

## **Campus Connection** Friday, August 1, 2008

Your biweekly source of news on UNTHSC people, plans and progress.

### **Family physicians honor UNT Health Science Center for achievements in education**

The University of North Texas Health Science Center's strong dedication to primary care has been honored by the [Texas Academy of Family Physicians](#) (TAFP), Texas' largest medical specialty organization. TAFP awarded UNTHSC with the Medical School Award of Achievement for the 14th consecutive year.

The award honors Texas medical schools with 25 percent of graduates entering family medicine residencies. TAFP established the award in 1993 to encourage Texas medical schools to increase the number of graduates entering family medicine residencies. UNTHSC is the only school in Texas recognized in 2008.

Dr. Linda Siy, associate professor of Family and Community Medicine and past TAFP president, accepted the award during TAFP's 59th Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Houston on July 19.

### **UNT Health Science Center names new chair of Internal Medicine**

Darrin C. D'Agostino, DO, MPH, has been named the chairman for the Department of Internal Medicine. He will join the Health Science Center Sept. 15 and will see patients in general internal medicine at the Patient Care Center on campus. Dr. D'Agostino also will be a member of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty.

Dr. D'Agostino received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, his Master of Public Health from the University of Connecticut, and his Bachelor of Science in psychology from Union College. He is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine.

He comes to the Health Science Center from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, where he served as director of osteopathic medical education and associate professor of clinical medicine; assistant director of medicine, Hartford Hospital; and program director of the osteopathic internal medicine residency program, among other positions.

### **UNTHSC launches iTunes U**

Our new iTunes U site makes UNT Health Science Center digital content – including videos of presentations, educational material, and PACE material – available through the iTunes store. Anyone can access iTunes U... you just need Apple's free iTunes software and a computer (Mac or PC) with an internet connection. Once you download the material you can view it any time from your computer, or with an iPod or iPhone digital media device. Log on to iTunes U through the UNTHSC Web site at [www.hsc.unt.edu/itunesu](http://www.hsc.unt.edu/itunesu). The site will soon be linked through the main iTunes U site on iTunes and the front page of the UNTHSC Web site.

If you have content or ideas for the UNTHSC iTunes U site, send them to [itunesu@hsc.unt.edu](mailto:itunesu@hsc.unt.edu).

Right now on iTunes U, you can download:

- Videos of UNTHSC events and presentations
- Educational materials including student grand rounds and Project SCORE labs
- Professional and Continuing Education material
- Video of the [Osteopathic Research Center's](#) recent International Research Symposium

Brenda Harless in Biomedical Communications is the winner of the iTunes U slogan contest and the iPod prize. Her winning slogan – *Health and Science at the Speed of Sound* – appears on the UNTHSC iTunes U site.

### **Violence drill will test disaster planning**

On Aug. 14, the UNTHSC Safety Office will lead a drill that will simulate violence on campus to test the Health Science Center's planning, communications and response to such an incident. The drill will involve many departments across campus and will exercise many resources. The drill won't interrupt classes or patient care.

Remember, it's only a drill. No real violence is planned, nor will toy or fake guns or other weapons be used. Peace officers have been instructed not to draw their weapons. For more information on the drill and emergency preparedness at UNTHSC, visit the [Safety Office Web site](#). All UNTHSC's safety policies and additional material can be found there.

Drills are an integral part of preparation for dealing with various disasters and crises. Your participation is important.

**Got a question for President Ransom?** Ask him at the next Town Hall meeting.

As always, Dr. Ransom will open the floor to questions from faculty, staff and students. But now you can also submit your question or topic to [townhall@hsc.unt.edu](mailto:townhall@hsc.unt.edu) and we'll pass it along—anonymously if you'd like—to the President's Office. We can't guarantee that Dr. Ransom will address every e-mailed question during the Town Hall meeting, but he'll do his best to respond. The next Town Hall meetings are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 25, 4 - 5 pm, and Tuesday, Aug. 26, 7 - 8 am. Both meetings will be in Luibel Hall.

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

**All centers and institutes now under HIT**

All UNTHSC research centers and institutes now will be included under the umbrella of the Health Institutes of Texas (HIT). The reorganization supports HIT's mission to translate public health information and basic research into new models of health care delivery and positions HIT for more funding. See the new organization chart for the list of centers and institutes.

To facilitate HIT's growth, Jackie Williams has been named program coordinator for the Health Institutes of Texas. For more information on HIT, contact her at ext. 2460.

### **Mark your calendars: Employee Appreciation Day**

The 2nd Annual Employee Appreciation Day is Aug. 27. Once again, President Scott Ransom and his team will don their aprons, serve up burgers (with a vegetarian option) and thank employees for their hard work. Lunch will be served in shifts on the Alumni Plaza. Each employee will receive a T-shirt with a new design to mark the occasion, and [EBAC](#) will provide carnival games. Watch Campus Connection and Daily News for the day's schedule and more information.

### **Reminder: Hispanic Wellness Fair tomorrow**

The UNT Health Science Center and other area health organizations will provide free health screenings and information to thousands of North Texans at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Hispanic Wellness Fair. The event is open to the public on Aug. 2 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Will Rogers Memorial Center. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **GSBS Orientation Aug. 6 – 8**

Next week, new Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences students will get introduced to the Health Science Center's research programs, meet the faculty and get acquainted with the campus. The GSBS Fall 2008 semester starts on Aug. 11. Visit the [orientation Web site](#) for more.

### **HR UPDATE**

#### **Benefits enrollment going on now**

Need to change your insurance coverage? The Employee Retirement System (ERS) summer enrollment for plan year 2009 continues through Aug. 22. During Summer Enrollment, you can enroll in or change your insurance coverage for Plan Year 2009. If you don't need to make changes, you don't have to do anything. Current benefit selections, including [TexFlex](#) account deductions, will roll over to the new plan.

A **Summer Enrollment Fair** will be held at the Health Science Center on Aug. 6 from 9 am to noon in the Atrium. ERS staff and benefits vendors will provide information and answer questions to help you choose the best benefits for your situation. During the fair, BlueCross BlueShield will host a presentation about its services from 10 to 11 am in LIB 110.

Representatives from Human Resource Services (HRS) will hold special sessions to answer questions and assist employees with enrollment and changes on the following dates:

<b>Aug. 11</b>	2 – 4 pm	PCC 173
<b>Aug. 13</b>	4 – 6 pm	EAD 291

For more information, visit the [summer enrollment page on the ERS Web site](#).

If you have a question about your benefits, contact [Angelina Shelby](#), [Stella Fair](#) and [Victoria Zamora](#) in Human Resource Services at ext. 2690.

### **HRS professional development training schedule now online**

HRS offers a variety of professional development opportunities for UNTHSC alumni and employees. You can view schedules and enroll for training on the [HRS Web site](#). For more information about professional development, contact [Cassandra Molavrh](#) at ext. 5091.

## **IN THE NEWS**

### **President outlines plans for growth**

The *Dallas Business Journal* featured the Health Science Center's projected growth for the next five years in its July 28 edition. In the article, Dr. Scott Ransom, UNTHSC president, projected that the Health Science Center may enroll as many as 2,040 students in five years and will add about one million square feet of building space in 10-15 years. Dr. Ransom attributed the growth to the Health Science Center's commitment to fulfilling the rising need for health care professionals in Texas. The article also appeared on [bizjournals.com](#) and in the [East Bay Business Times](#) (San Francisco – Oakland area).

### **Physician education continues after medical school**

Dr. Bruce Dubin, associate dean of Academic Affairs for TCOM, explained in a [Fort Worth Business Press](#) article that while medical school can prepare a physician for treating patients, the business side of a medical practice is often a "learn as you go" process for many physicians.

### **Addressing incontinence**

Dr. Jeff Hantes, assistant professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, contributed to a [Fort Worth Business Press](#) article examining incontinence, its causes and possible treatments.

### **DNA Lab identifies remains in Austin and Oregon**

The DNA lab was credited with identifying remains found at Lake Travis near Austin. Stories about the identification were on [statesman.com](http://statesman.com), KVUE News Daybreak and [kxan.com](http://kxan.com). The lab also identified remains found in Oregon, according to [OregonLive.com](http://OregonLive.com).

### **Hispanic Wellness Fair announcements**

Both [Pegasus News](http://Pegasus News) and [North Texas e-News](http://North Texas e-News) published announcements about the Fort Worth Hispanic Wellness Fair and named the Health Science Center as both a participant and a gold sponsor of the event.

### **Remembering a colleague**

The *Star-Telegram* published an article remembering the life and work of Dr. Wayne Williams, associate professor of Family and Community Medicine and medical director of the Correctional Medicine Division, shortly after his death on July 18.

## **KUDOS**

**Dr. Kathleen Forbes**, executive vice president for Clinical Affairs and Business Development and UNT Health president

... will participate in the [6<sup>th</sup> World Congress Leadership Summit on Healthcare Quality](http://6th World Congress Leadership Summit on Healthcare Quality) on Aug. 5 in Boston. Dr. Forbes is one of 400 health care industry leaders at the summit, which will focus on bridging the gap between payment and quality health care. Her presentation, titled "Using Balanced Scorecards to Create a Strategy-Focused, Performance-Enhanced, Quality-Driven Culture," will highlight best practices in these areas.

**Dr. John Licciardone**, professor and executive director of the [Osteopathic Research Center](http://Osteopathic Research Center)

... was appointed to the [American Osteopathic Association's](http://American Osteopathic Association's) (AOA) Council on Research for a three-year term. The council provides guidance and oversight for the research development activities of the AOA.

**Dr. Travis Motley**, assistant professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

... was named Young Practitioner of the Year by the [Texas Podiatric Medical Association](http://Texas Podiatric Medical Association) (TPMA). Dr. Motley was selected for his contributions to the profession, to community service and to the TPMA.

**Hank Lemke**, director and assistant professor of Physician Assistant (PA) Studies

... was named a Distinguished Fellow of the [American Academy of Physician Assistants](http://American Academy of Physician Assistants). Distinguished fellows are selected based on their service to the PA profession, their

commitment to advancing health care for all people, and their exemplary personal and professional development.

**Dr. Besim Hoxha**, research assistant professor of Surgery

... visited Kosovo in June with U.S. medical officials to assess medical facilities nine years after the Kosovo war. He met with Kosovo's leaders, including the prime minister, minister of Health and Education, and other education officials. Dr. Hoxha also was interviewed on Kosovo TV about his research on trauma care and his role at the Health Science Center.

**Dr. Travis Bias** (TCOM '08)

... was featured in the Texas Medical Association's (TMA) Summer 2008 *Grand Rounds* newsletter as TMA Medical Student Section's (MSS) Student of the Year. He was honored at TMA's meeting in San Antonio in May. The Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine was also recognized by TMA MSS as Chapter of the Year.

**Dr. Sonny Singh**, associate professor of Pharmacology and Neuroscience,

... along with colleagues, friends and supporters, raised \$3,511 at "The Sonny Singh Open" for the [Rachel Dauphin Scholarship Fund](#). The 5<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament was held June 7 at Whitestone Golf Course in Benbrook. Forty-four participants hit the links, and, for the second year in a row, **Lisa Smith**, outreach librarian; **Dan Burgard**, senior director of public services at the Lewis Library; **Dr. Thomas Fairchild**, vice president of Strategy and Measurement; and Tara Dubose, took first place. The scholarship honors Rachel Dauphin, a GSBS student who died of cancer in 2005. Each year the scholarship is awarded to a GSBS student who exudes Rachel's enthusiasm, volunteerism and academic ability.

## SAVE THE DATE

August 6

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Atrium

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7 – 8 am  
Luibel Hall

August 27  
Employee Appreciation Day  
Alumni Plaza

September 1  
Labor Day Holiday

September 12  
White Coat Ceremony  
2 pm  
Will Rogers Auditorium

September 26 - 27  
Alumni Reunion 2008

6 am – 9 pm  
Atrium and Fort Worth Hilton

October 3  
Campus Pride kick-off  
8 – 9:30 am  
Alumni Plaza

October 25  
UNTHSC Annual Gala  
Celebrating the 15-Year Anniversary of the GSBS  
Renaissance Worthington Grand Ballroom

## **ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER**

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Our goals are to:

- Keep you informed about the Health Science Center's strategic plan, priorities and goals.
- Promote the UNTHSC values of compassion, integrity, teamwork, innovation, pride and excellence.
- Demonstrate how the people and programs of the Health Science Center really do make a difference.
- Enable you to be a well-informed UNTHSC ambassador.

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