

Events to Know

December

1-2 UT Student Scholarship Holiday Book Fair at 3003 W. Holcombe Blvd. Barnes & Noble. Up to 25 percent of purchases will be donated to scholarships. See www.uthouston.edu/community/barnesnoble.

1 Pathology Research Seminar: "The immunoregulatory roles of the collectin receptor SP-R210/Myo18A" presented by Dr. Zissis C. Chroneos (UT Health Science Center Tyler) Noon, MSB 2.024.

4 Center for Membrane Biology/Biochemistry Molecular Biology Seminar: "PAS domains: A Versatile Way to Build a Biological Switch" presented by Dr. Kevin Gardner (UT Southwestern). Noon, MSB 2.135.

6 Committee on the Status of Women banquet. Reception starts at 5:30 p.m. at Edwin Hornberger Center. Info, 713-500-3065.

UTMost Interest

Dr. Pablo C. Okhuysen, professor of internal medicine, has been appointed to the publications committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Dr. Carin A. Hagberg, professor of anesthesiology, was recently elected president of the Society for Airway Management (SAM) at their 10th Annual Meeting in La Jolla, Calif. This is an international, multi-disciplined (anesthesiology, emergency medicine, critical care medicine) organization of approximately 400 members representing 34 countries. Dr. Hagberg has been a member of SAM since its inception and has served as secretary for five years, vice-president, and president-elect. She is the first female to become president of this society.

Search for new Medical School dean makes progress

Several internal and external candidates are in the interviewing stage as the search for the next dean of The University of Texas Medical School at Houston progresses.

"We are excited at the possibility that one of these very well qualified candidates will become the next dean to move the Medical School into the next decade," said **Marsha Brody-Silva**, manager of employment services for Human Resources and ex-officio member of the dean search committee.

The search committee has been interviewing candidates throughout the month of November and is expected to continue through the beginning of December – right on target according to the projected timeline. Following the conclusion of the interviews, the committee will forward its short list of top candidates to President **James Willerson**, who will then interview these candidates and make a selection.

Members of the search committee are **Dr. Brent King**, search committee chair (who replaces **Dr. Mike McKinney**); **Dr. Frank Arnett**, **Kevin Dillon**, **Dr. Susan John**, **Dr. Samuel Kaplan**, **Juanita Romans**, **Dr. Gary Rosenfeld**, **Dr. Elizabeth Shpall**, **Dr. George Stancel**, **Dr. Peter Davies** (a newly added member), and ex-officio member **Brody-Silva**.

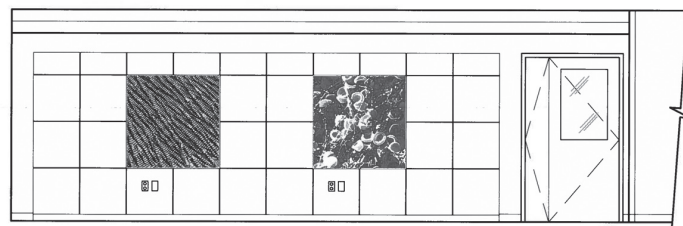
For more information regarding the dean search, see http://hr.uth.tmc.edu/Medical_School_Deans_Search/dean_search.html

-D. Brown

Now accepting Research Illustration Masterpieces for RRF

Have you ever imaged something in the lab that you thought had an artistic flair? Well, here's your chance to have your research image enlarged larger than life and mounted on the interior walls of the Replacement Research Facility for posterity.

The Research Illustration Masterpieces (images from science) contest seeks entries in the form of MRI, fMRI, electron microscope, etc. from Medical School students, staff, faculty, and physicians-in-training. Images must be at least 3500 pixels in size and submitted digitally on CD or DVD to MSB B.340 (e-mail entry thumbnails



are permitted if the original image is available at the required high resolution and may be submitted to m.darla.brown@uth.tmc.edu). Contestants may submit 1-5 entries per person by Dec. 15. Compositions must be original, with the permission of publisher, when applicable.

Selected entries as determined by the review committee will be enlarged to four-foot by four-foot squares and mounted near the elevator banks of the RRF, which will open in the fall of 2007.

An official entry form must be submitted with the application, which may be downloaded from the Medical School's homepage (med.uth.tmc.edu), and must contain the name of the artist, title of the piece, the medium, artist's phone number, e-mail, and signature.

The submitted images may be used as art not only in the RRF but in other Medical School buildings or in promotional materials.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the outstanding science and research, which in many cases is quite artistic, coming from our own Medical School family," said **interim Dean Jerry Wolinsky**.

-D. Brown



Major gifts officer for Medical School on board

Shernaz Boga, senior executive director of development and alumni relations, has announced the appointment of a new major gifts officer for the Medical School. **Nicole Streeter**, who was the fundraising project director for the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Supportive Cancer Care at M. D. Anderson, will focus on procuring large donations for the Medical School.

"We're delighted to have Nicole on our development team," Boga said.

Streeter will focus on raising funds for student scholarships and the dean's excellence fund as well as cultivating donors to partner with the medical school in the development of the Replacement Research Facility.



Nicole Streeter

"One of my goals is to identify a philanthropist who is building a legacy of improving the lives of Texans, in order to extend the distinguished naming opportunity for the Research Replacement Building," Streeter added. "I'll be meeting with faculty, and I'm excited to find out about their priorities and initiatives and to help them cultivate grateful patients."

A native Houstonian, Streeter is an MPH candidate in community health practice from the UT School of Public Health and holds a master's degree in philanthropic studies and nonprofit development from Indiana University.

"Fundraising has become more important to this Medical School than ever. The addition of Nicole to the development team will help us reach our worthy fundraising goals," said interim Dean **Jerry Wolinsky**.

-D. Brown



Crafts Galore

Members of the Medical School community got an early start on their holiday shopping at the 20th annual Holiday Arts and Craft Fair.



Research Day - New Pathways to Discovery

Dr. Nehal Parikh shows his poster to **Dr. Barbara Alving**, acting director of the National Center for Research Resources of the National Institutes of Health, at Research Day Nov. 17 in the Beth Robertson Auditorium of the IMM.



CSW to honor mentors Dec. 6

The Committee on the Status of Women of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston will honor **Nancy J. Dickey, M.D.**, as the winner of the Distinguished Professional Woman Award at the annual awards banquet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center.



Dr. Nancy J. Dickey

Dickey, a 1976 graduate of the Medical School, is president of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center and vice chancellor for health affairs. The President's Awards for Mentoring Women also will be distributed and will go to **John H. Byrne, Ph.D.**, for faculty; **Paula O'Neill, Ed.D.**, for administrative and professional; and **Virginia Wall**, for classified staff. Women Students Travel Award winners will be announced at the banquet.

My Fair Residents



Residency programs from across the country came to talk up their programs at the annual Residency Fair last month.

