

Students and Faculty Receive Recognition at Senior Awards Dinner

At the School of Medicine 2009 Senior Awards Dinner on March 30, the Alumni Association presented several awards to outstanding fourth-year students:

- **John Martin** and **Pamela Deaver** received Merit Awards, given for excellence and leadership.
- **Christian Welch** received the Paul Cutler Award for Clinical Excellence, given to the student who best demonstrates the qualities of clinical excellence achieved through rigorous scientific discipline, thoughtful historical perspective, and insightful communications skills.
- **Pamela Deaver** received the Carlos Pestana, MD, PhD Award, given for truly outstanding academic talent, clinical skills and ethical standards.



Pamela Deaver (Class of 2009) received the Merit Award and the Carlos Pestana MD, PhD Award from David Perryman, Director of Alumni Relations, at the 2009 Senior Awards Dinner in March.

At the Senior Awards Dinner, several alumni-faculty members received Outstanding Faculty Awards as selected by students:

- **Gregory D. Bowling, MD** (2003, 2005), Medicine
- **Donald J. Dudley, MD** (1984), Obstetrics and Gynecology
- **Linda Johnson, PhD** (1978), Cellular and Structural Biology
- **Michael M. Johnson, MD** (2002), Medicine
- **Thomas L. Matthews, MD** (1997), Psychiatry and Medical Dean's Office
- **James N. Rogers, MD**, (1991, 1992) Anesthesiology
- **Brenda J. Talley, MD** (1984), Psychiatry



Donald J. Dudley, MD (1984) received an Outstanding Faculty Award from Sean Paul, President of the Class of 2009. Dr. Dudley was one of several alumni-faculty who received the award from the Class of 2009 at the Senior Awards Dinner in March.

Attention 2008 Reunion Year Classes

The bio-directories from Reunion Weekend 2008 are now available in print or electronic form for alumni in the following classes: 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003. If you would like a copy, please e-mail medalumni@uthscsa.edu and specify if you want a print or electronic PDF version. If you would like a print version, please be sure to include your preferred mailing address in the e-mail request.

Alumni Association Gets an Assist at Match Day

When it came time for fourth-year medical students to open their Match Day letters on March 19, the Alumni Association was there to lend a helping hand. The Association distributed engraved letter openers to all the seniors as they arrived at Floores Country Store in Helotes, Texas, for a day of food, drink, music, and fun with family, friends, faculty, and staff.



Melissa Webb and Mario Villasenor used their new letter openers to open their Match Day letters on March 19.



At Match Day 2009, Sarah Saxon and her fiancé, Larry Peacock, plotted her residency destination.

New Staff Members Take the Helm of Alumni Relations

David E. Perryman and **Valerie Satt** joined the School of Medicine this spring as Alumni Relations Director and Alumni Relations Assistant, respectively. Formerly Assistant Dean of Marketing and Communications and Adjunct Lecturer at the SMU Cox School of Business in Dallas, Perryman has also served as Director of Enterprise Communications at USAA in San Antonio. He earned his BA from Wesleyan University and his MA from SMU. Satt comes to the School of Medicine from the California Medical Association, where she served as Coordinator of Member Value and Benefits. She has a BA in Spanish with a Business Certification and has also worked at the University of California Davis School of Medicine and the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic in Los Angeles. In their new roles, Perryman and Satt will strive to foster a community of alumni who are more connected to each other, better informed about the activities at the School of Medicine, and more involved in events and programs that deliver value to alumni while advancing the mission of the School.



David E. Perryman, Director of Alumni Relations



Valerie Satt, Alumni Relations Assistant

Noteworthy Alumni Accomplishments



C. Philip Hudson, MD

C. Philip Hudson, MD (1976) has become the third recipient of the Ben Saltzman, MD, Professorship in Rural Family Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). The award is named for one of Arkansas' most respected rural physicians and educators.

Dr. Hudson received this professorship in recognition of his outstanding performance as a faculty member within the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at UAMS. A 2006 recipient of the "Teacher of the Year Award" given by the Family Medicine residents, he has inspired many residents to adopt full-scope practices, often including rural practices and underserved areas.

Dr. Hudson will hold this professorship until June 30, 2011. During that time, he will develop and implement an educational project that meets the intent of the endowment to improve residency education.



Patrick M. Palmer, MD

Patrick M. Palmer, MD (1973) was elected by the Texas Orthopaedic Association to the Board of Councilors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. After receiving his medical degree at the School of Medicine, Dr. Palmer completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of California in San

Francisco and his fellowship at the Alfred I. DuPont Institute in Wilmington, Delaware. He is currently an orthopaedic surgeon with the Baptist Hospital System in San Antonio, with clinical interests in adult orthopaedic surgery and pediatric orthopaedic trauma. Dr. Palmer served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Orthopaedic Association and is active in several professional societies, including the American College of Surgeons and the Texas Medical Association.



(Left to right) At the 2009 American College of Physicians (ACP) Convocation Awards Ceremony, Maya Babu, Chair, ACP Council of Student Members, and Dr. Jeffrey Harris, President of ACP, congratulated Dr. Valerie Pronio-Stelluto on her award.

Valerie J. Pronio-Stelluto, MD (1990), Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, received the 2009 Herbert S. Waxman Award for Outstanding Medical Student Educator, given by the American College of Physicians. The Award is given for outstanding teaching in Internal Medicine. Dr. Pronio-

Stelluto is also Affiliated Faculty at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Director of Medical Student Education at Mount Auburn Hospital, and a Harvard Macy Scholar. She has received numerous awards for her teaching and mentoring, including the Irving M. London Teaching Award and the Thomas A. McMahon Mentoring Award from Harvard University-MIT Division of Health Science Technology. In addition, she serves as President-Elect of the School of Medicine Alumni Association Board.

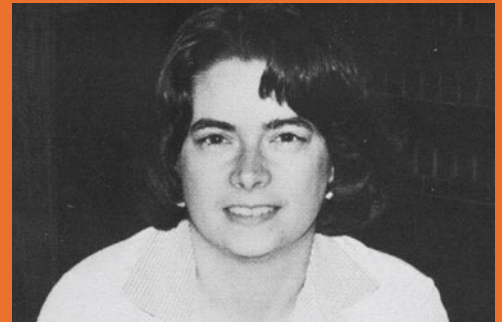


David Teuscher, MD

David Teuscher, MD (1984) was elected Secretary of the Board of Councilors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. He will also serve on the Academy's Board of Directors. After receiving his medical degree from the School of Medicine, Dr. Teuscher completed his internship and residency in orthopaedics at the Brooke Army Medical Center and held academic appointments with the

University of Oklahoma and Baylor University. He completed 13 years of military service and was the Chief of Surgery at Reynolds Army Community Hospital, where he received numerous military awards, commendations, and decorations. His military service included deployment to the 144th Evacuation Hospital in northern Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Currently, Dr. Teuscher is in private practice at the Beaumont Bone and Joint Institute in Southeast Texas, specializing in sports medicine.

Save the Date: Reunion Weekend 2009 October 15-17



Does this person look vaguely familiar?



Will this "ensemble extraordinaire" make an appearance at Reunion Weekend 2009?



Do you know what your clinical rotation classmates are up to?

You'll find out the answers to these and other burning questions at Reunion Weekend 2009. Block your calendars and plan to attend the festivities in San Antonio from October 15-17. The Office of Alumni Relations will be mailing more information about Reunion Weekend in the weeks ahead. For more details, go to <http://www.SAMedAlum.com>.