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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES



*H*ugs of joy were abundant after this spring's commencement ceremony for the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2003. DesiRae Muirhead (left), daughter of Robert and Diane Ruhland of Fargo, and Sarah Hager, daughter of Delwyn and Jean Hager of Grand Forks, are among the newest graduates of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

## IN REVIEW

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends,

I was saddened to see that **Dr. Ted Snook** had passed away (*April '03 REVIEW*). Thank you for the article in the last REVIEW. However, there were two errors in the article. Dr. Snook began his tenure at UND in 1955 (not 1935, as stated in the article), my last year as a graduate student. Therefore, if he retired in 1977, his service there was for only 22 years rather than 42. I didn't realize that he was in Lee's Summit, MO, or I would have visited him there.

Dr. Snook was a quiet, humble man who was an excellent teacher. When he lectured on histology, he made drawings on the blackboard, which showed clearly what one would see when studying the material with the microscope. Each drawing was carefully planned so that when the drawing was completed, each label was placed so that lines never crossed.

He was a devoted husband and father. He brought his lunch but would call and talk to his wife every noon hour. My class was in the morning and his in the afternoon, so I sometimes wanted to talk to him during the noon hour. While gracious, he made it evident that he did not want to have his time on the phone with his wife shortened.

In addition to being a good role model for me, he gave of his time to teach me photography and help in other ways. He always gave me sound advice. He was a good friend.

Sincerely,

Vernon Yeager, Ph.D. (*Anatomy '55*)  
St. Charles, MO

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### In Memoriam

#### National Chair for 'Campaign for Excellence' Jack Resinger

**Harold ("Jack") Resinger, M.D. (B.S. Med. '52)**, of Versailles, KY, who served as national chairman of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences' "Campaign for Excellence," died April 7 in Savannah, GA. He was 79.

He led the fund raising effort, conducted from 1990 to 1994 by the UND Alumni Association and Foundation, which resulted in construction of the \$4.5 million Karl Christian Wold, M.D., Bio-Information Learning Resources Center and infusion of \$6 million to the school's endowment. The Harold E. Resinger Media Center, housed in the lower level of the Wold Center, is a computer center for the education and evaluation of medical students.

A native of Appletown Burrough (near Kittanning), PA, Jack Resinger was raised in Worthington, PA. During service in the U.S. Army he earned the highest score (of 400 men) on a medical aptitude test, and received orders to attend the University of North Dakota, where he would major in pre-med.

In 1944, he enrolled at UND under the wartime pre-med program for the military. He went into the U.S. Army Medical Corps before completing the accelerated program, serving until his discharge in 1946. He returned to UND in 1948 and received his

### Addendum

The cover of the last issue of THE REVIEW (April '03) highlighted the work of UND medical students who brought health care services to Honduras during their recent spring break. **Terrie Jo Wold, PA '95**, a faculty member in the Physician Assistant Program, Grand Forks, directed that effort, which was sponsored by Calvary Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. It was the second such experience for medical students led by Wold; the first trip was conducted in 2002.

bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1951 and bachelor of science in medicine (B.S. Med.) degree in 1952. He completed the doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree in 1954 at the University of Nebraska.

He took advanced training at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha and at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1962, he became chief pathologist at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, KY, where he set up a laboratory and developed a pathology service. He remained with the hospital until 1987. In 1970, he co-founded International Clinical Laboratories, Inc., which later became the largest independent laboratory in the U.S. He served as its chairman until his retirement in 1988.

A board-certified pathologist, Dr. Resinger held memberships in several prestigious medical societies and was a fellow in the American College of Pathologists and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. He served as president of the American Pathology Foundation and the Kentucky Society of Pathologists. He also was a clinical associate professor of clinical pathology at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He received an honorary doctorate from UND in 1992.

Memorials may be sent to: UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Office of the Dean, PO Box 9037, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9037.



Harold Resinger, M.D.  
(B.S. Med. '52)

## DEAN'S LETTER

### Outstanding North Dakotans Lead the Way

A very important, long-time friend of higher education in North Dakota was duly recognized last month during the naming ceremony for the **Evan E. Lips Auditorium** at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences (see page 16).

Naming the auditorium for Senator Lips of Bismarck is an expression of the gratitude we hold for the legislator who played a pivotal role in building the medical school to a complete, four-year program and, thereby, paved the way for increased quality health care services for the people of North Dakota.

He also played a major role at other critical junctures in the school's progress, including the marshaling of legislative support for construction of the Biomedical Research Facility in 2000. Without that facility, the medical school's research enterprise - which has since skyrocketed to over \$22 million annually - would have been placed in jeopardy.

We are deeply indebted to Senator Lips for his faithful friendship. He has said

UND has meant a lot to him through the years. We can truly say, Senator, you have meant a lot to us.

#### *Alumnus of national stature*

When an alumnus and faculty member is singled out for the nation's top award in rural health, it gives all of us at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences a tremendous sense of pride.

**Thomas Jacobsen, M.D. (B.S. Med. '63)**, of Hettinger, ND, received the 'Rural Practitioner of the Year' award from the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) at its spring meeting in Salt Lake City (see page 18). Since North Dakota is the most rural state in the union to offer medical education, it is fitting that a physician who practices here is chosen for this honor, and lauded as an example of what can be accomplished with dedication to a vision and commitment to excellence.

To quote NRHA President Wayne Myers, M.D., as he presented the awards to Dr. Jacobsen and others who were honored at that occasion, "The spark ignited by the



*H. David Wilson, M.D.*

work of these men and women does not just help warm their own communities.

"Instead, like wildfire, their efforts spread out over the country, affecting all of rural America and more than 62 million people who call those places home. "It is from these sparks that the rest of us draw our own inspiration and, following their leadership, desire to do more, to be more, to continually fight to bring equity to rural health care."

We extend our sincere congratulations to Dr. Jacobsen on this well-deserved recognition of his extraordinary commitment to the people who look to West River Regional Medical Center for health care services. His valuable contributions have led to the improvement of rural health care in North Dakota, the region and the country.

*H. David Wilson, M.D.  
Vice President for Health Affairs  
Dean*



We were especially pleased to host medical graduates during Alumni Days this spring for a breakfast at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. From left: **John Holten, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)**, Moorhead, MN; **Gerald Swafford, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)**, Sacramento, CA; **John ('Doc') Graham, M.D. (B.S. Med. '53)**, Indianapolis, IN; **Rod Clark, M.D. (B.S. Med. '46)**, Grand Forks; **Phillip Dahl, M.D. (B.S. Med. '49)**, Bismarck; **Leonard Linde, M.D. (B.S. Med. '54)**, Mobridge, SD; **Scott Walker, M.D. (B.S. Med. '48)**, Spokane, WA; **Raymond Parisi, M.D. (B.S. Med. '58)**, Alexandria, VA, and **Elizabeth Styrvoky, M.D. (B.S. Med. '73)**, St. Paul, MN.

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*DesiRae Muirhead, a member of the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2003, is hooded by her mentor, Leslie Torgerson, M.D. (right), assistant professor of pathology, and Eric Lunn, M.D., assistant dean, both of Grand Forks, during the commencement ceremony May 10 at the UND Chester Fritz Auditorium in Grand Forks while UND President Charles Kupchella (left) waits to present her diploma.*

## 28th M.D. Class Graduates

# UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences Confers M.D. Degrees

The University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences conferred the doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree during commencement ceremonies May 10 at the Chester Fritz Auditorium on the UND campus.

Fifty-five degree candidates participated in the ceremony. Graduates have completed four years of medical education to earn the M.D. degree, beginning with two years of instruction at the campus in Grand Forks and followed by two years working and learning with practicing physicians who serve as their teachers in hospitals and clinics throughout the state.

Keynote speaker for the commencement ceremony was **Nancy Dickey, M.D.**, past president of the American Medical Association (AMA, 1998-99) and currently president and vice chancellor of health affairs at Texas A&M University System Health Science Center in College Station. She is also professor of family and

community medicine at the center's College of Medicine.

Officiating the ceremony were **UND President Charles Kupchella** and **Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.** The Reverend Harrell Davis of Lakewood, CO, father of graduate **Allison Davis**, delivered the invocation and the Reverend Lawrence Reed of Sioux Falls, SD, father of graduate **Kamilla Lucht**, gave the benediction. Ambrose Littleghost of Fort Totten, ND, gave a spiritual blessing in the Native American tradition.

The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, which will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding as a basic sciences school in 2005, became a four-year medical school in 1973. Today almost half of the physicians practicing in North Dakota are alumni of the school, as compared to less than 20 percent in 1970.

Here are the graduating seniors, along with their hometowns, alma maters (noting

other degrees earned prior to the M.D.), and the residency program in which they will continue training in the specialty of their choice:

**Timothy D. Aadland**  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
Concordia College, B.A.  
Transitional Residency (one year)  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
 Fargo, North Dakota  
Diagnostic Radiology Residency  
(beginning July 2004)  
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Duncan B. Ackerman**  
Minot, North Dakota  
Concordia College, B.A.  
Orthopaedic Surgery Residency  
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine  
Rochester, Minnesota

**Andrew M. Bakken**

Grand Forks, North Dakota  
Bethel College, B.S.  
Surgery Residency  
University of Rochester Strong Memorial  
Hospital  
Rochester, New York

**Rebecca L. Caillier**

Minot, North Dakota  
Minot State University, B.S.  
Transitional Residency (one year)  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
Fargo, North Dakota  
Neurology Residency (beginning July 2004)  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Iowa City, Iowa

**Janelle M. Dailey**

Grand Forks, North Dakota  
University of Notre Dame, B.S.  
Pediatrics Residency  
University of Minnesota Medical School  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Christopher J. Danielson**

Rapid City, South Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency  
Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals  
Saginaw, Michigan

**Cynthia A. Davila**

Gallup, New Mexico  
New Mexico State University, B.S.



**Former AMA President**

**Nancy Dickey Delivers Keynote Address**

**Nancy Dickey, M.D.**, president and vice chancellor of health affairs at Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, College Station, delivered the keynote address during commencement ceremonies for the M.D. Class of 2003.



*Nancy Dickey, M.D.*

Past president of the American Medical Association (1998-99), she is the founding program director of the Family Practice Residency of the Brazos Valley and professor of family and community medicine at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine. She also serves as editor-in-chief of Medem, an Internet-based patient-education company. Medem is a partnership of the AMA, medical specialty societies and several state associations.

Dickey has participated in numerous other professional organizations, from the American Academy of Family Physicians and Texas Academy of Family Physicians to the Texas Medical Association.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in

Nacogdoches, TX, followed by her M.D. in 1976 from the University of Texas Medical School in College Station. She later received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Texas Medical School.

From 1987 to 1990, she was on the National Institutes of Health, Advisory Council on Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and in 2003 she was appointed to the Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

She has been an active editorial advisor and reviewer for a number of professional publications, including the Journal of the American Medical Association, and has contributed to general-interest periodicals.

She has also served on the editorial boards of Patient Care, Medical World News, Medical Ethics Advisor and Archives of Family Medicine, and is a frequent speaker at professional and civic organizations around the country.

*First-year medical students Kara Johnson carries the mace and Thomas Fox the UND charter, leading the graduates, faculty, administrators and other platform guests to the stage as the commencement ceremony begins. The mace, carved from oak of UND's first building, Old Main, signifies authority to carry out its mission, especially the granting of degrees.*

**Allison K. Davis**

Portland, Oregon  
Portland State University, B.S.  
Surgery Residency  
University Medical Center  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Amanda M. Diamond**

Devils Lake, North Dakota  
College of St. Benedict, B.A.  
Internal Medicine Residency (one year)  
Neurology Residency (beginning July 2004)  
Brown University  
Providence, Rhode Island

**Damon B. Dixon**

Reno, Nevada  
University of Nevada - Reno, B.S.  
Pediatrics Residency  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, South Carolina

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## **Grads of M.D. Class of 2003**

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### **Melanie J. Donnelly**

Grand Forks, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.,  
Emory University, M.P.H.  
Surgery Residency (one year)  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
Program  
Lebanon, New Hampshire  
Urology Residency (beginning July 2004)  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
Program  
Lebanon, New Hampshire

### **Amanda E. du Preez**

Scranton, North Dakota  
North Dakota State University, B.U.S.  
Internal Medicine Residency  
University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics  
Madison, Wisconsin

### **Diane A. Fjelstad**

Kindred, North Dakota  
Concordia College, B.A.  
Psychiatry Residency  
University of South Dakota School of  
Medicine  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



*From left: Andrew Bakken, Randy Kjorstad, Brent Williams and Bao Huynh prior to the commencement ceremony*

### **Rene D. Fredstrom**

Brainerd, Minnesota  
St. Cloud State University, B.S., M.S.  
Internal Medicine Residency  
University of Virginia Roanoke-Salem  
Carilion Health System Program  
Roanoke, Virginia

### **Enej Gasevic**

Fargo, North Dakota  
North Dakota State University, B.S.  
Surgery Residency  
Henry Ford Hospital Program  
Detroit, Michigan

### **Jeffrey R. Geddes**

East Grand Forks, Minnesota  
University of Minnesota - Duluth, B.S.  
Emergency Medicine Residency  
Health Partners and Regions Hospital  
St. Paul, Minnesota

### **Cole D. Greves**

Devils Lake, North Dakota  
University of Minnesota - Minneapolis,  
B.A.  
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency  
Orlando Regional Healthcare System  
Program  
Orlando, Florida



*Andrea Swenson (center) is all smiles as she grips her diploma flanked by her parents, Bruce Swenson, M.D. (B.S. Med. '72), clinical associate professor of internal medicine (left), and Jan Swenson, of Minot, after the commencement ceremony. Dr. Bruce Swenson participated as a mentor in the ceremony, assisting in his daughter's hooding.*

**Imran A. Hafeez**

Grafton, North Dakota  
Concordia College, B.A.  
Surgery Residency  
Henry Ford Hospital Program  
Detroit, Michigan

**Sarah E. Hager**

Grand Forks, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency  
University of Florida Health Science  
Center  
Jacksonville, Florida

**Theresa S. Hanish**

Fargo, North Dakota  
College of St. Benedict, B.A.  
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency  
Mayo Graduate School of Medicine  
Rochester, Minnesota



*Diane Fjelstad and her family capture the moment after she received the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree; she is the daughter of Jerome and Carol Fjelstad of Kindred, ND.*



*John Moore, Chris Howe and Randy Kjorstad*

**Tanya L. Harlow**

Fargo, North Dakota  
College of St. Benedict, B.S.  
Neurology Residency  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Iowa City, Iowa

**Brandon M. Helbling**

Mandan, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Surgery Residency  
Michigan State University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

**Rachel C. Hille**

Mandan, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Transitional Residency  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
Fargo, North Dakota

**Rebecca A. Hogan**

Fargo, North Dakota  
The College of St. Catherine, B.A.  
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency  
Winthrop-University Hospital  
Mineola, New York

**Christopher R. Howe**

Bismarck, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.A.  
Orthopaedic Surgery Residency  
University of Washington Affiliated  
Hospitals  
Seattle, Washington

**Bao Chau L. Huynh**

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota  
University of Minnesota - Minneapolis,  
B.S., Pharm.D.  
Internal Medicine Residency  
Washington University Barnes-Jewish  
Hospital Consortium Program  
St. Louis, Missouri

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## 'Humanism in Medicine' Award Given for Compassionate Care

**Anil Potti, M.D.**, associate professor of internal medicine, Fargo, and **Enej Gasevic**, a member of the M.D. Class of '03, received the Arnold P. Gold Humanism in Medicine Award during the commencement awards brunch May 10 at UND.

The award recognizes a faculty member and medical student for compassion and sensitivity in the delivery of care to patients and their families.

Potti teaches medical students and residents-in-training, practices internal medicine and conducts research at the Fargo Veterans Administration Medical Center.

A refugee, Gasevic, son of Husein and Munevera Gasevic of Fargo, fled religious persecution in Bosnia to settle with his family in Fargo where he earned the equivalent of a high school (GED) diploma in 1994 and a bachelor of science degree in zoology in 1999 from North Dakota State University.

The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences was selected to participate in the awards program, funded by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. The founda-



*Enej Gasevic (right) receives the 'Humanism in Medicine' award from Steffen Christensen, M.D. (B.S. Med. '71), assistant dean for students, Southeast Campus, Fargo, during the commencement awards brunch for the M.D. Class of '03.*

tion provides a cash award to present to a faculty member and student recipient. This is the fifth year the award has been presented at the UND medical school.

Potti was unable to attend the ceremony.

## Grads of M.D. Class of 2003

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### **John S. Joyce**

Hettinger, North Dakota  
University of Notre Dame, B.A.  
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency  
St. Louis University School of Medicine  
St. Louis, Missouri

### **Randy J. Kjorstad**

Williston, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Surgery Residency  
Madigan Army Medical Center  
Tacoma, Washington

### **Sara M. Knutson**

Fargo, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Transitional Residency (one year)  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
Fargo, North Dakota  
Anesthesiology Residency (beginning  
July 2004)  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### **Michael S. Kruger**

Wales, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.A.  
Family Practice Residency  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

### **Dawn M. LaFromboise**

Belcourt, North Dakota  
North Dakota State University, B.S.  
Psychiatry Residency  
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences  
Center Program  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### **Patricia L. Laqua**

Cavalier, North Dakota  
College of St. Benedict, B.A.  
Family Practice Residency  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

### **Helen H. Lee**

Bismarck, North Dakota  
Wellesley College, B.A.; Boston  
University, M.P.H.  
Internal Medicine Residency (one year)  
Pennsylvania Hospital  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Anesthesiology Residency (beginning  
July 2004)  
University of Chicago Hospital  
Chicago, Illinois



*Len and Heidi Philpot with their daughter, 10-month-old Kacy Jo, after the commencement ceremony for the M.D. Class of 2003 at the UND Chester Fritz Auditorium; Heidi is the daughter of Dale and Nancy Erickson of Grand Forks*



*John Joyce, M.D. '78 (left), clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Hettinger, with his son, John Joyce, after the commencement ceremony for the M.D. Class of 2003*

***Kamilla L. Lucht***

Grand Forks, North Dakota  
 Evangel University, B.S.; University of  
 North Dakota, M.S.  
 Pediatrics Residency  
 Creighton Nebraska University (University  
 of Nebraska Affiliated Hospitals)  
 Omaha, Nebraska

***Barry A. McKenzie***

Billings, Montana  
 Rocky Mountain College, B.S.  
 Surgery Residency  
 Michigan State University  
 Grand Rapids, Michigan

***John C. Moore***

Fargo, North Dakota  
 Gustavus Adolphus College, B.A.  
 Internal Medicine Residency  
 Penn State University, Milton S. Hershey  
 Medical Center  
 Hershey, Pennsylvania

***Megan B. Muilenburg***

Fargo, North Dakota  
 Saint Olaf College, B.A.  
 Internal Medicine Residency  
 Medical University of South Carolina  
 Charleston, South Carolina

***DesiRae M. Muirhead***

Williston, North Dakota  
 Minot State University, B.A.  
 Pathology Residency  
 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
 Iowa City, Iowa

***Tamera L. Nelson***

Bismarck, North Dakota  
 University of North Dakota, B.S.N.  
 Pediatrics Residency  
 University of Missouri Children's  
 Mercy Hospital  
 Kansas City, Missouri

***Wesley A. Papenfuss***

East Grand Forks, Minnesota  
 University of Illinois, Chicago  
 Surgery Residency  
 Iowa Methodist Medical Center  
 Des Moines, Iowa

***Christopher M. Paschall***

Havelock, North Carolina  
 University of California at Berkeley, B.A.  
 Emergency Medicine Residency  
 University of Florida Health Science  
 Center  
 Jacksonville, Florida

***Cassandra A. Petri***

Fargo, North Dakota  
 University of Sioux Falls, B.S.

***Heidi J. Philpot***

Grand Forks, North Dakota  
 University of North Dakota, B.S.  
 Family Medicine Residency  
 University of North Dakota School of  
 Medicine and Health Sciences  
 Grand Forks, North Dakota

***Elena R. Rodgers-Rieger***

Velva, North Dakota  
 University of North Dakota, B.S.  
 Pathology Residency  
 University of Minnesota Medical School  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota

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### **Matthew J. Schaefer**

Moorhead, Minnesota  
University of Notre Dame, B.S.; North  
Dakota State University, M.S.

Diagnostic Radiology Residency  
University of Minnesota Medical School  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **Jason M. Schenck**

Hawley, Minnesota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Emergency Medicine Residency  
Michigan State University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

### **Kevin G. Spaeth**

Bismarck, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Anesthesiology Residency  
University of Minnesota Medical School  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **Andrea J. Swenson**

Minot, North Dakota  
Colorado College, B.S.  
Neurology Residency  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Iowa City, Iowa

### **Paul B. Tessmann**

Fargo, North Dakota  
North Dakota State University, B.S.,  
Pharm.D.  
Surgery Residency  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
Fargo, North Dakota

### **Arleigh R. Trainor**

Rochester, Minnesota  
University of North Dakota, B.A.  
Emergency Medicine Residency  
Hennepin County Medical Center  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **KyleeAnn S. Useldinger-Kummer**

Christine, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Psychiatry Residency  
Georgetown University  
Washington, D.C.

### **Margaret L. D. Watson**

Bozeman, Montana  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, B.A.  
Internal Medicine Residency (one year)  
Gundersen Lutheran  
LaCrosse, Wisconsin  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Residency (beginning July 2004)  
University of Wisconsin Hospitals and  
Clinics  
Madison, Wisconsin

### **Derek C. Wayman**

Great Falls, Montana  
Montana State University, B.S.  
Family Practice Residency  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
Grand Forks, North Dakota

### **Brent R. Williams**

Cavalier, North Dakota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Surgery Residency  
Summa Health System - Northeastern Ohio  
Universities College of Medicine  
Program  
Akron, Ohio

### **Daniel W. Zelen**

Duluth, Minnesota  
University of North Dakota, B.S.  
Transitional Residency (one year)  
University of North Dakota School of  
Medicine and Health Sciences  
Fargo, North Dakota  
Diagnostic Radiology Residency  
(beginning July 2004)  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Omaha, Nebraska



*Classmates (from left) Imran Hafeez, Megan Muilenberg and Damon Dixon take a moment for a photo following the May 10 commencement ceremony for the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of 2003 at the Chester Fritz Auditorium on the UND campus in Grand Forks.*

## Outstanding Volunteer Faculty Receive Special Recognition Award

Eleven physician-faculty members were honored during the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Class of '03 commencement ceremony May 10 for their contributions to the education of medical students at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Selected to receive the Dean's Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer Faculty and invited to participate in the ceremony are:

**Neville Alberto, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine, Fargo; **Wayne Breitwieser, M.D.**, clinical professor of internal medicine, Grand Forks; **Robert Bury, M.D.**, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology, Bismarck; **Donald DeBeltz, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of surgery, Grand Forks; **Samir Farah, M.D.**, clinical professor of internal medicine, Minot; **Arie Fischbach, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, Minot; **Thomas Jacobsen, M.D. (B.S. Med. '63)**, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Hettinger; **Theodore Kleiman, M.D.**, clinical professor of pediatrics, Fargo; **Gordon Leingang, D.O.**, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Bismarck; **Robert Olson, Jr., M.D. '85**, clinical professor of neuroscience, Fargo, and **James Volk, M.D. '84**, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine, Fargo.

They were honored for their extraordinary commitment to teaching UND medical students, according to **Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**, who presented



*Among those selected to receive the Dean's Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer Faculty (standing, from left): Robert Olson, Jr., M.D., Fargo; (Dean H. David Wilson, M.D., Grand Forks;) Theodore Kleiman, M.D., Fargo; and seated (from left): Arie Fischbach, M.D., Minot; Thomas Jacobson, M.D., Hettinger; Samir Farah, M.D., Minot, and Wayne Breitwieser, M.D., Grand Forks*

each with the award on stage during the commencement ceremony.

For nearly 30 years, medical students from the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences have received training from practicing physicians in community hospitals and clinics throughout the state.

"We are deeply indebted to our physician-faculty members who help prepare the next generation of doctors," Wilson said. "Without their enthusiastic interest in teaching we could not offer a medical education program in North Dakota."

## Faculty, Alumni and Residents Selected for AOA Membership

Faculty members, residents and alumni of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences were inducted as new members of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) honor medical society during the May 10 commencement awards brunch for the M.D. Class of 2003.

Faculty-member inductees: **Bruce Pitts, M.D.**, associate dean for the

Southeast Campus and professor of internal medicine, and **James Mitchell, M.D.**, the NRI/Lee A. Christoferson, M.D., Chair and Professor of Neuroscience, both of Fargo;

Volunteer clinical faculty-members: **John Joyce, M.D. '78**, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, Hettinger;

Alumni: **Eric Lunn, M.D. (B.S. Med. '82)**, assistant dean for the Northeast

Campus and associate professor of pediatrics, Grand Forks, and **Stephen Tinguely, M.D. '78**, chair and associate professor of pediatrics, Fargo;

Residents: **Jeffrey Hostetter, M.D.**, third-year, Family Medicine Program, Bismarck; **Lance Holtry, D.O.**, Family Medicine Program, Minot, and **Apar Ganti, M.D.**, Internal Medicine Program, Fargo.

Members of the M.D. Class of '03 who were inducted into AOA this year are (from left): Matthew Schaefer, John Moore, Heidi Philpot, Bao Huynh, Christopher Howe, Rebecca Hogan, Jeffrey Geddes, (award presenter, Stephen Christensen, M.D. (B.S. Med. '71), assistant dean for student affairs, Fargo), and Timothy Aadland. Graduates who were inducted in 2002 (but not pictured): Duncan Ackerman and Derek Wayman



## Seniors Inducted into AOA Honor Medical Society

Eight members of the M.D. Class of '03 were selected this year for membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) honor medical society.

The only national honor medical society in the world, AOA promotes scholarship and research in medical schools, encourages a high standard of character and conduct in medical students and graduates, and recognizes high attainment in medical science, practice and related fields.

The new AOA members, announced at the May 10 awards brunch, are: **Timothy Aadland**, son of Clarence and Noreen Aadland of Belle Fourche, SD; **Jeffrey Geddes**, son of Robert and Carolyn Geddes of East Grand Forks, MN; **Rebecca Hogan**, daughter of Dennis and Kathy Hogan of Fargo; **Christopher Howe**, son of Berdelte and Donna Howe of Bismarck; **Bao Chau Huynh**, son of C. Huynh and D. Van of Brooklyn Park, MN; **John Moore**, son of Nancy and **Mark Moore, M.D.**

(**B.S. Med. '71**), of Madison, WI; **Heidi Philpot**, daughter of Dale and Nancy Erickson of Grand Forks, and **Matthew Schaefer**, son of Robert and Cynthia Schaefer of Moorhead, MN.

Other members of the M.D. Class of '03 who were elected for AOA membership last year: **Duncan Ackerman**, son of Rolly and Vicki Ackerman of Minot, and **Derek Wayman**, son of Michel and Nancy Wayman of Great Falls, MT.

## Wonderlich Receives First Award from Fawcett Endowment

**Stephen Wonderlich, Ph.D.**, professor and associate chair of neuroscience, Fargo, was selected to receive the first William Crozier and Edith Magwood Fawcett Faculty Enhancement Award, it was announced during the commencement awards brunch May 10 at UND.

The award is given to acknowledge excellence in teaching, research and service. It was made possible by a gift from the **Robert Fawcett, M.D. (B.S. Med. '38)**, now deceased, and his wife, Margaret Fawcett of Devils Lake, to the UND Foundation. It is given in memory of Dr. Fawcett's parents, to acknowledge excellence in teaching, research and service.

In providing this award, the Fawcett family wishes to build on the proud tradition of attracting and retaining top quality, dedicated faculty members who are essential to maintaining the high-quality education offered to medical students at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, according



Wonderlich

to the UND Foundation which administers the Fawcett Endowment.

Wonderlich is co-director of the Eating Disorders Institute and director of clinical research at the Neuropsychiatric Research Institute in Fargo. He teaches medical students and residents-in-training and conducts research on eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

A member of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) honor society in medicine, Wonderlich has written extensively for publication and is a reviewer for several journals in his field. Among numerous other honors, he was named a fellow of the Academy for Eating Disorders in 2001.

## Physician-faculty Members Selected as Outstanding Teachers

Four physician-faculty members of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences have been selected to receive the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by members of the M.D. Class of '03.

These award-winners were recognized during the May 10 commencement brunch at the UND Memorial Union:

**Noah Chelliah, M.D.**, professor of internal medicine, Grand Forks, for the Northeast Campus; he practices cardiology at the Heart Institute of North Dakota in Grand Forks;

**Madeline Free, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of neuroscience, Bismarck, for the Southwest Campus; she practices psychiatry at Medcenter One in Bismarck;

**Anil Potti, M.D.**, associate professor of internal medicine, Fargo, for the



*Chelliah*



*Free*



*Potti*



*Sanke*

Southeast Campus; he practices and conducts research at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fargo, and

**Robert Sanke, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of surgery, Minot, for the Northwest Campus; he practices

ophthalmology with the Trinity Regional Eye Care/Williams Center in Minot.

The senior medical class is divided among the four campuses where students pursue study in elective rotations with practicing physicians who serve as faculty members for the UND medical school.



**Scott Charette, M.D.** '93, (left) clinical assistant professor of surgery, Grand Forks, receives the Dr. Wayne Swenson Award for Teaching Excellence from **David Antonenko, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor and chair of surgery, Grand Forks.

Charette practices general surgery at Altru Health System where he also teaches medical students and residents-in-training.

"The award is given to a surgical faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in teaching, and is presented in honor of Professor Emeritus Swenson, of Bismarck, who continues to be an example for teaching excellence in surgery," Antonenko said.

### Mitchell Receives Wilson Award in Neuroscience

**James Mitchell, M.D.**, the NRI/Lee A. Christoferson, M.D., Chair and Professor of Neuroscience at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Fargo, received the H. David Wilson, M.D., Academic Award in Neuroscience during the commencement ceremony.

In addition to his appointment with the UND medical school, Mitchell is also president and scientific director of the Neuropsychiatric Research Institute in Fargo.

The award was established by a gift from **Manuchair Ebadi, Ph.D.**, associate dean for research and program development at the medical school, to the UND Foundation in honor of Dean Wilson for his leadership and efforts on behalf of medical education and research for the state of North Dakota.

Mitchell is internationally recognized for his outstanding research in the area of eating disorders and



*James Mitchell, M.D.*

obesity. Past president of the Academy for Eating Disorders and the Eating Disorders Research Society, he serves on the editorial boards of the International Journal of Eating Disorders and the Eating Disorders Review.

## Graduates Receive Awards for Outstanding Scholarship and Service

Awards were presented to members of the M.D. Class of '03 at a commencement awards brunch May 10 at UND.

**Dean H. David Wilson, M.D.**, presided over the program during which the following awards were presented:  
*The North Dakota Medical Association Awards*

Presented to three outstanding students in the class - **Duncan Ackerman, Rebecca Hogan, Derek Wayman**

*North Dakota District Medical Society Awards*

Given by the district medical society on each campus to the student who best exemplifies high scholarship and characteristics of integrity, leadership and initiative  
First District (Fargo) - **Enej Gasevic**;  
Third District (Grand Forks) - **Amanda Diamond**;  
Fourth District (Minot) - **Bao Chau Huynh**;  
Sixth District (Bismarck) - **Duncan Ackerman**

*University Alumni Special Awards*

For special service to the School of Medicine and Health Sciences - **Cole Greves, Imran Hafeez, Rachel Hille**

*Merck Award*

Awarded to outstanding seniors - **Wesley Papenfuss, Sarah Hager**

*The Endocrine Society Award*

In recognition of special achievement and interest in endocrinology - **Rene Fredstrom**

*Society for Academic Emergency Medicine*

Awarded to a senior medical student who has demonstrated excellence in the specialty of emergency medicine - **Jason Schenck**

*Department of Family Medicine Research Awards (indented as follows):*

*The Altru Health System Family Practice Study Award*

Awarded by Altru Health System of Grand Forks for a study of a specific disease - **Duncan Ackerman, Andrew Bakken**

*North Dakota Academy of Family Physicians Research Award*

Awarded to a medical student(s) who is entering a family medicine residency and who has demonstrated potential in the area of research - **Bao Chau Huynh, Michael Kruger**

*MeritCare Health Systems, Department of Family Medicine Research Award*

Awarded to a medical student(s) for an outstanding research project - **Jeffrey Geddes, Paul Tessmann**

*West River Regional Medical Center Award*

Awarded by the West River Regional Medical Center of Hettinger to a senior medical student(s) for an outstanding research project related to research of a primary health care problem in a rural area - **Amanda du Preez, John Joyce**

*Drs. O. W. and C. G. Johnson Award*

Awarded by the Johnson Clinic of Rugby to a native North Dakotan demonstrating outstanding research in rural family medicine - **Heidi Philpot, KyleeAnn Useldinger-Kummer**

*Dr. Charles H. Fee Memorial Endowment Award*

Established in memory of Dr. Charles H. Fee for his many personal and professional accomplishments; awarded to a junior or senior medical student who has strength of character, attitude, desire and academic achievement and a high potential for success in family medicine - **Derek Wayman**

*Dr. John Wahl Memorial Rural Health Scholarship Endowment*

Given by parents and family members in memory of Dr. John Wahl to a senior medical student who has demonstrated an interest in practicing rural medicine in North Dakota and who has shown a capacity for compassionate and dedicated family practice - **Patricia Laqua**

*Kokila and Ramana Patel, M.D., Family Practice Award*

Given by the Tioga (N.D.) Medical Center to a senior who has been accepted into a family medicine residency in North Dakota and who has shown a strong interest in rural health - **Heidi Philpot**

*Dr. John Graham Memorial Medical Scholarship Endowment Award*

Awarded to a senior student(s) who possesses the personality and drive to become a competent and caring physician - **Jeffrey Geddes, DesiRae Muirhead**

*Axel and Agnes Kongsli Memorial Scholarship Endowment Award*

Awarded to two senior students who have shown excellence in the field of medical research - **Melanie Donnelly, Michael Kruger**



Judy DeMers (center), associate dean for student affairs and admissions, Grand Forks, presents the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation to Heidi Philpot (left) and Rebecca Hogan. The award is given by the American Medical Women's Association to women who rank in the top ten percent of their class.



*Kamille Lucht, a member of the M.D. Class of '03 (second from left), pictured with Blanche Abdallah of the UND Foundation (left) and Mary and Darcy Ehmann of Council Bluffs, Iowa, received the Laura Ehmann Memorial Pediatrics Scholarship Award. The award is given to a graduate who intends to train in and practice pediatric medicine.*

***LeBien-Poindexter Outstanding Pediatric Student Award***

Given by the MeritCare Department of Pediatrics to the student who best exemplifies the qualities of a general pediatrician - **Janelle Dailey**

***Department of Pediatrics Award - Southwest Campus***

Awarded to the outstanding student in pediatrics on the Southwest Campus - **Timothy Aadland**

***Laura Ehmann Memorial Pediatric Scholarship Award***

Given by Darcy and Mary Ehmann as a living memorial to their daughter, Laura Marie, and a tribute to an extraordinary child whose life was short; awarded to a senior student who is entering a pediatric residency and ultimately a career in pediatric medicine - **Kamilla Lucht**

***Robert C. Painter, M.D., Internal Medicine Award***

Awarded to a senior medical student who exhibits scholastic achievement and the attributes of conscientious concern for the patient, exceptional communication skills and a caring, humanistic personality as exemplified by Dr. Painter throughout his 40-year career - **John Moore**

***Lloyd S. Ralston, M.D., Memorial Endowment Award***

Given by Mrs. Lloyd (Ruth) Ralston in memory and honor of her husband to a senior medical student(s) or resident(s) who best displays Dr. Ralston's dedication to excellence, respect for the intrinsic dignity of each patient and the ability to apply basic science thoughtfully and critically to clinical practice - **Amanda du Preez**

***Dr. Louis B. and Thelma K. Silverman Medical Award***

Given by the late Thelma Silverman in loving memory of her husband and in recognition of his many professional contributions to the community; given to a graduating senior who shows an interest in becoming a pediatrician and who has the qualities of compassion, dedication, integrity, leadership and interest in community service as exemplified by Dr. Silverman - **Cassandra Petri**

***Altru Clinic Senior Medical Student Fund Award***

Awarded to a student (or students) displaying excellent scholarship, character, leadership and integrity; in recognition of physicians who have worked for the Altru Clinic (formerly Grand Forks Clinic) - **Randy Kjorstad, Arleigh Trainor, Daniel Zelen**

***American College of Physicians/Department of Internal Medicine Senior Award***

Given for outstanding humanistic qualities and scholastic excellence to a senior student who has chosen internal medicine as a career - **Bao Chau Huynh**

***Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Senior Award***

Given for scholastic excellence and exceptional clinical potential to senior student(s) selecting a career in obstetrics and gynecology - **Theresa Hanish, Rebecca Hogan**

***Department of Surgery Senior Award***

Awarded to a senior student who has demonstrated excellent capabilities in the specialty of surgery - **Matthew Schaefer**

***Dr. Frank E. Stinchfield Award***

Received from the Margaret and Frank Stinchfield Foundation in honor and appreciation of all that Dr. Stinchfield received from faculty and friends at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences; given annually to an academically outstanding student - **Christopher Howe**

***Joy M. Query Prize for Social and Behavioral Science***

Awarded to a student who has shown outstanding scholarship in sociology/anthropology or behavioral science - **Duncan Ackerman**

***Richard P. Stadter Excellence in Psychiatry Award***

Awarded in Dr. Stadter's memory to recognize a senior medical student who best exemplifies "excellence" in the areas of psychiatric knowledge base, psychosocial skills, enthusiasm and curiosity in working with psychiatric issues, and the ability to interact with sensitivity and perception; the Department of Neuroscience wishes to affirm such excellence regardless of specialty choice - **Arleigh Trainor**

***Tiongson Humanities Award***

Presented to a graduating senior medical student in recognition of the student's continuing involvement in and appreciation of the arts and the humanities - **Megan Muilenburg**

***Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation***

Presented by the American Medical Women's Association to women students who rank in the top ten percent of the class - **Rebecca Hogan, Heidi Philpot**

## UPDATE

### *For Unwavering Support of Higher Education*

## Medical School Auditorium Named for Senator Evan Lips

The Evan E. Lips Auditorium at the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences was officially named in a ceremony May 22 at the University Health Facility.

**Senator Lips of Bismarck** and his family, friends and colleagues, as well as dignitaries representing state government, the legislative branch and higher education, other leaders, and UND alumni, faculty and staff crowded the auditorium for the event.

**Governor John Hoeven**, North Dakota University System **Chancellor Larry Isaak**, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences **Dean H. David Wilson**, and **Earl Strinden**, chief executive officer emeritus of the UND Alumni Association and Foundation, spoke during the ceremony over which UND **President Charles Kupchella** presided.

The 72-seat auditorium, housed in the facility's Clinical Education Center at Sixth Avenue North and Hamline (south of Barnes and Noble Bookstore), is named for the state senator who supported higher education and medical education throughout his 38-year career as a legislator.



*Senator Evan Lips (right) of Bismarck is applauded by UND President Kupchella and those assembled for the ceremony officially naming the auditorium in his honor at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences' Clinical Education Center.*

Lips' leadership was critical to the state legislature's initiation of the four-year, doctor of medicine degree-granting program at the medical school in 1973 and the construction of the school's state-of-the-art Biomedical Research Facility in 2000.

The legislature's decision to expand the two-year basic sciences school to a complete four-year medical school at UND has resulted in the near-tripling of the number of physicians and a decrease in the median age of physicians practicing in North Dakota - all the while the state's

*'We are indebted to Senator Lips for his lifelong dedication to educational opportunity and excellence.'*

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Dean, UND School of Medicine  
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population has remained largely unchanged.

"We are indebted to Senator Lips for his lifelong dedication to educational opportunity and excellence in North Dakota," said Dean Wilson.

"Because of his leadership, foresight and conviction, the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences has achieved remarkable goals. The people of North Dakota enjoy a level of quality and access to health care that few rural states can match."



*Senator Evan and Marilyn Lips at the auditorium entrance, with the portrait and statement of appreciation for his long-time support of the UND medical school*

## Faculty Member Larson Named 'PA Educator of the Year'

**Annette Larson, PA Program '79**, assistant professor of family medicine with the Physician Assistant (PA) Program, Grand Forks, was selected to receive the "PA Educator of the Year" award from the North Dakota Association of Physician Assistants.

The group presented her with the award at its Annual Primary Care Conference in May at Fargo. It recognized Larson for her contributions as a faculty member for more than a decade, and her dedication to PA education and devotion to students.

"Annette is valued by students because of her approachable style, her availability," said **Mary Ann Laxen**, director of the PA Program, Grand Forks. "Her knowledge of medicine, her love of life and her demanding of them - their very best while willing to take into account the 'ups and downs'

each individual experiences during the years of training."

She is valued by the other faculty who find her a true team-player, someone willing to complete her share of the work in a timely and complete fashion, someone willing to share her years of experience and expertise, and someone who can put things into perspective when "the going gets tough," Laxen said.

She has been instrumental in changing the PA Program from a certificate- to a master's degree-granting program, which will be initiated in this summer.

In her role as a faculty member, she



Larson

has impacted students from all over the world, according to **Kenneth Korn**, a faculty member in the PA Program, Grand Forks, who submitted a letter of nomination. She "has been a great influence on me... she serves not only as a provider and educator, but also as an educator of educators."

Since 1991, she has influenced and educated the majority of physician assistants in North Dakota, said **Condetta Ness**, instructor in the PA Program, Grand Forks.

"I have never met a more eager teacher and mentor for so many students," said **Stephanie Natyshok, PA Program '03**, of Zeigler, IL, in her nomination letter.

"She was a role model in that while she was instructing us, she was also working in an evening clinic to keep her skills current and further her education," wrote **Melody Hof, PA Program '97**, Carbondale, IL.

## Med School Alum and Benefactor James Golseth Dies

**James Golseth, M.D. (B.S. Med. '39)**, Pasadena, CA, a benefactor of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, passed away March 29. He was 91.

In 1997, he established The Gustave Golseth, M.D., and Wesley

Morrish Medical School Endowment to provide scholarships for worthy medical students at the UND medical school.

(Contributions can be made to this endowment through the UND Foundation, Box 8157, Grand Forks, ND 58202-8157.)

A pioneer in the field of electromyography and electrodiagnosis, Dr. Golseth was a founding member and first president of the American Association of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis, renamed the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AAEM) in 1989. Today the organization has more



Golseth

than 3000 members.

He received the Sioux Award, the highest honor bestowed by the UND Foundation, in 1994.

A native of Jamestown, ND, he enrolled at UND where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1938 and a bachelor of science in medicine degree in 1939.

He completed his medical education at Northwestern University Medical School in 1942. He remained at Northwestern until 1946, completing a fellowship in neurology, electromyography and electrodiagnosis.

In 1947, Dr. Golseth started a private practice in Pasadena, where he practiced electromyography, electrodiagnosis and electroencephalography until 1991. Through many of those years he served as director of the department dedicated to this field at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena.

In 1951, he assumed directorship of a similar department at the Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital. He was also clinical professor at the University of Southern California School of Medicine for more than 30 years.



James Golseth, M.D., (B.S. Med. '39), early in his medical career

# ALUMNI

## '63 Alumnus

### Jacobsen Named 'Rural Practitioner of the Year' by NRHA

**Thomas Jacobsen, M.D. (B.S. Med. '63)**, of Hettinger, ND, received the Rural Health Practitioner of the Year Award from the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) during a May 15 ceremony at the group's 26th annual conference in Salt Lake City.

The award recognizes a direct service provider for leadership in bringing health services to rural populations. Selection criteria include providing outstanding care, involvement in the community and lasting contributions to the health care system.

The NRHA "recognizes leaders who exemplify the highest standards of rural health care and service," the organization announced in a press release. "The men and women being honored by NRHA were chosen for their outstanding contributions during 2002 to achieving access, equity and quality in rural health care."

The group's annual conference is the largest national meeting devoted to addressing rural health issues and the educational needs of those who practice, work and live in rural areas.

"It is with great pride that we present these awards to acknowledge and thank these men and women for their outstanding work and tireless dedica-



*Tom Jacobsen, M.D. (B.S. Med. '63) of Hettinger, ND, holds his award as Rural Health Practitioner of the Year, presented by the National Rural Health Association annual conference in May at Salt Lake City.*

tion to continually improving rural health care services," said NRHA President Wayne Myers, M.D.

Jacobsen, a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, practices with West River Health Services in Hettinger. He passes his knowledge on to others, as he continually teaches medical students the challenges and rewards of rural medicine.

He has been providing outstanding rural health care for more than 34 years. With exemplary expertise in women's health, as well as pre- and postnatal care, Dr. Jake, as he is called by friends and colleagues, has delivered more than 6,300 babies, many of whom are now returning to him for delivery of their own babies.

Whether it be through the newborn he touches, the young diabetic patient he teaches, or the adult who trusts the depths of his experience, Dr. Jake has truly touched a community with his compassionate commitment to rural health.

Earlier this year, he was selected as North Dakota's Family Physician of the Year by the state chapter of the North Dakota Academy of Family Physicians, an honor he

earned through his dedication to his practice and his community. His name will be forwarded as the state's nominee for consideration at the national level of competition for the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Family Physician of the Year Award for 2004.

Jacobsen, who grew up in Bismarck, attended Utah State University for his undergraduate degree. He completed the B.S. Med. degree at the UND medical school, and went on to earn the doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He took residency training at St. Paul-Ramsey Hospital in St. Paul, MN, and served three years with the U.S. Health Service at Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota prior to establishing his practice at Hettinger in 1969.

He is board certified in family medicine.

*NOTE: Special thanks to Julie Gibson of the National Rural Health Association for photographic and editorial contributions.*

## In Memoriam

**Conrad Holmberg, M.D. (B.S. Med. '33)**, passed away Feb. 20 at Sun City West, AZ. He was 99.

A native of Moline, IL, he earned an undergraduate degree from Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, MN. After completing the B.S. Med. degree at the UND School of Medicine, he went on to earn the doctor of medicine degree from Rush Medical College, University of Chicago. He took advanced training in otolaryngology at the University of Minnesota (U of M) and conducted a private practice for 32 years in Minneapolis where he also served as a clinical professor at the U of M Medical School.

After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in the South Pacific during World War II, he became a consultant in audiology and otolaryngology and full-time staff member in the ear-nose-and-throat residency program at the Veterans Administration Hospital and the U of M in Minneapolis. For several years he chaired the Committee on Conservation of Hearing with the Minnesota State Medical Association.

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