD, received the prestigious "Service to Mankind Award" from the regional Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at its annual gala at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing.

Dr. Flomenberg is Director of the Division of Medical Oncology in the Department of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College (JMC) and the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson (KCC). He has been Director of the division's Hematologic Malignancies and Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, which he established upon arriving at Jefferson in 1994. Under his leadership, the program has performed more than 450 autologous

or allogeneic transplants.

In making the award, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society said, "Dr. Flomenberg is recognized for his contributions to the care of patients with hematologic malignancies and those undergoing marrow or stem cell transplant."

Dr. Flomenberg, who is also Professor of Medicine at JMC, and a 1976 JMC graduate, has been involved in more than 1,500 transplants in adults and children in his career. In 2003, he was named the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Man of the Year" for Eastern Pennsylvania.

'A Caring and Innovative Clinician'

"Dr. Flomenberg has been a great

asset to both the Philadelphia community and to our patients at Jefferson," says Arthur Feldman, MD, PhD, Magee Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine, JMC. "He is a caring, concerned and innovative clinician who has pushed forward the field of bone marrow transplantation."

"The Kimmel Cancer Center and Jefferson are proud of Dr. Neal Flomenberg and the compassionate care he has provided day and night for his patients at Jefferson for so many years," says Richard G. Pestell, MD, PhD, Director of KCC and Professor and Chair of Cancer Biology at JMC.

"The program's philosophy is that we should continue to improve and try to be innovative," says Dr. Flomenberg. "We're not simply here to practice state-of-the-art medicine, but here to help *define* the state-of-the-art in our field."

Dramatic Changes in Decade

Bone marrow transplantation has changed dramatically in the past decade with the use of peripheral blood stem cells instead of bone marrow. In addition, while overall success rates for bone marrow transplant today are only a modest improvement over a decade ago, many more high-risk individuals are eligible today for transplant.

In Cancer Remission for 10 Years, He Asks Others to Celebrate His Gift of Life

Chris Dezzi chose to celebrate his 10 years in remission from cancer in a very special way.

In a letter to friends and relatives, he wrote, "I have tried not to waste the past 10 years. These years have been a gift, for which I am most grateful. I have never taken for granted that I was spared during my battle with cancer."

His letter then invited his friends and relatives to make a gift of their own to the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson (KCC) – "10 for Ten" or one dollar for each year of Mr. Dezzi's remission.

Mr. Dezzi asked that the donations go to support KCC's "Navigating the New Normal" program, which he has found personally meaningful and helpful. Originally supported by a grant from the Lance Armstrong Foundation, the program offers one-on-one peer support, web-based discussion boards, quarterly seminars that address the unique needs of young cancer survivors and other support programs for survivors ages 18 to 40.

Diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in September 1994, Mr. Dezzi battled for two years with surgeries, hospital stays, radiation



Joy Soleiman and Chris Dezzi

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and chemotherapy before going into remission.

He has chaired KCC's Patient Advocacy and Survivorship Committee since its inception seven years ago. "Navigating the New Normal" is one of the committee's newest programs.

"What Chris has done might be an inspiration for other patients to make the same kind of commitment," says Joy Soleiman, KCC Clinical Administrator.

What was the response to Mr. Dezzi's letter?

"Beyond all expectations," Mr. Dezzi says. My wife and I had hoped to receive \$1,000. So far, people have donated more than \$5,000, and the checks are still coming in!"

If you would like to add your own gift to help celebrate Chris Dezzi's gift of life, please make your check payable to Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson and mail it to The Jefferson Foundation, c/o Maren Gaughan, 925 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Emergency Medicine Honors Violence Prevention Advocate State Rep. Dwight Evans



Jefferson's Department of Emergency Medicine presented its Annual Distinguished Lecturer Award to Pennsylvania State Representative Dwight Evans.

Rep. Evans used the occasion to outline his "Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia" project to stem youth violence. The event was open to the Jefferson community and to the general public.

Posing after presentation of the award (inset) are, from left, Robert L. Barchi, MD, PhD, University President; Rep. Evans; and Thomas J. Lewis, hospital President and CEO. Theodore A. Christopher, MD, FACEP, Chair of Emergency Medicine, and Theodore Corbin, MD, Director of the Jefferson Violence Prevention Program, presented the award.



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Integrative Medicine Course Reaches into Community to Help Teach Healthy Nutrition

A course teaching the importance of healthy nutrition reaches into the neighborhood near Jefferson to add practical insights and information for its first-year Jefferson Medical College (JMC) students.

Joel S. Edman, DSc, FACN, Director of the Integrative Nutrition Program, Jefferson Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine, teaches the three-session course titled "Optimum Nutrition for Medical Students."

The course's middle session takes the students on a tour and cooking class at Whole Foods Natural Market at 10th and South Sts. to show in practical terms where specific foods recommended in the first session can be bought and how some should be cooked.

Dr. Edman describes the course as helping students "gain a core understanding of healthy eating patterns associated with prevention of cancer, heart disease and stroke – necessary for your own health and the health of your future patients."



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Joel S. Edman, DSc, center, and Daniel A. Monti, MD, Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Emergency Medicine, at right, look on as John Beres, Demo Chef, Whole Foods, does cooking demonstration.



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JMC students Robin Horak, Amy Campfield and Eitan Kimchi, examine some of the herbs used in recipes prepared by the Demo Chef.

