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CDREWU ALUMNI NEWS

Upcoming Events

6th Annual Junior White Coat Ceremony & Reception

January 14, 2006 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
King/Drew Magnet High School of
Medicine and Science (Gymnasium)
1601 E. 120th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90059

Announcements

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Kelly, Chief, Division of Dermatology, Professor of Medicine, at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, for receiving "The Best Doctors Award for 2005-2006." His certificate reads: "Best Doctors, Information When It Matters Most, This is to certify that A. Paul Kelly, MD, Has Been Selected As One Of The Best Doctors In America, 2005-2006."

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New CDREWU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Charles R. Drew University is pleased to present the new CDREWU Alumni Association. The organization serves as a tool for a lifetime connection to the university and as an enrichment tool for current and former students. Membership to the Association is free and the Association welcomes CDREWU alumni and friends as members.

As members of the CDREWU Alumni Association, alumni are entitled to enjoy various benefits. All CDREWU alumni members are eligible to join the Mid-Cities Schools Credit Union, where you will have access to numerous financial services.

If you are traveling soon and are in need of hotel reservations, visit <http://cdrewu.collegehotelsguide.com>. There you can make reservations for hotels nationwide, while contributing to the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association receives 60% of the net commission that is received by the booking agents. Members also enjoy a 10% discount on all on-line CDREWU merchandise. Finally, stay connected to CDREWU and fellow graduates through the new online community and directory.

THOMAS M. PRISELAC NAMED AAMC CHAIR



THOMAS M. PRISELAC

Thomas M. Priselac, M.P.H., Charles Drew University board of trustee has been named the new chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The current president and chief executive officer of Cedars-Sinai Health System began his one-year term on November 5, 2005.

Mr. Priselac shares a lengthy history with Cedars-Sinai Health System that extends over two decades. He served as executive vice president until 1994 when he assumed his current role. He formerly held the position of AAMC Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems School of Public Health.

He also chairs the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Health Committee and is a member of the American Hospital Association Board of Directors.

Mr. Priselac earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Pennsylvania's Washington and Jefferson College, and a master's degree in public health, health services administration and planning from the University of Pittsburgh.

CALIFORNIA HIV/AIDS RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARDS OVER \$15.3 MILLION TO FIVE RESEARCH CENTERS

The Universitywide AIDS Research Program of the University of California Office of the President recently granted awards totaling \$15.3 million over a four year period to five collaborating HIV/AIDS research centers, including Charles R. Drew University (CDREWU).

CDREWU's HIV/AIDS Research Program, Drew CARES, received an award of over \$4.1 million toward the campus' Los Angeles Collaborative HIV/AIDS Public Health Research Center. The Center holds a partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and RAND Corporation. The RAND Corporation is a nonprofit research organization providing objective analysis and effective solutions that address the challenges facing the public and private sectors world-wide.

In announcing the awards, University of California Vice President for Health Affairs Michael V. Drake stated, "We have a rigorous and highly competitive review process focused on determining the projects that are most likely to have the greatest positive impact on HIV/AIDS during the coming years. We are pleased at the quality of this group of awardees, and are anticipating outstanding contributions from all of them."

George Lemp, director of UC's systemwide AIDS research program, said, "These centers are strongly positioned to address the needs of persons impacted by HIV in California. The centers will provide unique opportunities for populations that have

been highly impacted by HIV/AIDS to have access to advanced clinical trials, interventions, and studies."

The initiative funding will provide support for both institutional research infrastructure and for substantive research studies at each center, as well as for institutional partnerships that expand the HIV/AIDS research capability of institutions and organizations throughout the state and strengthen science.

The funded centers include:

- The San Francisco HIV/AIDS Research Center, based at San Mateo County Medical Center, in partnership with Stanford University and the San Francisco County Department of Public Health. The center's theme is the innovative application of technologies to interventions that advance HIV detection, prevention, care and treatment.

- The Los Angeles Collaborative HIV/AIDS Public Health Research Center, based at Charles Drew University, in partnership with RAND Corporation and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. The center will focus its efforts on responding to the needs of communities of color with the goals of promoting, conducting, and supporting innovative research on community contexts and social networks that have the potential to reduce HIV-related disparities.

- The California Research Center for Biology of HIV in Minorities, based at UC Davis, in partnership with the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES, Sacramento) and the Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory of the State Department of Health Services. The center will examine differences in the mucosal immune response to HIV infection among different racial/ethnic groups, and by gender, with the goal of improving treatment for those populations disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS in California.

- The Network for AIDS Research in Los Angeles (NARLA), based at UCLA, in partnership with AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), T.H.E. Clinic, and the Friends Research Institute. The center will support the development and evaluation of innovative strategies for the treatment and prevention of HIV infection for HIV-infected and at-risk populations in the greater Los Angeles area.

- The California Collaborative Treatment Group, based at UC San Diego, will conduct clinical trials at multiple sites to test potential improvements in antiretroviral drug regimens, as well as to gain a better understanding of the emergence of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections in HIV-positive patients.

For more information about the Universitywide AIDS Research Program, visit <http://uarp.ucop.edu/>

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Gifts to CDREWU extend further than you may believe. We would like to thank Charles R. Drew University donors for their steadfast commitment towards the mission of the university.

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February 2006 will mark the commencement of the CDREWU **Commitment of One Giving Campaign "everyone makes a difference"** for employees and friends of the university. All contributions made during the campaign supports opportunities for undergraduates at CDREWU to create new medical theories.

As you receive details regarding the **Commitment of One Campaign** and the **2006 Phone-A-Thon**, remember that your contribution counts and helps CDREWU make a difference!

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

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