WSU alumni elected to Institute of Medicine

Two Wayne State University alumni were named to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Michael Fleming, M.D., ’74, and Gerald Shulman, M.D., Ph.D., ’79, have been elected to an elite group of fewer than 1,500 scholars and scientists who are recognized as among the most distinguished in the country. Drs. Fleming and Shulman are two of 64 new members this year.

Dr. Fleming is professor and director of research in family medicine at the University of Wisconsin Medical School. His research and advocacy relate to substance abuse screening and treatment in the primary care office. He has built a substantial federally funded clinical research program in primary care and has distinguished himself in the field of alcohol and addiction. He has consulted on research projects with WSU’s own Dr. Robert Sokol, distinguished professor of obstetrics and gynecology and director of the C.S. Mott Center for Human Growth and Development, who said of Dr. Fleming, “He’s first rate and has made seminal contributions in the field of brief intervention for behavioral modification. His work is creative and has now been replicated by others. He more than deserves this honor.”

Dr. Fleming recalls his training days at Detroit General Hospital that were “filled with wonder and awe.” He said, “I mostly remember the chaos on a busy night with so many sick patients and so much going on at the same time, but also the sense that patients were getting good care and the residents and staff were inspiring. It was really an amazing place to be a medical student. Wayne State taught me to be curious, to ask questions, to base my patient decisions on the evidence, to be skeptical of new treatments until the science was strong. This curiosity and the need to know is what led me to my career as a physician-scientist and led me to the Institute of Medicine.”

Dr. Gerald Shulman, who earned both his medical and doctoral degrees at WSU, is now a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator and also a professor of medicine and cellular and molecular physiology at Yale. He has distinguished himself in the field of diabetes and obesity and in particular has utilized nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR) to demonstrate molecular predictors of insulin resistance and to examine molecular effects of a variety of therapeutic approaches to diabetes.

For example, his research indicates that a decreased ability to burn sugars and fats efficiently is an early and central part of the diabetes problem, and that elderly people may develop insulin resistance because “power plants” in their muscle cells decline or fail with age. Because diabetes and obesity are major problems in our country, Dr. Shulman’s line of work has huge implications for public health.

Membership in the Institute of Medicine is both an honor and an obligation to work on a broad range of studies related to health policy issues. Members contribute their knowledge and professional judgment to the formulation of public policy recommendations.

Drs. Fleming and Shulman now join WSU faculty members Blaine White, M.D., and Charles Schuster, Ph.D., who are also members of the Institute of Medicine.

Established in 1970 as a unit of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine is concerned with the protection and advancement of the health professions and sciences, the promotion of research and development pertinent to health, and the improvement of health care. The National Academies are comprised of: the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council.
Approaching $600,000 Telefund goal

More than 100 students, alumni, faculty and staff kicked off the 33rd annual Alumni Telefund in October and ran through November, raising money for the Alumni Annual Fund.

The fund supports student scholarships, fellowships, advanced research and educational programs.

“This is a great opportunity for us to come together for a great common goal,” said Jason Rodney, ’07, one of more than 50 students who volunteered to make calls.

In addition to raising $449,456, it also provided a chance for alumni to chat with today’s students. The program also engendered some healthy fundraising competition among the callers.

“We’re each trying to raise more than the students next to us,” said Mark Juska, ’07.

Most important, it allows students who receive scholarships to champion more support for others to follow.

“The alumni association does so much for the students. Many of us wouldn’t be here without the scholarships,” said Millicent Traylor, ’07.

Telefund student volunteer winners

GREATEST DOLLAR TOTAL RAISED

First Place: Millicent Traylor ($11,700): Complimentary evening at the Hotel Pontchartrain and two tickets to the Freedom Festival Fireworks event hosted by the WSU Medical Alumni Association.

Second Place: Herman Kado ($10,175): “Chef’s table” dinner for two at Crumpets at the Somerset Inn.

Third Place: Kianoosh Fallahi ($9,900): Lunch for two at the Rattlesnake Club.

LARGEST SINGLE GIFT

Stephanie Diamond ($1,000): Dinner for two at Majestic Café, two tickets to the Fisher Theater and complimentary shuttle service.

MOST HOURS VOLUNTEERED

Lindsay Smania, Tim Liao and Chad Coe: Brunch for two at the Whitney Restaurant.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Ariadne Lie: Detroit Red Wings 2001-2002 Stanley Cup Champions Photo (8x10).


Alexander Stoffan: $30 AMC Movie Theatre entertainment card.

Joe Seymour: $25 Blockbuster video gift card.

Aashish Shah, Cherie Phillips, Leo Lamsen, Judy Borovicka, Sharief Taraman: $10 Starbucks gift card.

Students hit the phones for WSU support.
Psychiatry establishes annual educational forum

Kicking off what organizers promise to be an annual event, the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences hosted its first Psychiatry Alumni Educational Symposium in October.

It was held at the Eugene Applebaum School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Topics ranged from schizophrenia to obsessive-compulsive disorder to substance abuse.

With strong research and funding, Wayne State University is emerging as a frontrunner in the field of neurosciences. The forum welcomes faculty and alumni to work collaboratively and celebrate the number of psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers trained within the department who are providing exceptional clinical care throughout Michigan.

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With such a strong WSU concentration, an alumni reception was held in the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in the midst of tranquil botanical gardens and artistic sculptures. Alumni reunited and reminisced at a great venue, proving once again how well alumni serve patients throughout the state of Michigan.

Wayne State University alumni were well represented at the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) reception on October 26. Dr. Paul Chuba, president of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association, welcomed doctors with WSU roots. Dr. Maryjean Schenk presented an insightful state-of-the-school update.

The MSMS mission is to promote a health care environment that supports physicians in caring for and enhancing the health of Michigan’s citizens through science, quality and ethics in the practice of medicine. Some 14,000 physicians Michigan are members.

WSU presence is strong in Grand Rapids

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In Memoriam

The Office of Alumni Affairs in the School of Medicine has received notification of the deaths of the following alumni. On behalf of the university community, we extend sincere sympathy to family and friends.

Martin Strand, M.D., ’40
Malcolm Kelson, M.D., ’43
Edward Kowaleski, M.D., ’45
Stanley Barton, M.D., ’46
Robert Class, M.D., ’46
John Corbett, M.D., ’51
Frank Bredau, M.D., ’52
James Watson, M.D., ’54
R. John Bradfield, M.D., ’62
Ira Gordon, M.D., ’73

Editor’s note: We know that timely reporting of alumni deaths is important to our readers. At the same time, we must ensure that our reports are accurate. Therefore, we ask that friends and family send us either an obituary or a letter of confirmation notifying us of someone’s death. Please write to the WSU Medical Alumni Association, 6F University Health Center, 4201 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48201 or, via e-mail, to: alumni@med.wayne.edu.
Alumni gather at AAMC meeting

Wayne State University School of Medicine faculty and alumni gathered at the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C., to enjoy company and share ideas on growing research and education at the school. Interim Dean Dr. Robert Frank hosted an alumni dinner and cocktail reception on behalf of the School of Medicine.

Alumni get cooking

Thirty-five WSU alumni enjoyed an informative private cooking lesson and scrumptious results with Chef Michelle Bommarito, a culinary artist who has been featured on the Food Network.

“Life is too short to have to suffer through a bad meal. For those of you who have sampled Michelle’s cooking, you will never again have to suffer,” said Dr. Robert Levine from the class of 1968 who served as Chef Bommarito’s assistant.

Guests created butternut squash soup with cinnamon sugared croutons, Sicilian breaded chicken with fig and golden raisin chutney, toasted basmati rice, ginger infused carrots and rutabaga, and rich chocolate lava cake with candied walnuts.

Organized by Linda Ditkoff, Renee Dwaihy, M.D., ’00, and Jain Lauter, the event was held at Specialties Showroom in Berkley, Mich.

Bommarito says her philosophy is: “Tell me, I may forget. Show me, I may remember. Involve me, I will understand.”

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS/MEETINGS

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For more information about upcoming events, please contact Sue Helderop at (313) 993-4179 or e-mail: sheldero@med.wayne.edu
1953 Dwight Slater, M.D., retired in the Upper Peninsula in 1992, after 40 years in Africa (Congo and Ivory Coast).

1958 Marshall Blondy, M.D., was named pediatrcian of the year for 2004 by the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

1962 Michael J. Geoghegan, M.D., was elected to chair a new physician advisory group for the orthopedic service line at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Mich.

1962 Eugene Gelzayd, M.D., was named by Hour Detroit magazine as one of Detroit's Top Docs 2005 in gastroenterology.

Clare Johnson, M.D., was appointed president of the Oakland County Medical Society for the 2005-2006 term.

1969 Lawrence Brilliant, M.D., was honored with a Community Peacemaker Award from the Wayne State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. The award honors those who have made a difference for peace and social understanding.

1974 George Shade, Jr., M.D., was appointed vice president of medical affairs at Sinai-Grace Hospital. Dr. Shade will lead the affairs of the medical staff, including monitoring and ensuring quality of care and acting as an intermediary between medical staff and the hospital. Additionally, Dr. Shade will provide administrative oversight of the off-site, hospital-based physician groups. He maintains his position as chief of the Sinai-Grace obstetrics and gynecology department and continues to see patients. Dr. Shade is an associate professor and full-time faculty member of the Wayne State University School of Medicine and national faculty member of the Women's Health Research Institute.

1976 Ralph Edward DiLisio, M.D., moved to Santa Rosa, Calif. He is in private pulmonary and critical care practice and was appointed medical director for critical care and respiratory care at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital/ Petaluma Valley Hospital.

1979 Gene Pesola, M.D., associate attending in medicine (pulmonary/critical care medicine) at Harlem Hospital/Columbia University in New York City, was selected as one of America's Top Physicians for 2004-2005 by the Consumer Research Council of America.

Marcus J. Zervos, M.D., has been appointed division head of Infectious Diseases at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Dr. Zervos joins Henry Ford after serving as an infectious diseases consultant at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

1980 Gail A. Abraham, M.D., joined the staff at St. Joseph’s Mercy of Macomb, in Clinton Township, Mich., as a neonatal-perinatal medicine specialist.

1983 Marc Feldman, M.D., joined the staff at St. Joseph's Mercy of Macomb in Clinton Township, Mich., as an internal medicine specialist board certified in geriatric medicine.

Joseph Kaczor, M.D., and wife Shirley Dixon-Kaczor, M.D. (MSU, '84), welcomed their second daughter, Sofia Grace, on August 5, 2005. She joins older sister, Stephanie, age 2 1/2 yrs. Dr. Kaczor is practicing radiation oncology with West Texas Cancer Center in Odessa, Tex.

1986 Carol van der Harst, M.D., was elected to the Michigan State Medical Society board of directors.

1987 Bradford Gelzayd, M.D., was named by Hour Detroit magazine as one of Detroit's “Top Docs 2005” in hepatology. He also accepted preceptorship training for advanced inflammatory bowel disease with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

1990 Pat Friedli, M.D., is in family practice and is the medical director for Munson Medical Center's comprehensive weight management program.

Randall Shoemaker, Ph.D., J.D., joined the law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC to expand the firm's intellectual property practice. Dickinson Wright is now one of the largest full-service providers of intellectual property and patent services in the state. Dr. Shoemaker holds a Ph.D. in pharmacology and trademark law. He has prepared and prosecuted patent and trademark applications, freedom to operate and infringement opinions worldwide covering a wide variety of technologies including: chemical inventions, especially polymer chemistry, biochemical applications, materials coating technology and processes, biotechnological applications, surgical and medical devices, food processing equipment and technology, and a wide variety of basic mechanical technologies. Dr. Shoemaker received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1996 and his B.S. in biology from Calvin College in 1983. He is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association.

1993 Anil Gupta, M.D., joined the gastroenterology staff Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, Mich.

1995 Michael S. Euwema, M.D., recently returned from an eight-month deployment to Fallujah, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While away, his wife, Danielle, gave birth to his third child, a daughter named Haley. Currently stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. Euwema is an emergency physician who has been serving in the United States Navy for over 10 years. He plans to remain the “civilian” world next year.

Hussein Huraibi, M.D., has joined the anesthesiology staff at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, Mich.

1997 Shawn Tittle, M.D., finished a cardiothoracic surgery residency at Yale. He has stayed on as a faculty member there in cardiothoracic surgery, is an attending surgeon at the West Haven VA Hospital, and serves as director of thoracic surgery at Saint Mary’s Hospital in Waterbury, Conn.

1998 Lane Beatty, M.D., is medical director for the hospitalist program at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, New Hampshire, and is “re-energized by the change.” He completed an internal medicine residency at Henry Ford and did both inpatient and outpatient work concentrating on hospital medicine.

2000 Fasahat Hamzavi, M.D., joined the dermatology staff at St. Joseph’s Mercy of Macomb in Clinton Township, Mich.

2002 Mariya V. Suchyta, M.D., is practicing at the Oakwood Healthcare Center in Dearborn Heights.

Dr. Dulchavsky with an early version of a portable ultrasound machine.

Dr. Dulchavsky aids athletes and astronauts

Scott Dulchavsky, M.D., is taking his portable ultrasound invention on the road these days. This machine, that can give instantaneous results regarding the severity of an injury, has made its way to Torino, Italy, for the 2006 Winter Olympics, and to the International Space Station.

As chair of the department of surgery at Henry Ford Hospital, Dr. Dulchavsky has always seen the value in a compact, portable ultrasound machine. His ingenuity allowed him to design a machine that can be used on-the-spot at sporting events and in space and to design a simplified training program that allows non-radiologists to assess and manage an emergency medical condition. It can diagnose injuries including: fractured bones, trauma to the shoulder or knee, collapsed lungs, hemorrhaging and atrophy of the muscles and bones.

Although he hasn’t personally escorted the machine into space, he is accompanying it to the Olympics, where he will provide medical assistance to the women’s hockey team. Additionally, Dr. Dulchavsky was honored by Crain’s Detroit Business for “outstanding advancement in health care” for developing new uses for portable ultrasound devices.

Dr. Dulchavsky earned his medical degree from WSU in 1983 and his doctoral degree in 1997.
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