Vinh A. Dao, GS3 was named as the recipient of the 2015 Jess Hay Endowment for Chancellor's Graduate Student Research Fellowship in September. Vinh will receive a $10,000 award which will enable him to use to support his educational endeavors while a graduate student at UTHSCSA. In addition, Vinh also received the Milstein Travel Award, International Cytokine & Interferon Society (ICIS) conference in Melbourne, Australia. Good job Vinh!

Tiffani J. Houston, GS3 R36 grant proposal titled, "Endocrine Disruption in the Aging Urothelium" from the NIA was selected for award. Her funding period began 9/11/14 and will support her for the last two years of her PhD. In addition, Tiffani’s NIH F31 application received an outstanding impact score and will have the council meeting in January. Best of luck Tiffani!

MD/PhD Student Council 2014-2015

(L-R) Vinh A. Dao (GS3), Jacob T. Boyd (MS1), Alex Kramer (MS2), Katie Hinchee-Rodriguez (GS4), Brett Ipson (GS1), and Chris Kim (GS2).
Not pictured are Jade A. Zhou (MS3) and Josephine W. Thinwa (MS4).
**MD/PhD Recruiting**

**UC Davis 2014**

The 12th Annual UC Davis Pre-Medical and Pre-Health Professions National Conference took place from October 11-12, 2014. With close to 9000 attendees, this is the largest student-organized health professions career fair of its kind. The mission of the fair is to disseminate information to students, parents, and teachers about available career options in the health professions field. Representatives from a wide variety of health professions were present, including from medicine, pharmacy, nursing, veterinary medicine, physical and occupational therapy, PhD graduate studies, optometry and public health. Representing the UTHSCSA MD/PhD program, Vinh Dao (GS3) and Dr. Jose Cavazos (pictured on the right) were on hand to answer all questions about pursuing a dual degree in general and applying specifically to UTHSCSA's MD/PhD program. Dr. Cavazos also participated in an Admission’s Dean panel that was web-streamed as well as gave two seminars about the career and application process on how to become a clinician-scientist. His seminar has received over 1,400 views and is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zempaJ4_Wq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zempaJ4_Wq).

**SACNAS 2014**

SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) Annual Conference took place in Los Angeles, CA. from October 15-18, 2014. SACNAS is a society of scientists dedicated to fostering the success of Hispanic/Chicano and Native American scientists—from college students to professionals—to attain advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in science. Recruiting for UTHSCSA MD/PhD Program and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences were Dr. Jose E. Cavazos and Jacklyn Hill.

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**Student publications**


MD/PhD Welcome Back Party

Dr. & Mrs. Cavazos hosted the 2014 MD/PhD Welcome Back party on October 4th. Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to enjoy the good food, drinks, and company. As well as a dog show Dr. Cavazos and Lana had for the guests!

New additions to the MD/PhD Family

Congratulations to Trevi Ramirez & husband who welcomed the newest addition to their family!
Phoenix Adolfo Mancilla was born October 17, 2014 at 10:36AM, weighing 7lbs 13.6oz and 21 in long. Family and baby are doing well!

Congratulations to Danielle Victor & husband who welcomed the newest addition to their family!
Vincent Kenneth Callaway was born August 14, 2014 weighing 8lbs 4oz and 20.5 in long. Family and baby are doing well!


Candidate interviews still in process

The MD/PhD Program is still interviewing candidates for the 2015AY. If you are interested in assisting with the interviews in any way, please contact Jackie Hill at 567-1945.

November 10th &11th
November 24th & 25th
December 1st & 2nd
December 15th & 16th (FINAL)

Challenges as a Clinician Scientist Seminar

Myles Akabas, MD, PhD
Professor of Department of Physiology & Biophysics,
Dominick P. Purpura Department of Neuroscience &
Department of Medicine
MSTP Director
Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University
November 11, 2014

5th Annual MDPhD Program Retreat
Saturday, March 7, 2015
Featuring:
Barry Paw, MD, PhD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Brigham & Women’s Hospital
Division of Hematology
&
Mitch Chesler, MD, PhD
Professor of Neurosurgery & Physiology & Neuroscience
NYU
Associate Director, MSTP
Vice Chair for Research, Neurosurgery

More information on the retreat will be available soon.

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November 17th- Nicolas Musi, MD.
Department of Medicine, Division of Diabetes
Director, Barshop Institute of Aging UTHSCSA.

December 8th- Carey Lumeng MD,PhD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
University of Michigan.

January 12th-Catherine Wu,
Associate Professor of Medicine
Harvard Medical School

February 9th- Ichoro Nakano, MD, PhD
Associate Professor in Medicine
University of Chicago

May 11th– Ralph DeBerardinis, MD,PhD
Associate Professor in Pediatrics
UT Southwestern