



# Scoop

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON

## Events to Know

### May

**15 DEADLINE**, Bridging Grant and Just Missed Grant Applications Due. Contact <Kimberly.J.Campbell@uth.tmc.edu>.

**19 ANNUAL FACULTY MEETING**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., MSB 2.006.

**31 Deadline, Clinical Research Feasibility Funds (CReff)**. Visit <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/uth\_orgs/crc>.

## VOLUNTEER KICKOFF

Charter UT Tender Loving Care Volunteers **Marilyn Wells**, from left, **Daisy Kone**, and **Lou Ann McKinney** hosted a kick-off brunch April 6 for the new program, which places volunteers in the UT Physician clinics of Internal Medicine, headed by **Dr. Bruce Kone**, and Pediatrics, headed by **Dr. John Sparks** (not pictured). The volunteer coordinator is **Lynn Cutrer**. For more information call 713-500-5618.



## UTMost Interest

Clear Lake resident **David Lopez** was appointed CEO of the Harris County Hospital District...**Dr. Richard Smalling** was interviewed in Southwest Airlines *Spirit* magazine on the subject of heart disease.

## LAHOTI NAMED ASSISTANT DEAN, STUDENT AFFAIRS

**Dr. Sheela Lahoti**, Pediatrics, has accepted the position of assistant dean, Student Affairs, concomitant with her other position as clinical assistant professor, Pediatrics, effective April 1.



Dr. Sheela Lahoti

Said **Dean Stanley Schultz**, "We look forward to her contributions to the welfare and academic performance of our students."

As assistant dean, Lahoti plans to counsel students at risk for poor performance on the USMLE Step 1, and will help develop a systematic and preventive approach to maximize student results. Lahoti visited the Charleston, S.C. campus, which has initiated a pretest screening for students before they take the USMLE Step 1.

In addition, Lahoti will assist **Dr. Margaret McNeese**, associate dean, Student Affairs, in career counseling throughout the students' four years, but specifically with third- and fourth-year students in the residency application and match process.

Lahoti has been a faculty member, Division of Community and General Pediatrics, since 1998. Her background includes a residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals. Lahoti was a student of a combined B.S./M.D. Honors Program in Medical Education at the University of Miami School of Medicine. She is a clinical expert in child sexual abuse; a member of the Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, Texas Pediatric Society; and an author and teacher on the subject.

Said McNeese, "As a practicing clinician, educator, and student advocate, Dr. Lahoti is uniquely qualified to provide the mentorship so necessary for our students. The Office of Student Affairs is thrilled that she will be working with us."  
- C. O'Brien

## UTEP ADDED TO ASSURED-ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM

The University of Texas El Paso has been added to the Medical School's Assured Acceptance Program. The program is designed to encourage a diversified Medical School student body and to give a hands up to eligible college students. There has been an ongoing effort to expand this program to universities in the south Texas region and beyond.

"We started the assured acceptance program about five years ago, first with the University of St. Thomas and then with the University of Houston," **Dr. Wallace Gleason**, assistant dean, Admissions, said. So far, the Medical School program has 20 students, ranging from college sophomore level to second-year medical student. If students meet academic requirements, they are guaranteed admission to the Medical School.

**Dr. Larry Jones**, director, Medical Professions Institute, and associate dean, College of Science, at UTEP is in the process of distributing application forms to qualified UTEP students. Those chosen will join JAMP students on campus this summer. JAMP (Joint Admission Medical Program) is a program created by Senate Bill 940 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature to provide services to support and encourage highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students pursuing medical education.  
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## DANCERS/ACTORS WANTED

Doctors Orchestra of Houston is recruiting dancers and actors for an upcoming concert 5 p.m. Sun., **June 5**, at the Wortham.



Call 713-661-4422, or e-mail <Conductor@DoctorsOrchestraHouston.org>.



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## 22 FACULTY ARE 2005 MASTER TEACHERS

The following are names of Medical School faculty recipients, percent salary support, and their projects in the Master Teacher Program. The program gives participating faculty an opportunity to pursue educational interests and further the educational goals of the institution.

Said **Dean Stanley Schultz**, "This represents a very important contribution to our overall educational activities."

- Dean's Office, **Bryant Boutwell, Dr.P.H.** (10 percent), "Integrating Oslerian Principles and Professionalism into The University of Texas Medical School at Houston"
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, **William E. Seifert, Ph.D.** (10 percent), and Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, **Jeffrey Actor, Ph.D.**, (10 percent), "Integration of First-Year Basic Science Concepts via the Utilization of Case-Based Team Learning Exercises"
- Diagnostic & Interventional Imaging, **Chitra Chandrasekhar, M.B., B.S.** (30 percent), "Computer Tutor: From Normal to Abnormal — Development of an Integrated Approach to Enhance the Learning of Cross-Sectional Body Anatomy and Pathology with Cross-Sectional Imaging"
- Emergency Medicine, **Elizabeth B. Jones, M.D.** (10 percent), "Improvement in Methods in Teaching Clinical Skills to 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Medical Students"
- Internal Medicine, **Fabrizia Faustinella, M.D.** (10 percent); **Laura Colletti-Mann, M.D.** (5 percent); **Philip Orlander, M.D.**; "Evaluation of Students Core Clinical Skills Through a Standardized Patients Exam at the End of the Third Year of Medical School"
- Internal Medicine, **Philip Orlander, M.D.** (60 percent), "Development of Clinically Relevant Vignettes and Scenarios for Use in Lectures and Exams"
- Internal Medicine, **Edie Shulman, M.D.** (10 percent), "Implementation and Evaluation of Teaching Techniques Aimed at Developing Cultural Competency in the First-Year Medical Students"
- Internal Medicine, **Kenichi Fujise, M.D.** (10 percent), "WCLSC (Web-based, Catechism-driven, Learning System in Cardiology)"
- Internal Medicine, **Eugene V. Boisubain, M.D.** (15 percent), "Expanding and Integrating a Comprehensive Medical School Curriculum in Ethics, Humanities and Professionalism"
- Internal Medicine, **Harinder Juneja, M.D.** (10 percent), and Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, **Margaret Uthman, M.D.** (20 percent), "Integration and Improvement of the Undergraduate Medical School Hematology Curriculum"
- Internal Medicine, **Cheves Smythe, M.D.** (10 percent), "A More Organized Medical Clerkship"
- Internal Medicine, **Philip C. Johnson, M.D., F.A.C.P.** (10 percent), "Add Clinical Relevance to Enhance Basic Science Understanding"
- Internal Medicine, **Alberto Puig, M.D., Ph.D.** (25 percent), "A Focused Approach to the USMLE Step I Examination"
- Neurobiology & Anatomy, **Nachum Dafny, Ph.D.** (15 percent), "Educational Interactive Electronic Self-Study for Clinical Neuroanatomy"
- Neurobiology & Anatomy, **Len Cleary, Ph.D.** (15 percent), "Strategies for Integrating Course Content in the First-Year Curriculum"
- Pediatrics, **Michelle S. Barratt, M.D., M.P.H.** (15 percent), "Evaluating Competency in Patient Care, Medical Knowledge, Interpersonal Communication Skills and Professionalism"
- Pediatrics, **Virginia A. Moyer, M.D.** (15 percent), "Application of Evidence to Patient Care: Evidence-Based Medicine Education in the MS III Year"
- Surgery, **Kimberly D. Anderson, Ph.D.** (15 percent); **Rosemary A. Kozar, M.D., Ph.D.** (5 percent), "An Intense Tutorial Program for 'At Risk' Students to Enhance Success on the NBME Surgery Shelf Exam"

### BOUTWELL IS OSLER MEMBER

**Dr. Bryant Boutwell**, associate dean, Community Affairs, was elected to full membership in the American Osler Society at the organization's 35<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Pasadena, Calif., April 11-13. At that time he also presented a paper tracing the historical development of the Texas Medical Center and its impact on medical education.

The American Osler Society was founded for the purpose of bringing together members of the medical and allied professions who are, by their common inspiration, dedicated to memorialize and perpetuate the just and charitable life, the intellectual resourcefulness, and the ethical example of **Sir William Osler** (1849-1919).

Osler, considered by many as the father of modern medicine, exemplified professionalism in medicine, the humanities, and medical ethics. Membership in the organization requires a strong track record as a medical historian involved in teaching medical students with a patient-centered approach that emphasizes the "art" of medicine as well as the science. There are approximately 170 members of the society worldwide.

Boutwell also is the John P. McGovern, M.D. Professor of Oslerian Medicine at the Medical School.



**Dr. Bryant Boutwell**

### UT-EL PASO ASSURED-ACCEPTANCE STUDENTS, CONT'D.

For five weeks, through July 1, the assured acceptance students will be on campus taking biochemistry, MCAT prep, doing preceptorships, and attending an ethics lecture series. They will receive room and board, books, supplies, and a \$3,000 stipend. This is at no charge to the students.

The other part of the program is the students' assured acceptance to the Medical School, when they apply. They'll be in the process of applying this summer for the entering 2006 year.

Gleason indicated that colleagues **Dr. Diana Natalicio**, president, UT-El Paso, **Dr. Max Buja**, **Dr. Michael McKinney**, and **Dr. Gilbert Castro** were instrumental in smoothing the way for the UTEP addition.