

InSight

CCLCM Celebrates Graduation of Inaugural Class of 2009



In 2002, Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) began a “grand experiment” with the development of Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine (CCLCM). This program would not have been possible without the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Al Lerner.

This program was designed to be unique—small class size, competency based, no grades, no tests, portfolio driven—with the exclusive use of interactive seminars and problem-based learning in the first two years. At the outset, faculty were asked to define what they wanted in a graduate: passion for research, reflective, strong interpersonal skills, extensive knowledge base with the skills to seek out new information, and excellence in delivering patient care. In a period of 18 months, over 500 faculty participated in the development of the CCLCM curriculum which was implemented in 2004.

“Build it and they will come” is a phrase from a well-known movie. But CCLCM was built, and applicants did come. These pioneers challenged us and helped shape the curriculum that exists today. On Saturday, May 16, 2009, the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine celebrated the graduation of these pioneers. **Delos M. Cosgrove, MD**, CEO and President, Cleveland Clinic, spoke about the importance of this program. Mrs. Lerner expressed deep appreciation for the role her family has played in this program and that the legacy the Lerner have provided has not been forgotten. **Phillip Hall, MD**, gave a moving presentation about

“Admonitions” and encouraged students to continue to learn and teach, to remember to be humble and not to lose their souls. The Class presented **J. Harry Isaacson, MD**, the Graduating Students’ award, exemplifying what a physician should be—compassionate, caring and always available.

Sam Edwards (Class of 2009) provided the student perspective: the challenge of being part of something so significant and being observed so intently, feeling like guinea pigs at times, the enormous privilege of having so many internationally respected faculty available to them, the enthusiasm of everyone and how all went out of their ways to assist them. **Andrew J. Fishleder, MD**, former Executive Dean, CCLCM, returned from Abu Dhabi to present the students with a plaque featuring the class oath and to hood the students on Sunday’s graduation. Following the ceremony, **James B. Young, MD**, Executive Dean, CCLCM, welcomed the students, families, CWRU dignitaries, Cleveland Clinic faculty, staff and guests to attend the reception that followed.

On Sunday students participated in the graduation ceremonies at CWRU and received their diplomas in front of cheering family and friends in Severance Hall auditorium after listening to comments by **Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD**, Dean, School of Medicine of CWRU; Dr. Cosgrove; and the graduation speaker Tadataka Yamada, MD, of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Our Students

Congratulations to the Class of 2009



James Beckmann

Education: BS,
Duke University, 2003
Residency: Orthopaedic Surgery,
University of Utah,
Salt Lake City, UT



Justin Bohrer

Education: BS,
Wright State University, 2004
Residency: Obstetrics-Gynecology,
University of Hawaii,
Honolulu, HI



Marie-Luise Brennan

Education: PhD,
University of California at Los Angeles,
2000
BS, University of California at Los
Angeles, 1993
Residency: Internal Medicine,
Stanford University,
Palo Alto, CA



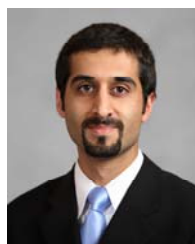
Seetharam Chadalavada

Education: BS,
University of Michigan, 2004
Preliminary Year: Medicine,
Riverside Methodist Hospital,
Columbus, OH
Residency: Radiology-Diagnostic,
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, PA



Leonid Cherkassky

Education: BA,
University of Pennsylvania, 2003
Residency: General Surgery,
Rhode Island Hospital/Brown
University
Providence, RI



Amir Durrani

Education: BS,
Vanderbilt University, 2003
Residency: Internal Medicine,
Yale-New Haven Hospital,
New Haven, CT



Samuel Edwards

Education: BA,
Pomona College, 1999
Residency: Internal Medicine,
Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical
Center,
Boston, MA



Catherine Golski

Education: BA,
University of Michigan
Residency: Pediatrics,
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia,
Philadelphia, PA



Julia Head

Education: BS,
University of Michigan, 2004
Residency: Obstetrics/Gynecology,
Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical
Center,
Boston, MA



Beverly Jong

Education: BS,
University of California, Berkeley, 2000
Residency: Anesthesiology,
Cleveland Clinic,
Cleveland, OH



Mahmoud (Michael) Khair

Education: BA,
Bowdoin College, 2000
Residency: Orthopaedic Surgery,
Hospital for Special Surgery,
New York, NY



Carl Koch

Education: BA,
Carleton College, 2002
Residency: Internal Medicine,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, MI

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Alexandra Kovach

Education: BA,
Columbia University, 2003
Residency: Pathology,
Massachusetts General Hospital,
Boston, MA



Jason Lappé

Education: BS, MS,
Brandeis University, 2002
Residency: Internal Medicine,
Duke University,
Durham, NC



Sara Pecorak Lappé

Education: BA,
Kenyon College, 2004
Residency: Pediatrics,
Duke University,
Durham, NC



Benjamin Larson

Education: BA,
Brigham Young University, 2003
Residency: Urology,
Cleveland Clinic,
Cleveland, OH



Patrick McKenzie

Education: BA,
College of Wooster, 2004
Residency: Urology,
Wake Forest University School of
Medicine,
Winston-Salem, NC



Carl Peterson

Education: BA,
Case Western Reserve University, 2004
Preliminary Year: Medicine,
Cleveland Clinic,
Cleveland, OH
Residency: Radiation Oncology.
University of Rochester,
Rochester, NY



Jonathan Riley

Education: BS,
Mercer University, 2004
Residency: Neurological Surgery,
Emory University,
Atlanta, GA



Jason Robertson

Education: BS,
Georgetown University, 2004
Residency: General Surgery,
Washington University/Barnes-Jewish
Hospital,
St. Louis, MO



Renee Salas

Education: BS,
Saint Mary's College, 2003
Residency: Emergency Medicine,
University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati, OH



Sumit Sharma

Education: BA, BS,
Johns Hopkins University, 2004
Preliminary Year: Medicine,
Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI
Residency: Ophthalmology,
Cleveland Clinic,
Cleveland, OH



Alan Siu

Education: BA,
Pitzer College, 2003
Residency: Neurological Surgery,
George Washington University,
Washington, DC



Kevin Tan

Education: BA
Cornell University, 2003
Transitional Year: Medicine,
Scripps Mercy Hospital,
San Diego, CA
Residency: Ophthalmology,
University of California, San Diego,
San Diego, CA

Class of 2009—Continued from page 3



Amanda Tencza
Education: BS,
 University of Kentucky, 2003
Residency: Orthopaedic Surgery,
 University of California, San Francisco,
 San Francisco, CA



Aaron Viny
Education: BS,
 University of Michigan, 2004
Residency: Internal Medicine, New York
 Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical College,
 New York, NY



Christine Baran Warren
Education: BA,
 Dartmouth College, 2001
Preliminary Year: Medicine,
 Georgetown University Hospital,
 Washington, DC
Residency: Dermatology,
 Yale-New Haven Hospital,
 New haven, CT



Dawn Weise
Education: BS,
 Case Western Reserve University, 2004
Residency: Internal Medicine,
 Vanderbilt University,
 Nashville, TN



Sherwin Yen
Education: BS,
 University of Illinois at Urbana-
 Champaign, 2004
Residency: Internal Medicine,
 University of North Carolina,
 Chapel Hill, NC

The following students received degrees in addition to MD with special qualification in research:

MS in Clinical Research

James Beckman
 Seetharam Chadalavada
 Jason Lappé
 Sara Pecorak Lappé
 Renee Salas
 Allen Siu
 Kevin Tan
 Christine Baran Warren

MS in Pathology
 Carl Peterson
 Jonathan Riley
 Jason Robertson
 Aaron Viny

MPH
 Catherine Golski
 Sherwin Yen

MS in Nutrition
 Dawn Wiese

USMLE Results – Class of 2011

All of CCLCM's Class of 2011 students successfully passed the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 exam with an average class score of 232. The national average score for 2007 was 222.

The USMLE is a multi-part professional exam sponsored by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). The USMLE consists of four examinations; medical school graduates must pass the examinations before they are eligible to apply for a license to practice medicine in the United States. Congratulations to the Class of 2011 on this achievement.

Regional Director—Student National Medical Association

Michael Knight (Class of 2012) was elected 2009-2011 Regional Director for Region 5 of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) at the 45th Annual Medical Education Conference held April 8-12, 2009 in New Orleans, LA. As Regional Director, Michael will oversee projects with SNMA affiliate chapters at medical schools and undergraduate institutions across Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. He will also serve as a voting member of the SNMA National Board of Directors. Established in 1964, SNMA is the oldest and largest independent, student-run organization that focuses on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. Its membership includes more than 8,000 medical students, pre-medical students, residents and physicians.



Match Day: Madness or Miracle?

“The process of ‘The Match’ is what we, as medical students, ultimately work for. It’s a very organized application and interview process in which we apply for the area of medicine that most ignites our passion,” explains **Renee Salas**, Class of 2009. Her sentiments were shared by her classmates as they anxiously awaited the news on Match Day, March 19, 2009. She continues, “It’s a day that many physicians say they remember more than graduation day itself.”

“Receiving my match meant that I will become a practicing physician,” explains Renee. “The thought fills me with excitement and a sense of honor at the realization of the enormous responsibility that the title holds.”

Five years ago the inaugural Class of 2009 began their journey to become physician investigators. As many have said, they were pioneers.

So what was it that attracted these pioneers to come to CCLCM?

- The opportunity for small-group collaborative learning.
- The support and encouragement from many mentors.
- The incredible research and clinical opportunities.
- The enthusiasm and commitment of the faculty and administration.

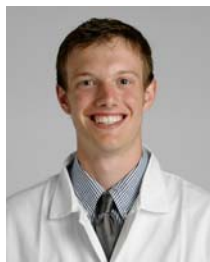


Throughout their five years this group of undaunted risk takers knew that Match Day would be the true test for whether or not they had made the right choice to attend CCLCM. So did their venturing into the uncharted territory pay off? Based on the quality of the residency programs they matched to, their answer would most likely be a resounding, “Yes!”

CCLCM faculty and staff couldn’t be prouder of this amazing mix of talented, highly motivated, extremely intelligent and thoughtful people. Congratulations and best wishes as you venture forward on the next leg of your journey as physician investigators.

Congratulations, AMEF Scholarship Winners!

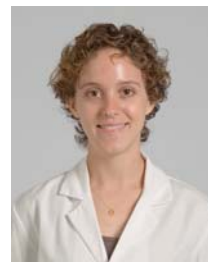
The Academy of Medicine Education Foundation (AMEF) Board of Trustees was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) on April 24 at the Ritz-Carlson to present six AMEF scholarship awards. Three of the awards were presented to the following CCLCM students to assist with their 2009 academic year:



Patrick Blake
Class of 2010



Priya Malik
Class of 2011



Rachel Roth
Class of 2011

KeyBank Foundation and KeyBank Representatives Visit CCLCM

KeyBank Foundation and KeyBank representatives visited Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine Feb. 12, and met two students who have received KeyBank Foundation minority scholarships and their fellow students and faculty members.

KeyBank Foundation Executive Vice President and Chair Margot James Copeland and KeyBank Vice President and Cleveland Clinic Trustee Beth Mooney enjoyed lunch and conversation with scholarship recipients **Donelle Cummings** (Class of 2012) and **Shanteria Dixon** (Class of 2013) along with students **Christine Baran Warren** (Class of 2009), **Lauren Moore** and **Maria Buniel** (Class of 2010), **Nick Krebs** (Class of 2011), **Michael Knight** (Class of 2012), and **Laura Navarro** (Class of 2013). The students shared their reasons for choosing CCLCM, their areas of interest and their thoughts about the program. Joining them were faculty members **Guy Chisolm, PhD; Richard Drake, PhD; Kendalle Cobb, MD; Teresa Dews, MD; Kathleen Franco, MD; Alan Hull, MD, PhD; Samuel Irefin, MD; Neil Mehta, MD, MS; and Bennie Upchurch, MD.**



*L-R: KeyBank Foundation Executive Vice President and Chair Margot James Copeland, **Shanteria Dixon** (Class of 2013), **Donelle Cummings** (Class of 2012) and KeyBank Vice President and Cleveland Clinic Trustee Beth Mooney*

“Our goal in establishing this endowed scholarship is to ensure that financial constraints do not keep talented students from pursuing their dreams. These young people are so extraordinary, so talented, that they give us enormous hope for the future,” Ms. Copeland said of the visit. “We take great pride in having played a part in supporting their future success. We believe that the physician-investigator program will have a positive impact in our community for years to come. The faculty’s support of the programming and its students is exemplary and helps to make this program a national model.”

Ms. Copeland described the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine Scholarship Program as an excellent example of workforce development. “It demonstrates what can be accomplished when an organization is focused and committed to diversity and inclusion and identifies talent through a multicultural lens,” she said.

CCLCM Places Third in American Cancer Society Relay for Life

The CCLCM team consisting mostly of first-year students (Class of 2013) **Tamara Lee** (captain), **Laura Navarro** (captain), **Leonard Buller**, **George Cater**, **Denise Chang**, **Ilka Decker**, **Jake Decker**, **Ravi Desai**, **Matthew Ginsberg**, **Jason Ho**, **Dennis Hsu**, **Erika Lundgrin**, **Tatyana Petukhova** and **Chintan Shah** along with **Stephanie Weiss** (Class of 2011) and **Courtney Prince** (Lerner Research Institute) reached their goal of raising over \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event.

The team of 16 strong reached a total of \$3,222 and came in 3rd place out of 68 teams (10,000+ people) at an overnight event / fundraiser from Friday, April 17 to Saturday, April 18 at Case Western Reserve University which raised over \$80,000. The CCLCM team was acknowledged for their efforts in the closing ceremonies with a very nice plaque which has found its home in the student lounge. “This is an enormous accomplishment, and we wanted to thank our supporters for their generous donations,” said Tamara Lee.



L-R: Erika Lundgrin, Tamara Lee, Jake Decker, Laura Navarro, Ilka Decker, and Stephanie Weiss.

Class of 2014 Enjoys Second Visit

Applicants accepted to the Class of 2014 returned for a second visit on Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3. On Thursday afternoon, current students and faculty enthusiastically welcomed the students comprising the sixth class to be admitted to CCLCM. Minority applicants reported early to meet faculty and students and learn of mentoring here at CCLCM. **Richard Drake, PhD**, met with the group to describe how anatomy is taught throughout the five years.

A panel of students including **Mati Hlatshwayo** (Class of 2010), **Michael Khair** (Class of 2009), **Dawn Wiese** (Class of 2009), **Michael Knight** (Class of 2012), **Heather Scoffone** (Class of 2012), **Bradley Gill** (Class of 2012) and **James Beckman** (Class of 2009) presented their observations and answered many questions.

Following a reception where incoming students could meet current students and faculty, **James Young, MD**, Executive Dean of CCLCM, spoke about his research and career as a physician investigator. After a fabulous dinner, everyone convened for more questions and answers from students and faculty. **Mati Hlatshwayo** (Class of 2010), **Dawn Wiese** (Class of 2009), **James Beckman** (Class of 2009), and **Bradley Gill** (Class of 2012 and the “Assistant Dean of Social Events”) joined **Linda Graham, MD**; **Neil Mehta, MD, MS**; **Guy Chisolm, PhD**; and **Kathleen Franco, MD**, to help the new students gain greater understanding of CCLCM, Cleveland Clinic, and who we are as a family.

Later **Lenny Buller** (Class of 2013), many from the first-year class and some upper class students took the group on a fun-filled bowling adventure. After a continental breakfast on Friday, a panel of students, including **Jocelyn Cottrell Beach** (Class of 2012), **Michael Knight** (Class of 2012), **Rabina Kochar** (Class of 2012) and **Samir Thaker** (Class of 2011), and led by **Julia Head** (Class of 2009), spoke about volunteer activities, social events, special interest groups and performance opportunities.

Entering students rode Lolly-the-Trolley through Cleveland to see areas where they might live and to



learn about museums, cultural opportunities, sports facilities, night spots and city architecture. During the tour some had found a future roommate while others were sharing emails and Facebook information. Karen Wright, Susan Lee, Liz Myers, Darlene Gray, Veronica Hardy, Christine Ticknor, and others helped organize student events during orientation.

The Admission Committee greeted students for lunch Friday and answered final questions. New students were amazed by the closeness among the faculty and students and often commented on what they believed was making the difference in their choice to matriculate here.

CCLCM is competitive with the most elite schools in the country. Several of those schools, such as Yale and Harvard, have also started to provide students with greater financial backing. Students who select CCLCM come because they believe in the program created at Cleveland Clinic and see the results, not only in the research, clinical skills, or residency matches, but also in the quality of the people here.

They see firsthand how students, faculty and employees at every level are interconnected—from the Lerner complex, the Foundation House, the InterContinental Hotel, and the medical center. They see how we care about our mission and believe that excellence in education and research does support the best clinical care for patients, now and in the future. Entering students see it, talk about it, and want to be part of it. They want to be included in the Cleveland Clinic Family. We look forward to their returning in July for orientation week.

Congratulations to Research Award Recipients

Once again, several of the College of Medicine Students received external awards for research projects. Several students received the **HHMI-NIH Research Scholars Program award** more commonly known as the “Cloisters.” This program is unique among research programs in that students are not required to propose a research project or select a laboratory as part of the application process. Instead they are encouraged to spend the first several weeks in the program interviewing with investigators and exploring different laboratories at the NIH before making a selection. This year HHMI gave out 42 awards nationally. Five CCLCM students received this award: **Kalil Abdullah** (Class of 2012), **Theresa Guo** (Class of 2012), **Caitlin Hicks** (Class of 2011), **Mengjun Hu** (Class of 2012), and **Manu Raam** (Class of 2012).

Pearl Quarthey (Class of 2011) and **Stacey Poloskey** (Class of 2012) were awarded Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Research Training Fellowships. Pearl will be working at the University of Chicago with Dr. Wei-Jen Tang at the Ben May Cancer Center. Her research is understanding the mechanism of disseminated intravascular coagulation in anthrax infection. Stacey will be working at Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute with **Roy Silverstein, MD**. Her project involves the pathogenesis of vasculopathy in sickle cell disease.

Ellen Lee (Class of 2011) received a **National Institute of Health (NIH) Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP)** to conduct intramural research at the NIH. Ellen will be working in Dr. Peter Schmidt’s laboratory at the NIMH-Behavioral Endocrinology.

Rabina Kochar (Class of 2012) received a **Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship**. The main goal of the Doris Duke Fellowship program is to encourage medical students to pursue careers in clinical research. Interested students conduct fellowship research and training at one of the 12 hosting medical schools. Rabina will be working at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut.



L-R: Manu Raam (Class of 2012), Mengjun Hu (Class of 2012), Stacey Poloskey (Class of 2012), Theresa Guo (Class of 2012), Pearl Quarthey (Class of 2011), Stephanie Weiss (Class of 2011), Ellen Lee (Class of 2011), Rabina Kochar (Class of 2012) and Kalil Abdullah (Class of 2012)

Stephanie Weiss (Class of 2011) received the **Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR) award**. The 2009 MSTAR Program provides medical students, early in their training, with an enriching experience in aging-related research and geriatrics, under the mentorship of top experts in the field. This program introduces students to research and academic experiences that they might not otherwise have during medical school. Along with her faculty mentor **Daniel Sessler, MD**, Stephanie will be looking at ways to pre-operatively predict which patients are at highest risk of developing post-operative delirium.

Rachel Roth (Class of 2011—*pictured on p. 5*) was awarded a **Research Fellowship** from the **Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation**. The Sarnoff Fellowship Program offers research opportunities for outstanding medical students to explore careers in cardiovascular research. Sarnoff Fellows conduct intensive work in a research laboratory, located in the United States, for one year. The new Fellows interact with other Fellows, Scholars and Foundation leaders at the Sarnoff Annual Scientific Meetings, Sarnoff-sponsored regional events, and at other scientific conferences.

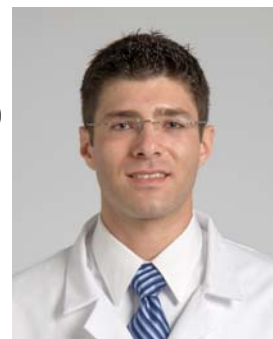
Award for Excellence

Lyndsey Benson (Class of 2010) received the Cleveland Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Medical Student Award of Excellence based on her commitment to women's health and the promise of a successful future in obstetrics and gynecology.



AHA Student Scholarship

On behalf of the Scientific Councils of the American Heart Association (AHA) **George Cater** (Class of 2013) was awarded a 2009 Student Scholarship in Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.



Our Faculty

Kaiser-Permanente Excellence in Teaching Award

The Kaiser-Permanente Excellence in Teaching Award is a once-in-a-lifetime honor presented by CCLCM and CWRU School of Medicine students to the Outstanding Basic Science and Clinical Educators of the Year. This award is voted upon by our students and presented at graduation to four faculty (two from CWRU School of Medicine and two from CCLCM). This year's CCLCM awardees were **Christine Moravec, PhD**, for Basic Science and **J. Harry Isaacson, MD**, for Clinical.



Christine Moravec, PhD



J. Harry Isaacson, MD

The following faculty also nominated this year from CCLCM were **John Doyle, MD**; **Richard Krasuski, MD**; and **Imad Najm, MD** for Basic Science and **Eugene Blackstone, MD**; **Robert Cain, MD**; **Raed Dweik, MD**; **Kristen Englund, MD**; **Tracy Hull, MD**; and **Frank Michota, MD** for Clinical. Prior recipients of this award were **Alan Lichtin, MD**, and **R. Matthew Walsh** (2008); **William Stewart, MD**, and **Daniel Neides, MD** (2007); **Richard Prayson, MD** (2006); and **Phillip Hall, MD** (2005).

Prayson Named Director of Student Affairs and Receives the Distinguished Faculty Award

Congratulations are extended to **Richard Prayson, MD**, as the newly appointed Director of Student Affairs. His dedication to the success of CCLCM and its students is evident in his enthusiasm for these activities.

Dr. Prayson also received the Distinguished Faculty Award. Each year the administrative staff of CCLCM nominates and votes for the faculty member that has been most supportive and available to the employees. Other nominees for the Distinguished Faculty Award for this year were: **Elaine Dannefer, PhD**; **Phillip Hall, MD**; **J. Harry Isaacson, MD**; and **Joseph Parambil, MD**. Previous winners have been **Richard Drake, PhD** (2007); **Kathleen Franco, MD** (2006); and **Alan L. Hull, MD, PhD** (2005).



Richard Prayson, MD

Dr. James Stoller Appointed Chairman of the Education Institute

The Board of Governors was pleased to announce in April the appointment of **James K. Stoller, MD, MS**, as Chairman of the Education Institute.

Dr. Stoller comments on his appointment: "I am just so delighted to have been asked to serve as the new Chair of the Education Institute (EI), and I look forward to assuming this role with great enthusiasm! In doing so, my hope is to call upon the ideas and energy that each of you has and that has brought the Education Institute to its current state of excellence."

Having joined Cleveland Clinic in 1986 as a staff member in the Department of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine (currently the Respiratory Institute), Dr. Stoller is a specialist in pulmonary/critical care medicine and currently serves as head of Respiratory Therapy. His interest in organizational development and education led to his involvement in developing the Cleveland Clinic Academy, where he serves as Executive Director of Physician Leadership.

Dr. Stoller holds the Jean Wall Bennett Professorship of Medicine at CCLCM. He has a secondary appointment as Professor of Organizational Behavior in the Weatherhead School of Management of Case Western Reserve University, where he completed a Master of Science in Organizational Development and Analysis in 2001.

After graduating from Yale University School of Medicine in 1979, he later obtained advanced fellowship training in pulmonary medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Brigham and Women's

Hospital and in critical care medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is the author of more than 11 books, 70 chapters, 210 original peer-reviewed reports, and over 85 abstracts. He is actively involved in professional societies and editorial boards and currently serves as an associate editor for the journal *Respiratory Care*. He has been continuously included in the "Best Doctors in America" list and in "America's Top Doctors."

Dr. Stoller concludes, "Let me express my delight at the invitation by Cleveland Clinic leadership to serve Cleveland Clinic and my colleagues in the Education Institute in this role and my deep commitment to advancing our mission of providing superb education to the broad audience of medical students, residents, fellows, Staff, nurse and administrative colleagues, allied health colleagues, international colleagues, and the patient community that we serve."

CCLCM is integrated into the Education Institute. **James Young, MD**, CCLCM Executive Dean, and Dr. Stoller envision increased collaboration between CCLCM and graduate medical education to continue to improve the educational programs of Cleveland Clinic.

Welcome aboard, Dr. Stoller.



Class of 2009 Presents Graduating Students' Award to Dr. Isaacson

On Saturday May 16 during the celebration of the first graduating class of Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, on behalf of the Class of 2009 Renee Salas presented **J. Harry Isaacson, MD**, with the Graduating Students' Award for Outstanding Teaching and Contributions. This award is presented by each graduating class to the faculty member who most embodies the ideals of Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine and demonstrates the highest level of commitment to students. Congratulations, Dr. Isaacson on this well-deserved honor.

Awards for Excellence

Congratulations to the recipients of the annual Awards for Excellence, presented by the Lerner Research Institute to recognize faculty who excel in the areas of education, science and service. This year's recipients are **Linda Graham, MD**, Biomedical Engineering, and CCLCM Research Education (Outstanding Educator); **Paul L. Fox, PhD**, Cell Biology; **Qing Wang, PhD**, Molecular Cardiology (Outstanding Science); and **Judith Drazba, PhD**, Imaging Core (Outstanding Service).



Linda Graham, MD

Curricular Update

New Curriculum Leaders

CCLCM welcomes new Curriculum Leaders for the 2009-2010 academic year.



Cynthia Austin, MD
*Associate Discipline Leader of
Obstetrics / Gynecology*



Betul Hatipoglu, MD
*Director of Year 2
Endocrinology and
Reproductive Biology Course*



Bret Lashner, MD
*Director of Year 1 and Year 2
Gastrointestinal System
Courses*

Our Medical School Ranked among the Top 25 in the Nation and Is No. 1 in Ohio

U.S. News & World Report in April 2009 ranked Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Medicine in the top 25 medical schools in the nation and the Number 1 medical school in Ohio. In 2002, Cleveland Clinic and CWRU established the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine (CCLCM) of CWRU. The five-year CCLCM curriculum is a distinct track of the CWRU School of Medicine with a specific mission to train physician investigators. The Cleveland Clinic research and education programs and CCLCM have contributed significantly to the reputation of the CWRU School of Medicine.

The First Annual CCLCM Lecture on Human Values in Medicine



On April 24, 2009, over 70 students, faculty and staff attended The First Annual CCLCM Lecture on Human Values in Medicine by Howard Markel, MD, PhD, University of Michigan, entitled “I Swear by Apollo: the Hippocratic Oath and 21st Century Medicine.” The lecture was part of CCLCM’s Human Values curriculum thread that extends through all 5 years and is dedicated to the humanistic pillar of medical education; it encompasses classical humanities, ethics, history of medicine and the arts.

A noted physician, medical educator and historian of medicine, Dr. Markel is the author of numerous books and high impact articles in varying aspects of the history of medicine.

Dr. Markel’s comments were extraordinarily timely as CCLCM prepared to graduate its first class. He reflected upon the Hippocratic Oath, its traditions, and the meaning and engaged students as to their use of this storied tradition. Following the lecture, a reception was held and Dr. Markel engaged interested attendees in his unique career path combining science and medical history. This first annual lecture on Human Values in Medicine was a great success.

Upcoming CCLCM Events—Mark Your Calendars



July 6-10, 2009

Class of 2014 Orientation Week

July 21, 2009

State of the College Address – James Young, MD
5:00 p.m.—InterContinental Hotel

October, 30, 2009

6th Annual CCLCM Faculty Retreat
7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.—InterContinental Hotel

February 11, 2010

CWRU School of Medicine Education Retreat
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

May 16, 2010

Class of 2010 Graduation
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