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ANNUAL SCHAIBLE DINNER – NEW TRADITIONS

For many years the Schaible Dinner, hosted by Grace Schaible, has marked the end of the momentous first year of medical school for our Alaska WWAMI students. On this occasion, one of them is selected to receive the prestigious Schaible Award for excellence in Gross Anatomy. This year's event became even more auspicious as two additional awards were bestowed. Dr. Clinton Lillibridge was honored with the Medical Education Award, for his long-term leadership and dedication to the first year of the Alaska WWAMI Program. Dr. Lillibridge has graciously provided guest lectures for the 1st year Behavioral Science course for the past 16 years.

The second award of the evening was the Jon B. Syren Award presented to a student who best demonstrates personal qualities of character, integrity, and compassion, combined with a commitment to and promise of community service in medicine. The award commemorates Jon Syren, a 3rd year WWAMI medical student who died in 1992 of malignant lymphoma. This year's Jon Syren Award was presented to Juliana Shields (photo on right) of Anchorage by Dr. Deborah Pohlman. Juliana has the added distinction of having given birth to her first child, Zane, in the middle of the school year.



The culmination and highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Arthur Schaible Award. Dr. Schaible was a prominent interior Alaska surgeon who came to the state in 1938 to head the Alaska Native Health Services Hospital at Tanana. In 1941, he moved to Fairbanks and remained associated with the Fairbanks Clinic until his retirement in 1971. He had a long association with the University of Alaska, including serving on the Board of Regents from 1961 until 1969. The Award is presented to the 1st year student who best demonstrates excellence in Gross Anatomy. Selection criteria include scores on written, oral and laboratory examinations as well as the quality of dissections, participation in class activities and interaction with classmates. This year's award was presented to Jeremy Wood (photo on left) of Eagle River by Dr. Raymond Bailey.

Previous Arthur Schaible Award recipients include:

2004 - Jeffrey Knox
2003 - Jacob Gray
2002 - Aric Christal
2001 - Lisa Chiou
2000 - Mike Bensler
1999 - Ty R. Vincent

1998 - Erik G. Van Eaton
1998 - Roy D. Loewenstein
1997 - Erik Kubiak
1996 - Ryan McGhan
1995 - Sohrab Gollogly
1994 - Michael Starks

1993 - Karen McCreary
1992 - William Joseph Dittrich
1991 - Stephen Michael Wahl
1990 - Anya Jean Maier
1987 - Stephen Alberts
1986 - James Clyde Foxworthy



KUDOS TO OUR FACULTY

Dr. Norm Wilder, course director of the Internal Medicine third year core clerkship, has been recognized by the University of Washington School of Medicine, Internal Medicine Department, for his organizing and directing of the 3rd year internal medicine core clerkship in Alaska.

WWAMI ALASKA FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY: CLASS OF 2005

On June 30th, the sixth class of residents graduated from the Alaska Family Practice Residency. Six of the seven (86%) entered practice in Alaska, continuing to fulfill the intention of the program. To date, 76% of graduates entered practice in Alaska, 57% entered rural practices, 35% entered Indian Health Service practices, and 98% have entered one or more of the targets of the program: Alaska, rural, Indian Health Service or underserved.

This year's graduates and their future practice locations are:

Resident	Practice Site
Heidi Baines, M.D.	Unalaska
Andrew Janssen, M.D.	Oregon
Janel Kam, M.D.	AFMR, Anchorage
Matthew Magruder, M.D.	NHC, Anchorage
Kathleen Pelkan, D.O.	Bethel
Megan Sarnecki, M.D.	Seward
Ty Vincent, M.D.	Wasilla



ALASKA RURAL/UNDERSERVED OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (R/UOP)

Between the first and second year of medical school, WWAMI medical students have an opportunity for a 6-week rural or underserved clinical shadowing experience. For some, this is their first chance to work closely with a practicing physician. This can leave a lasting impression, as it did for a past R/UOP student who later wrote about his experience. *“For the next two hours, my preceptor and I found and clamped bleeding arteries, removed glass, and placed staples. It was amazing that I could go from barely being able to take a blood pressure to suturing wounds and resetting fractures within a few weeks.”* The R/UOP student under very close supervision observes and assists preceptors, allowing the student to become an active participant in the physician's world.

A number of Alaska Physicians have provided R/UOP opportunities over the years. It has become an increasingly popular experience and has prompted a number of students to select rural or underserved populations as their eventual site of practice.

This year's students, site placements and physician sponsors include:

Student	Preceptor	Clinic Site
Brianne Taylor	Dr. Laura Walters	Kodiak
Jeremy Wood	Dr. Catherine Hyndman	Dillingham
James Gallea	Dr. Kevin Creelman	Kodiak
Michelle Ellis	Dr. Chris Todd	Fairbanks
Juliana Shields	Dr. Shannon Wiegand	Anchorage
Brooke Winner	Dr. Tom Hunt	Anchorage



NEW THIRD YEAR CORE CLERKSHIP TEACHING SITE

In the past year, two new teaching sites were developed in Alaska. Dr. John Bergren, Family Practitioner in Petersburg, is the course director of the new Family Medicine Rotation. This rotation is done in partnership with the Family Medicine rotation in Wrangell which is directed by Dr. Dave McCandless. Student placements alternate between the two sites.

In response to the medical school's need for additional third year OB training, the OB Department at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital began accepting students last fall. This clerkship is under the direction of Dr. Richard Hess.

The Surgery Department at Fairbanks Memorial has been operating a very successful third year surgery rotation. This popular and successful clerkship is overseen by Dr. Tim Teslow.

An addition to the new medical school curriculum is a 4 week neurology rotation done in the fourth year. The new neurology rotation at the Alaska Native Medical Center is directed by Dr. Tom Gordon. They had their first students in fall of '04.

The complete list of core clerkships, site location, and course directors are as follows

Core Clerkship	Practice Site	Course Director
Family Medicine	South Central Foundation	Mic Laroque
	Primary Care Clinic	Lauri Olnes
Pediatrics	Providence Alaska Med.Ctr.	Jon Lyon
		Jodyne Butto
Internal Medicine	Alaska Regional Hospital	Norm Wilder
Psychiatry	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Duane Hopson
Ob/Gyn	Providence Alaska Med.Ctr.	Karen McCreary
Surgery	Fairbanks Memorial Hospital	Tim Teslow
Neurology	South Central Foundation	Tom Gordon
Family Medicine	Wrangell	Dave McCandless
	Petersburg	John Bergren
Ob/Gyn	Fairbanks Memorial	Richard Hess
WRITE	Wasilla	Barb Doty
WRITE	Soldotna	Katy Sheridan
		Kristin Mitchell



Dr. Duane Hopson, Psychiatry



Dr. Jon Lyon, Pediatrics



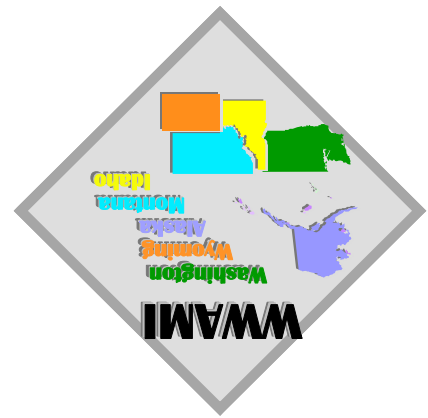
Dr. Mic LaRoque, Family Medicine



Dr. Katy Sheridan, and Sophie WRITE Family Medicine



Dr. Kristin Mitchell, WRITE Internal Medicine



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ALASKA ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE HAS NEW MEMBER

Last year Dr. Ray Bailey, long term faculty member of the first year program and the interim director for the last three years, was added to the Alaska Admissions Committee. The committee has been chaired by Dr. Molly Southworth, endocrinologist in Anchorage. The other members are Dr. Jack Hickel of Anchorage and Dr. Peter Marshall from North Pole.

Each member of the Admissions Committee serves for four years. They have staggered terms. Molly retires this year and receives emeritus status joining Dr. Keith Brownsberger in this category.

If you have interest in becoming a member of the committee, please let one of the WWAMI Steering Committee members know by phone at 907-264-6784.

Being a member of the Admissions Committee is a significant time commitment. There are usually two or three interview sessions after the first of the year in Seattle. The interview sessions last two full days. Admissions Committee members receive the applications several days in advance of the meetings. In most years 50+ Alaskan residents will apply to medical school. Between thirty and forty students are interviewed.

The Medical School pays for travel and *per diem*.



Retiring Admissions Committee member Dr. Molly Southworth, above left, will continue her relationship and long term commitment to WWAMI.

Dr. Ray Bailey, above right, may be the person in Alaska with the longest relationship to the Alaska WWAMI Program. He will be continuing his dedication to the WWAMI Program as a member of the Admissions Committee.