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Annual Research Colloquium

The Medical Student Research Thesis Program (MSRTTP) held its 8th Annual Research Colloquium entitled “Current Research in Health Disparities 2010.” It was held on March 24, 2010 at the Keck Auditorium on the CDU campus. Presentations covered various research topics including: diabetes, orthopedics, substance abuse, pediatrics, intimate partner violence, and cancer screening.

A distinguished panel of judges evaluated the students’ oral presentations. The judges included: Ronald Andersen, PhD; Lilian Gelberg, MD, MSPH; Lyndee Knox, PhD; Tony Kuo, MD, MSHS; Rosemary C. Veniegas, PhD; Pamela Krochalck, Dr. P.H; Rose C. Maly, MD, MSPH; Gerardo Moreno, MD, MSHS; Dixie Lynne Aragaki, MD; Sally Krasne, PhD and Ali Modares, PhD. The event moderators included Fernando Antelo, MD; Cesar Barba MD; both CDU graduates and Dr. Jasminka M. Criley.

The Class of 2010 with faculty and judges

The Colloquium is an opportunity for medical students to present their research projects to the scientific community. Most of these projects are studies that focus on health disparities in Urban/Underserved populations at the local and international level.

UCLA Scholarship Day-March

The 7th Annual Scholarship Day for the 4th year medical students in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program took place Friday, March 19, 2010 at the UCLA De Neve Commons.

The purpose of Scholarship Day is to provide a venue for medical students to share the results of their completed or ongoing scholarly projects with faculty and other students. Ms. Vanessa Calderon CDU/UCLA 4th year medical student was selected to participate in the Plenary Session where she was given the opportunity to orally present her topic entitled “Assessing the financial and cultural incentives that motivate physicians to reduce avoidable hospitalizations”.

UCLA Scholarship Day (continue)

4th year medical students Shaunda Grisby and Suman Machinani displayed their posters along with other CDU and UCLA peers. Ms. Shaunda Grisby's displayed her poster titled “Diabetes and Hearing Impairment among African Americans and Hispanics in the United States: The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999-2004”. Suman Machinani’s study title was “Psychological Insulin Resistance Amongst Minority Populations”.

CDU First Annual Translational Research Day

What is Translational Research?
Translational Research is the branch of medical research that attempts to connect basic science research to patient care. It brings innovation from bench research to practical applications for patient care.

The First Annual Charles Drew University Translational Research Day; “From Bench to Bedside” took place on Friday, April 9, 2010 at the Keck Auditorium on the CDU campus. Five 4th year medical students were selected to participate in the poster component of the day. Suman Machinani, Jane Lee, Roya Tabatabai, Cynthia Chavira, Shaunda Grisby and Sarah Medeiros.

American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)

Eleven CDU medical students presented at this years American Federation for Medical Research Conference held in Carmel, California. Students gave oral presentations regarding their completed and ongoing research projects.

What Is the AFMR: Established in 1940, the American Federation for Medical Research is an international multi-disciplinary association of scientists engaged in all areas of biomedical investigation—patient-oriented, translational, and basic research. Members are located at government facilities, medical centers, research institutions, and private industry in all 50 states and throughout the world. AFMR fosters research in the medical sciences, provides leadership in articulating and publicizing the aims and goals of scientific research, disseminates the knowledge medical research generates, and identifies and supports efforts to achieve these objectives. For further information:
http://www.afmr.org/wr.egi
Who are We?

The CDU/UCLA Medical Education Program is committed to train excellent physicians by means of providing excellent clinical, research, and practical training for individuals interested in serving urban, medically disadvantaged populations.

Students enrolled in the College are required to engage in a longitudinal research activity called “Medical Student Research Thesis Program” (MSRTP) at CDU which culminates in submission of a thesis.

The overall goal of the MSRTP is to engage medical students in systematic acquisition, organization, analysis, and interpretation of information to develop new knowledge, attitude, and skills essential for becoming excellent physicians, providing excellent medical care, and becoming leaders in their fields. In accordance with bench-to-bedside approach to translational research, students have wide options to choose a mentored research project in various areas such as basic clinical, biobehavioral/psychosocial, environmental, quality improvement, public policy, and/or educational research.

Medical students present their research findings at two annual events: Medical Student Research Colloquium at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science and 2.) Scholarship Day at the David Geffen School of Medicine.

Mentoring

Mentors comprise an important part of the MSRTP. We appreciate their time and efforts in assisting CDU medical students not only in completion of their research projects but guiding them for achieving excellence in academic and clinical practice.

Faculty Mentors

**Class of 2010 Mentors**
- Sebhat Afework, MD (CDU)
- Mohsen Bazargan, PhD (CDU)
- Shahrzad Bazargan-Hejazi, PhD (CDU)
- Jorge Bernardes, MD (CDU)
- Koustuv Dalal, PhD (Karolinska Institute, Sweden)
- Mayer Davidson, MD (CDU)
- Christin DeVirgilio, MD (Harbor-UCLA)
- David E. Fish, MD,MPH (UCLA)
- Sharon Hame, MD (UCLA)
- Kevin C. Heslin, PhD (CDU)
- Stanley Hsia, MD (CDU)
- Martin Lee, PhD (CDU)
- Reza Mohamadi, MD, MPH, PhD (Karolinska Institute, Sweden)
- Anita Nelson, PhD (Harbor-UCLA)
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- Eleby Washington, MD (CDU)
- Kenneth E. Wolf, PhD (CDU)

Thank you for your continued support and time.
Medical Student Publications


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