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Your biweekly source of news on UNT Health Science Center people, plans and progress.

MD degree study group named

As announced last week, the UNT System Chancellor, UNT System Board of Regents and the UNTHSC President will sponsor a study that will be led by a Study Group to complete a comprehensive evaluation and consider all major issues related to the possibility of adding a parallel MD degree option in addition to continuing and improving the DO degree program of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

These findings, to be presented to the UNT System Board of Regents in May for consideration, will represent various internal and external perspectives. The Regents will not make any recommendations until August 2009.

While the Study Group will develop, oversee and approve the final document to be presented to the Board, they will work closely with a core group of UNTHSC administrators, faculty and staff who will assist them in the compiling of documentation and the actual writing of the report.

The Study Group will include the following representatives:

1. **Oscar Amparan**, president of Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital
2. **Kenneth Barr**, business and community leader, former mayor of Fort Worth, and chair of the North Texas Commission
3. **Barclay Berdan**, chairman of the Texas Hospital Association Board of Trustees, and senior executive vice president of System Alignment and Performance for Texas Health Resources
4. **Stephen Brotherton, MD**, physician and member of the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees
5. **Bobby Brown, MD**, retired physician and trustee for the Amon Carter Foundation
6. **Sam Buchanan, DO (TCOM '75)**, physician and retired UNTHSC faculty
7. **Nancy Chasteen, DO (TCOM '86)**, physician and president of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
8. **Robert Deluca, DO (TCOM '84)**, physician and past president of the TCOM Alumni Board
9. **Robert Earley**, interim president and CEO of JPS Health Network
10. **Gary Floyd, MD**, past president of the Tarrant County Medical Society
11. **Clayton Franklin**, president and CEO of Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth
12. **Arnie Gachman**, chair of the UNTHSC Foundation Board, and president and CEO of Gachman Metals and Recycling Co.
13. **Melissa Garretson, MD**, president of the Tarrant County Medical Society
14. **Doug Hawthorne**, president and CEO of Texas Health Resources
15. **Lee Jackson**, chancellor of the UNT System
16. **Devoyd Jennings**, president and CEO of the Fort Worth Black Chamber of Commerce

17. **GK Manius**, Tarrant County administrator
18. **Rick W. Merrill**, president and CEO of Cook Children's Health Care System
19. **Robert Mitchell**, member of the UNTHSC Board of Visitors and president of Mitchell and Moroneso, Inc.
20. **Steve Montgomery**, chair of the Tarrant County Hospital District Board
21. **Steve Newton**, president and CEO of Baylor All Saints Medical Centers
22. **Scott Ransom, DO, MBA, MPH**, president of UNTHSC
23. **John Robinson**, executive vice president of the Amon Carter Foundation
24. **Damon Schranz, DO (TCOM '98)**, physician, UNTHSC faculty, and chair of the UNTHSC Faculty Senate
25. **Rice Tilley**, member of the UNT System Board of Regents and attorney for Haynes and Boone
26. **Jessica Toler**, TCOM Class of 2009 and president of the Medical Student Government Association for TCOM
27. **Monte Troutman, DO**, physician and president of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association
28. **Rick Vincent**, president and CEO of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation
29. **Jack Wall**, member of the UNT System Board of Regents
30. **Stanley Weiss, DO**, physician, retired UNTHSC faculty, and member of the UNTHSC Foundation Board
31. **Val Wilkie**, executive director of the Sid Richardson Foundation, and community leader and advocate
32. **Nancy Williams**, president of the Health Industry Council of the Dallas-Fort Worth Region

Members of the Study Group Staff include UNTHSC administrators, faculty and staff:

1. **Don Peska, DO**, associate dean of TCOM (Chair)
2. **Thomas Yorio, PhD**, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs (Co-chair)
3. **Ralph Anderson, MD**, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
4. **Sam Buchanan, DO (TCOM '75)**, physician and retired faculty
5. **Gayanne Clemens**, executive director of the Office of the President
6. **Joel Daboub, MBA**, assistant dean of Student Admissions for TCOM
7. **Bruce Dubin, DO, JD**, vice dean of TCOM
8. **Danny Jensen**, vice president for Government Affairs
9. **John Licciardone, DO, MS, MBA**, associate dean for Clinical Research for TCOM
10. **David Lichtman, MD**, chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
11. **Thomas Moorman, EdD**, vice president for Student Affairs
12. **Jennifer Trevino, MBA**, chief of staff for the Office of the President
13. **Greg Upp**, senior vice president for Community Engagement
14. **Jamboor Vishwanatha, PhD**, dean of GSBS
15. **Stanley Weiss, DO**, physician, retired UNTHSC faculty, and member of the UNTHSC Foundation Board

School of Health Professions sign installed

Now, anyone who passes by the corner of Montgomery and Camp Bowie will know about our new School of Health Professions (SHP). Crews installed the new SHP sign on the south side of the EAD building over the weekend. The school is the new home of our Department of Physician Assistant Studies and the new Department of Physical Therapy, which will soon offer Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees. Clayton Homes, EdD, PT, chair of Physical Therapy; Warren Anderson, EdD, dean of SHP; and Henry Lemke, PA-C, chair of Physician Assistant Studies, were so excited about the new sign, they braved 30-degree weather for a photo.

NEWS BRIEFS

DO Dash proceeds benefit cancer research

The 2008 DO Dash committee donated the proceeds of this year's run to Cancer Education and Research Foundation of Texas. On Dec. 17, the DO Dash committee presented the big check totaling \$5,392 to Ray Page, PhD, medical director of the Cancer Education and Research Foundation of Texas (TCOM and GSBS '91). The 2008 DO Dash was organized by the TCOM Class of 2011.

Campus-wide volunteerism survey

Service to our community has long been an integral part of the UNT Health Science Center's mission. To enhance our already strong culture of service, the Office of Community Relations will conduct an anonymous, online survey on the volunteer efforts of our faculty, staff and students. The survey's results will help shape current and future volunteer programs at the Health Science Center. Look for a link to the survey in Daily News after the holidays.

KUDOS

UNTHSC employees participated in the 2008 American Cancer Society (ACS) Breast Cancer Forum on Oct. 7. At the forum, ACS Relay for Life of Fort Worth Committee members presented information about the 2009 relay to forum participants.

UNTHSC Participants:

Sandy Dyer

Betty Belton

Jacklyn Crisp

Eswar Shankar

Ann Propost (retired) and her husband Don

IN THE NEWS

DNA Lab in *Popular Science*

[Popular Science](#) magazine features the DNA Lab, part of the UNT Center for Human Identification, in its January 2009 issue. The article explains the Lab's mission and tells the tale of a cold case that the Lab helped solve – that of Marci Bachmann, a runaway who was murdered and remained unidentified for more than 20 years.

iTunes U on KDAF

On Dec. 9, KDAF-TV, "The 33," ran a story on the Health Science Center's iTunes U site on their 9 pm news show. The [video clip](#) features Lynley Dungan, director of Information Resources, TCOM students and Bruce Dubin, DO, JD, TCOM's associate dean for academic affairs, commenting on the effectiveness and value of this tool in education. (To see the clip, search through the "Top Video" on the video player for "Lectures on iPod," dated 12/9.)

DO/MD study group in the *Star-Telegram*

In a front-page article, the [Star-Telegram](#) reported on the possibility of UNT Health Science Center adding an MD to its degree offerings. The article includes quotes from Scott Ransom, DO, MBA, MPH, UNTHSC president, and other leaders in osteopathic medicine. [Columnist Bud Kennedy](#) also voiced his opinion on the matter, and the story appeared in blogs on [GruntDoc.com](#) and [KevinMD.com](#).

Dr. Brenner on the economy and health

Harvey Brenner, PhD, professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, commented in a [New York Times](#) story on the effect of lost jobs on healthcare. A lost job means lost health insurance for the employee and his or her family. The story also appeared on [StarNewsOnline.com](#), [HeraldTribune.com](#), [GainesvilleSun.com](#), [BlueRidgeNow.com](#), [Free Internet Press](#) and a blog called [Donklephant](#).

HR UPDATE

Reminder: File 2008 TexFlex claims by Dec. 31

TexFlex claims for 2008, including any eligible medical or dependent day care expenses that occurred between Sept. 1, 2007 and Nov. 15, 2008, must be filed by Dec. 31. But don't wait until the last minute, additional information may be requested and your claims could take longer than expected. Any money in your account that you don't claim will be forfeited.

If you have any questions about this process, visit the [ERS TexFlex Web site](#) or contact PayFlex at (866) 353-9839.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 22 – Jan. 2
UNT Health Science Center Winter Holidays

January 19
Martin Luther King Holiday
Administrative offices closed

January 24 – 25
Board of Visitors Meeting
UNTHSC Campus

February 3
Career Fair
4 pm
Atrium

February 26
Cowtown Marathon Kick-off Reception
5:30 pm
Atrium

February 28
Cowtown Marathon
Sundance Square, Fort Worth

March 6
Research Appreciation Day
8:30 am – Poster Presentations
Fort Worth Community Arts Center
12:15 pm – Luncheon, Keynote and Oral Presentations
Alcon Auditorium, UNTHSC Center for BioHealth
www.unthsc.edu/annual/RAD

April 6 – 12
National Public Health Week
Multiple functions throughout the week

April 7 (tentative)
President's Invitational Golf Tournament
11:00 am
Ridglea Country Club
<http://www.hsc.unt.edu/invitational/>

April 24

9th Annual TCOM Alumni Association Specialty Round Table

5 pm

Atrium

SPH Student Awards Banquet

6 pm

Hilton, Fort Worth

May 1 – 2

PA 10-Year Reunion

UNTHSC

May 16

Commencement

2 pm

Fort Worth Convention Center

Arena and Ballroom

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Campus Connection is published the first and third Fridays of each month by the Office of Marketing and Communications for UNT Health Science Center employees, students and friends. Please feel free to forward this e-newsletter to others and print it for those who don't have access to a computer.

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.

You're invited to contribute to the continuous improvement of this e-newsletter and other UNTHSC Family communications by sending story ideas, news, suggestions and questions to news@hsc.unt.edu.

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