

MedEd DULUTH CAMPUS October 2007

375 ATTEND DULUTH WHITE COAT CEREMONY

More than 375 students, families, friends and dignitaries packed the Weber Music Hall in Duluth as 58 first-year medical students received their white coats and recited the Oath for Medical Students. Lynne M. Lillie, M.D., HealthEast Woodbury Clinic and President of the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians, was the keynote speaker in Duluth. 58 students is Duluth's largest class.

http://www.med.umn.edu/duluth/NewsReleases/2007_Whitecoat.html

DULUTH RURAL PRE-MED SUMMIT ATTRACTS MORE THAN 80 STUDENTS AND ADVISORS

The University of Minnesota Medical School -- Duluth Campus hosted a Rural Pre-Med Summit on Saturday, October 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program is designed to guide premedical undergraduates between their sophomore and junior years, as well as nontraditional students who plan to enter medical school. School faculty, rural physicians and current first and second year medical students discussed the challenges and rewards of pursuing a career in medicine.

Included in the full day of activities:

- Breakout groups: MCAT entry exams, writing personal statements, interviewing for medical school;
- Hands-on experiences in OB/delivery, medical imaging, heart sounds and pathology
- Medical School tour
- Panels of medical students and rural physicians sharing their experiences

Faculty and staff participating included: Gary Davis, Ph.D., Senior Associate Dean of the Medical School Duluth, Ruth Westra, D.O., Chair, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health Duluth; Lillian Repesh, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Admissions, Duluth; Paul T. White, J.D., Assistant Dean for Admissions, Twin Cities; Richard Hoffman, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Education and Curriculum; James Boulger, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Director of Alumni Relations, Patrick C. J. Ward, M.D. Department of Pathology; and from the Department of Family Medicine, Duluth, Jeff Adams, M.D., Alan Johns, M.D., and Glenn Nordehn, D.O.

From the Minnesota Area Health Education Center – NE Region, Director Brendan Ashby, MBA, MPH, CHES.

Representing rural physicians: Ray Christensen, M.D., Assistant Dean for Rural Health; Chris Thiesen, M.D., Gateway Family Health Clinic, Moose Lake; and Ruth Westra, D.O., Gateway Family Health Clinic, Moose Lake (moderator).

NOVEMBER 7TH: ANNETTE BOMAN FELLOWSHIP EVENT

The Annette L. Boman Women's Fellowship for Cancer Research Symposium and Award Presentation will be held on Wednesday November 7, 2007 in the evening at the University of Minnesota Medical School – Duluth Campus. The event honors the memory of Annette Boman who was a gifted medical researcher at the University of Minnesota Medical School – Duluth campus, a wife and mother of two young children. She died in 2003 as a result of complications from cancer. Kenneth Dornfeld, M.D. from

St. Mary's Duluth Clinic will be the keynote speaker. Speakers from the Duluth Campus will include Anya Gybina, Ph.D. candidate and past fellowship recipient, Teresa Rose-Hellekant, D.V.M., Ph.D. and Robert Cormier Ph.D. Lester R. Drewes, Ph.D. will announce the recipient of this year's Fellowship award at the event. The Fellowship is awarded to a woman Ph.D. candidate in cancer research.

SEMINARS IN MEDICINE IN DULUTH THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR

Complete schedule: <http://www.med.umn.edu/duluth/research/seminars/home.html>

November 13, 2007

Geriatric therapeutics - better treatment for our elders. One way of meeting some of the competency requirements being put forth by the AAMC

Richard Eisenberg, Ph.D., Department of Behavior Sciences, University of Minnesota Medical School; Larry Wittmers, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, University of Minnesota Medical School

November 27, 2007

Natriuretic peptides and hearing

Janet Fitzakerley, Ph.D., Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, University of Minnesota Medical School

December 11, 2007

Changes in quality of life of homeless girls with access to health care

Barbara Elliott, Ph.D., Department of Family Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical School

HELLER ELECTED CHAIR OF THE AHC-FCC

Lois Heller, Ph.D., Professor in the Medical School—Duluth Campus department of Physiology and Pharmacology has been elected Chair of the University-wide Academic Health Center Faculty Consultative Committee (AHC-FCC). This is the first time a member of the Duluth AHC faculty has served in this role. Dr. Heller has been a member of the committee for five years. The committee meets regularly with Frank Cerra, senior vice president for health sciences at the University of Minnesota, to discuss and advise on matters of concern to the AHC faculty.

Composed of eight faculty members, three from the medical school and one each from dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, public health and veterinary medicine, the committee meets twice a month. Included in the committee's responsibilities are oversight of selection procedures for the Academy for Excellence in Health Research and the new Academy for Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning; planning an annual AHC faculty forum; and identification of common faculty concerns. As Chair, Dr. Heller also represents the AHC on the University Faculty Consultative Committee which consults regularly with President Robert Bruininks and other university administrative personnel.

DULUTH CAMPUS HAS A HEART FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.

The Duluth Campus boosted its participation in this year's American Heart Association's Heart Walk, the signature fund-raising event for the American Heart Association. Lori Isaacson from Senior Associate Dean Gary Davis' office organized the walking team of 25 students, faculty, staff and family members. The Med School team raised \$1,933 -- almost double last year's amount. The hearty walkers took part in the Heart Walk on Saturday, September 29th along the Lake Walk in Duluth -- in the wind and rain.

TENTH ANNUAL WHITESIDE LECTURE ON DULUTH CAMPUS

Dr. Russell Luepker, Mayo professor of the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, delivered the 10th Annual Whiteside Memorial Lecture on October 23, 2007 at the UM Medical School Duluth. The title of his lecture was “The Epidemiology of Sudden Cardiac Death: What have we learned?” More than forty students, faculty and staff attended from the UM Medical School—Duluth Campus, College of Pharmacy Duluth, St. Luke’s, St. Mary’s/Duluth Clinic, College of St. Scholastica and University of Wisconsin Superior.

The Whiteside Memorial Lecture is presented each year in honor of Ms. Muriel Whiteside, whose generous trust bequest resulted in the creation of the Whiteside Institute for Clinical Research. The Institute, which is a unique collaboration of the University of Minnesota Medical School—Duluth Campus and St. Luke’s Hospital and Foundation promotes collaborative clinical research in the Arrowhead Region with emphasis in the areas of cancer, lung and heart disease.