Comments from the Dean:

I would like to thank all of you for attending the address entitled “Charting the Future: Financial Opportunities and Challenges Ahead.” If you were not able to attend, please view the [address online].

During the address, I mentioned the goal for the School of Medicine is to join the nation’s elite institutions through a balanced emphasis on the educational, research and clinical missions of the school. The three keys to accomplish the goal is: (1) An energized, motivated faculty and an environment supportive of a productive faculty and staff, (2) New resources to invest in the faculty, students and staff and (3) Control our financial destiny.

I look forward to working with all of you in moving our institution forward and achieving this goal.

William L. Henrich, M.D., M.A.C.P.
Dean, School of Medicine
Vice President for Medical Affairs

Clinical Skills Center:

The Clinical Skills Center is now operating at full capacity, with all 20 exams rooms completely set up with equipment and software for standardized patient training. Presently the Center is running several tests, including:

- The Clinical Skills Exam for the 4th year Medical Students – This exam is preparation for the National Clinical Skills Exam each student will be required to take.
- Advanced Clinical Exam Skills for the 2nd year Medical Students – This training will instruct students on the process of giving a general physical exam.

Additionally, several Residency programs are beginning to utilize the Clinical Skills Center, including Pediatrics, Family & Community Medicine, and Geriatrics for specialized training.

In September 2006, Phase 3 of the room completion process will take place. Cameras, training software, and additional technology will be placed in the four hospital rooms, two of which will be an OR simulation room and Trauma simulation room.

Diane Ferguson, RN, BSN, Director of Clinical Skills Center
New Faculty:

**Anesthesiology**  
Ms. Laurie Lopez will join the Department of Anesthesiology on August 14, 2006 as an Anesthesia Specialist. Ms. Lopez received her Master of Science in nursing degree from the University of Southern California/Keck School of Medicine in August 2005 and her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of Texas/School of Nursing in May 2000.

Dr. Elizabeth Rebello will join the Department of Anesthesiology on August 1, 2006 as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Rebello received her medical degree from The University of Texas Health Science-San Antonio and will be completing her residency from the same program in July 2006. Dr. Rebello’s responsibilities will include teaching, clinical supervision of anesthesia residents and medically directing CRNAs.

Dr. Barbi E. Wells will join the Department of Anesthesiology on August 17, 2006 as an Assistant Professor/Clinical. Dr. Wells received her medical degree from The University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio and completed a transitional internship from the same program. She will be completing her anesthesia residency in July 2006.

**Family & Community Medicine**  
Dr. David O. Ortiz will join the Department of Family and Community Medicine on August 1, 2006 as an Assistant Professor/Clinical. Dr. Ortiz is a 1999 graduate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He completed his residency training in June 2000 from Eglin Family Practice Residency program in Eglin AFB, Florida.

Ms. Shakira Baerga will join the Department of Family and Community Medicine on August 1, 2006 as a Faculty Associate. Ms. Baerga is a 2006 graduate of The University Health Science Center-San Antonio where she received her Bachelors of Science in Physician Assistant Studies and is board certified by the Texas State Board of Physician Assistants.

**Ophthalmology**  
Dr. John P. Stokes will join the Department of Ophthalmology on August 1, 2006 as an Assistant Professor/Clinical. Dr. Stokes received his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas in 2000. He completed his residency at The University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston in 2004. He is completing a retina and vitreous fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Radiology**  
Dr. N. Carol Dornbluth will join the Department of Radiology on August 1, 2006 as a Clinical Assistant Professor. Dr. Dornbluth received her medical degree and completed her internship and residency here at The University of Texas Health Science Center.

Research Funding Data (April through June 2006):

Congratulations to the following seven faculty with newly funded NIH grants:

- **Reto Asmis**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Medicine - $234,310
- **Robin Brey**, MD, Associate Dean for Research & Professor, Medicine - $4,290,926
- **Robert Brzyski**, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, OB-GYN - $626,623
- **Ralph Defronzo**, MD, Professor, Medicine - $73,000
- **Addanki Kumar**, PhD, Associate Professor, Urology - $105,151
- **Alexander Miller**, MD, Professor, Psychiatry - $2,392,413
- **Ratna Vadlamudi**, PhD, Associate Professor, OB-GYN - $405,880

Total amount of NIH Funding: $8,128,303

Total Grants submitted: 141
Total Grants awarded: 69
Total Research Funding: $12,567,306
Announcements:

New Clinic accepting patients

CARDIOLOGY
Gregory L. Freeman, MD, FACP
Professor of Medicine and Physiology
Chief, Division of Cardiology

RHEUMATOLOGY
José F. Roldan, MD, FACR
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Director, Lupus and Vasculitis Clinic
&
L. Ricardo Zuniga-Montes, MD, FACR
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Associate Director, Rheumatology Fellowship Program

Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center Northwest
Professional Tower I, Suite 235
One-Call Scheduling (210) 592-0340

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Raymond DuBois, M.D., Ph.D.
B.F. Byrd Jr. Professor of Oncology
Director, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center
Professor of Medicine and Cancer Biology

“Attacking the COX-2 Pathway for Cancer Prevention & Treatment"
Monday, August 7, 2006
12-1pm
409L-Medical School
Refreshments will be served!

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The UTHSCSA Academic Center for Excellence in Teaching (ACET) now has a website: http://www.uthscsa.edu/acet/
Any faculty interested in or engaged in teaching should take the time to peruse the website. It contains a lot of great information about all aspects of our educational mission.

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The Presidential Clinical Excellence Award Committee, chaired by Dr. Joseph Kobos, was established to recognize excellence in clinical service provided by Health Science Center faculty. Full time faculty who provide clinical service as a defined part of their faculty appointment are eligible. Any faculty or staff member in a HSC affiliated treatment setting may initiate and coordinate the development of a nomination packet. The committee then reviews all nomination packets and makes not more than three recommendations to the President for the annual award, to be presented at the Presidential Awards ceremony in January 2007.

The Committee has developed three documents to guide their selection of the winners of this award. They are a "Nomination Packet Worksheet", a "Personal Statement Form", and a "Call for Nominations Form" which states the expectations and nomination process. These documents are in Microsoft Word format.

Anyone interested in organizing and submitting a nomination packet for this award may contact Martha Almazan, ext. 7-2648, or Almazan@uthscsa.edu, and request that the forms be sent electronically or as hard copy. They may also be accessed at http://www.uthscsa.edu/vpaa/faculty/clinexc.html.

The deadline for submission of application packets is Tuesday, October 3, 2006.
Dr. Jan Patterson Appointed Interim Chair, Dept. of Medicine

Dr. Jan Patterson appointed as the Interim Chair of the Department of Medicine, effective, August 1, 2006. As you will recall, this is the date that Dr. Robert Clark will be stepping down to assume the leadership of our institution’s CTSA effort after twelve distinguished and highly effective years as the Chair of the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Patterson is well-known to many on our campus because of her impeccable reputation as a superb clinician, teacher, scholar and administrative leader. She is currently the Chief of the VA Medical Service and Deputy Chair of Medicine, and she holds the rank of Professor of Medicine. Dr. Patterson is a graduate of the UTHSC-Houston School of Medicine, and trained in medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt and Yale, respectively. She has served as the Director of the Hospital Epidemiology Program at UHS and the VA, among many important leadership roles at our institutions. She is an active contributor to the medical literature, one of the Department’s most popular attendings, and a role model for both students and trainees.

Dr. Patterson’s understanding of the current challenges and opportunities facing both the Department, our School of Medicine and our Health Science Center coupled with her considerable leadership experience and personal integrity make her an ideal choice for this important position. I know that you will want to offer congratulations and best wishes for success to Dr. Patterson as she assumes her new role.

Pediatric Sleep Lab

The Pediatric Sleep Lab at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital has been open since mid April and plans are currently underway to expand the hours of operation and the number of beds as this new service line has been well received in the community. Since the Lab's opening over 60 children have undergone sleep studies and referrals to the Sleep Clinic have come from numerous Health Science Center physicians as well as community physicians.

Dr. Karen Hentschel-Franks, Medical Director of the Sleep Lab and an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pulmonology holds a sleep clinic designed to offer a complete evaluation of the patient prior to performing a sleep study. This provides the opportunity to evaluate the patient's medical condition and the effectiveness of other treatment modalities and allows for a more precise interpretation of the sleep study. Physicians can refer a patient to the Sleep Clinic for a consultation by calling 704-4100.

Ms. Patty Gibson, Manager of the Sleep Lab, or Dr. Hentschel-Franks will be happy to answer questions about the services provided or provide a tour of the facility. Please contact them at 704-2091.

CTRC in the News: KENS-TV Sarcoma Clinic Story:

The story is spectacular and conveys beautifully the benefits of a multi-disciplinary setting, according to Amelia Lewis, CTRC. Read more online or view the show.