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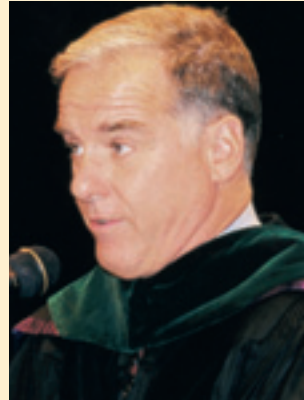
“That I will share the knowledge and skills which I have received with my colleagues and with future generations of physicians..”

—from the Hippocratic Oath

In the atypical but ornate venue of the Michigan Theater while historic Hill Auditorium undergoes extensive renovation, the 162 members of the University of Michigan Medical School Class of 2002 entered the Theater on June 7 as fourth-year students and left its stage as doctors of medicine. It was the 152nd occasion upon which Michigan celebrated the education of a new cadre of eager physicians. Six graduates are also part of the prestigious Medical Scientist Training Program, pursuing combined M.D. and Ph.D. degrees.

In separate ceremonies in April 2002, approximately 30 Medical School graduate degrees were awarded through the Horace Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

At right: Commencement speaker Howard Dean, M.D., governor of the state of Vermont, longest-serving Democratic governor in the nation and the first declared candidate in the 2004 presidential race, told the graduates that “being a physician means you believe in social justice and want to do something good for your fellow humans.” He also echoed a perennial theme of commencement speakers: the importance of balancing time with their families with the demands they will face as physicians.



Above: Dean Allen Lichter and Adrienne Moore

Lower right: Class speaker Jacques Kobersy reflects on “Neither Rhyme nor Reason.”

SENIOR LUNCH

Family, friends and members of the Class of 2002 gathered for lunch at the Sheraton Inn in Ann Arbor to celebrate the incipient physicians’ achievements and the commencement activities scheduled for the following day. The Senior Lunch was sponsored by the Medical Center Alumni Society.

Samir Shah, president of the Medical School Student Council, presented a check to Dean Allen S. Lichter (M.D. 1972) on behalf of the class for the Dean’s Annual Scholarship Fund, a tradition begun two years ago by the Class of 2000. —TB

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Renuka Darolia and Nayna Rahman

ment 2002 awards

Awards to Medical School faculty and graduating students for the 2001-02 academic year were presented at a variety of spring events, including commencement.

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Senior Year Award

To a junior clinical faculty member who has best upheld the ideals of medical education

Sanjay K. Saint, M.D., assistant professor of internal medicine

Patrick John Niland Award

In memory of Patrick John Niland, a member of the Class of 1986 who was killed in an automobile crash, awarded to the senior student who, in the eyes of the graduating class, best exemplifies Niland's positive, compassionate approach to medicine

Elise Barbara Pauline Georgi

FACULTY AWARDS

The American Medical Women's Association Gender Equity Award

By vote of the Medical School's student body, for gender fairness and commitment to gender-equal opportunities in medicine

Caroline Richardson, M.D., lecturer in family medicine

Elizabeth Crosby Award

Selected by the Galens Medical Society for outstanding teaching of medical students in a basic science area

A. Kent Christensen, Ph.D., professor emeritus of cell and developmental biology

Kaiser-Permanente Awards for Excellence in Teaching

For dedication to quality teaching and improving the learning experience for each medical student; one award for pre-clinical teaching and one for clinical teaching

Arno K. Kumagai, M.D., assistant professor of internal medicine

Michael J. Shea (M.D. 1975, Residency 1982), professor of internal medicine

SENIOR AWARDS

Dean's Award for Research Excellence

Chosen by faculty for outstanding research contributions during students' Medical School training

Brian Robert Lane

Bradley Jay Segura

Matthew Lee Steinhauer

George R. DeMuth Medical Scientist Award for Excellence

Awarded to a graduating senior in the Medical Scientist Training Program for outstanding research accomplishments and the qualities desired in the complete physician

Lauren Daniel Stegman

Ralph M. Gibson Award

Presented to the senior minority student best exemplifying Gibson's emphasis on academic excellence and concern for minority students, this year shared by

Lamont Randall-Desean Jones

Derrick Alan Montgomery

Frank E. Robbins Inteflex Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Professional Development

Awarded to the graduate of the Integrated Premedical-Medical Program whose overall record of excellence best exemplifies Inteflex's goal of educating well-rounded physicians who are compassionate, scientifically competent and socially aware

Emily Hu

Andrew J. Zweifler Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills

Awarded for consistently demonstrating excellence in patient interactions and physical diagnosis

Kimberly Corrine Yee

SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation

Presented by the American Women's Medical Association to women who graduate with academic distinction from medical schools throughout the country

Anna Manion Booher

Clara Y.H. Choi

Lisa Elena Maier

Amy Leigh Miller

Lauren Barrett Smith

Alice Li Yang

Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Award

Awarded to a woman medical student should she graduate first in her class

Jennifer Ann Meddings

Academic Recognition Awards

Presented to the top five graduates who have consistently excelled throughout their medical education

Asheesh Bedi

Clara Y.H. Choi

Jennifer Ann Meddings

Amy Leigh Miller

Oleg Moisey Teytelboym

MCAS Academic Achievement Award

Sponsored by the Medical Center Alumni Society and presented for the highest academic standing in the graduating class

Jennifer Ann Meddings

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

American Academy of Neurology Medical Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology

For excellence in clinical neurology and outstanding personal and professional qualities

Amy Leigh Miller

Association for Academic Surgery Student Research Award

For outstanding research while in Medical School by a student planning an academic surgery career

Bradley Jay Segura

Roger A. Berg Prize in Radiology

For outstanding performance in radiology

Rahul Ramesh Patel

C. Gardner Child Third Award

For outstanding performance in the junior clerkship, senior electives, and research in surgery

John Brian Ammori

Terence C. Davies Award

For clinical and scholarly excellence in family medicine

Te-Yu Ruth Chang

Elise Barbara Pauline Georgi

Award for Excellence and Commitment to Women's Health

Sponsored by the University of Michigan Center of Excellence in Women's Health Program

Beatrice Allis Chen

Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award

For outstanding performance in the specialty of emergency medicine

Carl Robert Dahlberg

Albert C. Furstenberg Award

For outstanding scholastic, clinical and research performance in otolaryngology

Lamont Randall-Desean Jones

Edgar A. Kahn Award

For outstanding performance in clinical or laboratory work in neurosurgery

Rohit Rick Bhasin

William Dodd Robinson Award

For outstanding performance in the junior medicine clerkship and senior electives in internal medicine

Jennifer Ann Meddings

Eli G. Rochelson Memorial Award

For outstanding performance in pulmonary and critical care medicine

Matthew Lee Steinhauer

Robert B. Sweet Award

In recognition of the highest achievement and greatest potential in the field of anesthesiology

Jonathan Elliot Charnin

William B. Taylor Dermatology Award

For outstanding performance and interest in the field of dermatology

Reza Kafi

Harry A. Towsley Award

For outstanding performance in the junior pediatrics clerkship and senior pediatrics elective

Brendan Patrick Kelly

Raymond W. Waggoner Award

For distinguished performance in psychiatry

Kiran Kaur Khanuja

J. Robert Willson Award

For outstanding performance in obstetrics and gynecology

Helen Jean Kang