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CDREWU ALUMNI NEWS

Upcoming Events

Graduation
June 3, 2006

Graduation & Alumni Reunion Jazz Brunch
June 4, 2006

Saturday Science Academy Cruise
August 2006

Announcements

Show Your CDREWU Pride!

Visit the www.alumni.cdrewu.edu and purchase your Drew merchandise today.

The Monitor Announces Name Change

The University's quarterly report to the community newsletter will now be known as "*The Drew Difference*".

You Can Help Make Dreams Come True!

It is not too late to make your donation to the University's Giving Campaign. For more information visit www.cdrewu.edu or you may contact the office of development at 323-563-4986 today.



Susan Kelly, Ph.D., FAPS

New President Appointed At CDREWU

Susan Kelly, Ph.D., FAPS has been selected as the University's 8th President. In announcing the appointment, Board of Trustees Chairman, Bart H. Williams, Esq. said, "After an extensive national search, we are delighted that Dr. Kelly has accepted our offer to lead Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Dr. Kelly's energy and enthusiasm are contagious; and we look to her to lead us into the future. Susan is a dynamic, keenly

intelligent, transformational leader who has a reputation for building strong, diverse and effective teams and then inspiring those teams to embrace a new future. She recognizes the undeniable strength of Drew's mission focusing on the training of physicians and other healthcare professionals, partnering with the community and conducting cutting-edge research. Most importantly, Dr. Kelly will maintain our practical commitment to serving the medically underserved."

Dr. Kelly will be responsible for driving the strategic vision of the University. Working closely with the Board of Trustees she will ensure alignment of goals, objectives and resources. In particular, she will be vitally engaged in assessing the University's key partnerships to ensure the adequacy of training of its students, residents and fellows.

Dr. Kelly has been a University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, a professor in the University of Wisconsin System, a researcher and administrator in Australian higher education, management consultant, media commentator, successful author and community activist. In 1991, Dr. Kelly was elected President of the Australian Psychological Society

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Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

Join the Drew One Thousand and Win!

Become a member of the Drew One Thousand by donating \$1,000 and you could be the lucky winner of a 2003 Chrysler Concorde! Only a maximum of 1,000 people will be eligible to win, and all proceeds will benefit the academic enhancements at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

This is your chance to secure the future of Charles R. Drew University by ensuring that students have access to state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and its tax deductible.

The drawing will be held once the 1,000 member joins. Winner does not have to be present to win.

- ▶ Funds raised through the Drew One Thousand will support:
Curriculum innovation to strengthen teaching and learning
- ▶ Equipment/instrumentation purchase to upgrade classrooms and laboratories
- ▶ The seeding and expansion of faculty/student research
- ▶ Strengthening library, advising and Board preparation services

To qualify, simply join the Drew One Thousand by making a one time lump sum \$1,000 donation, quarterly pledge of \$250 or payroll deduction.

License and insurance is the responsibility of the winner. The winner has the option of choosing the equivalent tax credit instead of the vehicle. Winner must be 19 years of age or older to win. Winner need not be present to win. Winner will be notified by telephone and registered mail. Winner agrees to have their name released to the public.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GOOD LUCK!



Alumni Reunion and Graduation Jazz Brunch

June 4, 2006
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Charles R. Drew University Graduates:

Don't miss your chance to see old classmates, faculty and friends as you make new acquaintances and share a wonderful afternoon of memories, fine food, and great company at



Join the excitement of CDREWU's 40th Anniversary and enjoy an afternoon of smooth jazz with people whom you share a common bond. . .The Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science.

Tickets are \$100 per person (includes the cost of brunch and a \$50 tax deduction) and can be purchased by contacting the office of Development at 323-563-4913. You may also purchase tickets online by visiting the CDREWU website at www.cdrewu.edu

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where she initiated and led its transformation. From 1998-2004, a Dean and Associate Provost of Outreach, E-learning and Continuing Education at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Dr. Kelly set the school on a positive and sustainable financial footing while expanding and revitalizing its academic programs locally and internationally. Under her leadership the school saw dramatic growth in both its funding and community initiatives.

According to Dr. Kelly, "The great appeal of the Presidency of Charles R. Drew is the opportunity to lead the university to new heights as a nationally recognized, mission-driven multicultural organization. The fact that graduates of Drew's College of Medicine and College of Science and Health choose to work with medically underserved communities with greater frequency than virtually any other institution in America is rightly a source of great pride to the university. My challenge will be, first and foremost, to ensure that this and other aspects of the mission are met in an increasingly complex health care environment; and, second, to bring greater prominence to the University locally, nationally, and internationally while significantly building its resources. I'm honored to be given the opportunity to lead such an important institution at this key time in its history."

Dr. Kelly will take over from Acting President Thomas T. Yoshikawa, MD, who has previously served as Provost, Chief Operating Officer. Since 1995, Dr. Yoshikawa has held multiple positions with the University, including Program Director for Residency Training, Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine and Interim Dean of the College of Medicine. Under Dr. Yoshikawa's leadership, the University has received praise for its work in addressing many concerns in the areas of resident supervision and faculty accountability. Board Chair Bart H. Williams added, "The University's significant gains over the last year have largely been achieved through Dr. Yoshikawa's tireless efforts. His commitment and dedication to serving the University's mission are unmatched. His leadership has truly set the stage for a period of excellence and innovation at Drew."

Dr. Susan Kelly was selected by the Charles R. Drew University Board of Trustees after an extensive, nationwide search by Russell Reynolds Associates.

Charles R. Drew University Honors Benefactors With Distinguished Donor Recognition Award

In recognition of corporate and foundation leaders who have displayed significant financial support, will honor their distinguished donors with a reception.

As a centerpiece, of the evening festivities which took place on March 24, 2006, the University unveiled its new *Distinguished Donor Wall featuring the Circle of Supporters*. Those corporations and foundations selected for this honor now have their names permanently displayed as a tribute to their efforts of integrating philanthropy as a key part of their mission, while serving the needs of others.

"We wanted to do something special to thank those individuals who have generously donated their time, talent and resources to advance the mission of Drew University," says Randall S. Foster, Vice President of Development, External Affairs and Administration for Charles R. Drew University. "We feel that this wonderful memorial serves as a daily reminder to all who visit Drew of the important contributions donors have made to the education of medical students and to medical research."



Randall Foster, Vice President of Development, External Affairs and Administration with Donna Hammond of the American Honda Foundation

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Drew PREP: Increasing Diversity in the Allied Health Professions

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science was officially informed that The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF) approved a three-year grant of \$300,000 to be administered by the College of Science and Health for the purpose of facilitating the preparation of community college students in Los Angeles for careers in the allied health professions. The mission of *Drew PREP: A Planned Recruitment Experience and Preparation Project for the Allied Health Professions* is to engage ethnic minority and economically disadvantaged community college students from the Los Angeles metropolitan area in a six-week summer program featuring fundamental activities, lectures, and workshops that will expose and encourage them to pursue careers in the allied health professions. The inaugural program was launched on June 20 – July 27, 2005 with 25 students.

According to TCWF press releases and reports, current data show that California's health care workforce does not reflect the diversity of the state's population. For example, although Latinos represent 32 percent of the state's population, they represent only four percent of the state's doctors and registered nurses, and six percent of dentists and nurse practitioners. The picture is similar for African-Americans and for a number of Asian and Pacific Islander groups. As part of its stated mission, the Foundation seeks "to address the particular health needs of traditionally underserved populations, including low-income individuals, people of color, youth and residents of rural areas..." hence, TCWF supports organizations that administer pipeline programs that augment the issue of diversity in the health professions.

In 2005, Drew PREP welcomed 25 students from Los Angeles Harbor, Los Angeles Southwest, El Camino, Los Angeles Trade Technical, Cerritos, Glendale, Long Beach City, Santa Monica, and Rio Hondo Community Colleges. PREP recruits attended and participated in sessions that covered subjects and topics on anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, critical thinking, public health issues such as HIV/AIDS, research methods, and service learning. Additionally, students participated in interactive sessions focusing on vitals and CPR administration and gained insight on career opportunities in various health professions such as medical imaging technology, health information technology, nursing, physician assistant, medicine, and pharmacy. Applications for Drew PREP 2006, which is scheduled to take place on June 20-July 27, will be available in March 2006. To be eligible, applicants should be currently enrolled at an area community college and possess a minimum GPA of 2.0. The program is offered for free and educational resources will be provided. Participants are responsible for commuting to/from the Drew campus. PREP recruits who complete the program and apply for admission into Drew's programs will be guaranteed admission provided that they meet the admissions requirements for the respective program.

—Written by Mayella Valero—

Distinguished Donor Awards

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For 40 years, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science has played an important role in building and maintaining a significant relationship between the University and the community that it serves, as it trains the next generation of qualified physicians and health care professionals, committed to providing care to underserved communities on a global basis. It is through the assistance of major corporations that Drew strives to make a difference through its health education

programs which aid in closing the gap on health disparities through cutting-edge research, professional education and patient care.

Corporations having made major donations received Distinguished Donor honors as the *University's Circle of Supporters*. The evening's honorees were: American Honda Foundation and American Honda Corporation, The California Endowment, Toyota/Lexus, Muse Codero Chen, Northrop Grumman Foundation, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer Health Solutions, UniHealth Foundation and WellPoint Foundation. Corporations who have made significant contributions in support of Drew University were also be recognized as members of the *President/Chairman's Circle of Supporters*.



Honorble Congresswoman Diane E. Watson with CDREWU Board Chair Bart Williams



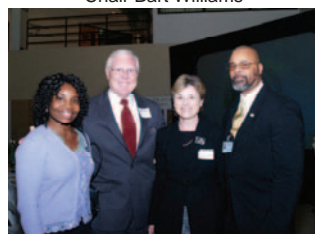
CDREWU President-Elect Susan Kelly pictured with KDMC CEO Antoinette Epps



College of Science and Health Assistant Dean Dorothy Hendrix, President-Elect Kelly and Chair Bart Williams



Cynthia Ann Tellers California Endowment Chairperson with Randall Foster



College of Medicine's Sharon Okonkwo-Holmes 06', Glen Odell, UniHealth Foundation President Sharon Odell and Randall Foster



CDREWU Trustee Richard Veloz, Assemblymember Mervyn Dymally, Bart Williams and College of Science and Health Dean

Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program Has Successful Match

The faculty, students and staff are pleased to announce the results of the 2006 National Resident Matching Program. Our 23 Match participants continue to meet our high expectations and will continue the Drew mission through their residencies and into their careers. Students in the Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program have historically received acceptance into competitive residency programs across the country. Our students are uniquely qualified and highly trained whose medical knowledge, clinical acumen, and research skills make them highly recruited by residency program directors.

This year sixty percent (60%) of our students will enter a primary care specialty with sixty-five percent (65%) receiving their training at a major university/ academic medical center.

MATCH 2006 Results

Wendeswessen Amde—UC Irvine Medicine (Preliminary)
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Rana Azimi—White Memorial Medial Center (Family Practice)
Michelle Banares—UCLA Medical Center (Anesthesiology)
Adrianna Barrett—Kaiser Permanente, LA (OBGYN)
Susan Brion—Denver Health Medical center (Emergency Medicine)
Jennifer Brody—Brigham & Womens Hospital (Medicine-Primary/BWH)
Tamara Brown—USC (Otolaryngology)
Sonia Ceballos—Harbor/UCLA Medical Center (OBGYN)
Anuj Datta—Harbor/UCLA Medical Center (Internal Medicine)
Minh-Khoi Duong—Harbor/UCLA Medical Center (Psychiatry)
Stephanie Greger—White Memorial Medical Center (Internal Medicine)
Sharon Okonkwo-Holmes—Northridge Medial Center (Internal Medicine)

Michael Jimenez—St. Lukes (General Surgery)
Pedro Lopez—USC (Internal Medicine)
Marsha Martinson—White Memorial Medical Center (OBGYN)
Kathryn Murray—VA Greater LA (Psychiatry UCLA/SFVP)
Jacques Nelankavel—UCLA Medical Center (Anesthesiology)
Marcela Oblad—Olive View Medical Center (Internal Medicine)
Luis Ontiveros—White Memorial Medical Center (Family Practice)
Priya Patel—UC Irvine Medical Center (Pediatrics)
Ameet Shah—Kaiser Permanente, LA (Family Practice)
Erica Shelton—University of Washington (General Surgery)
Karim El-Sherief—USC (Internal Medicine)

Calling All Alumni!

Have you recently been married, received a promotion at work or had a new addition to your family?

Let us know by sending us a photo and your announcement to alumni@cdrewu.edu