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Students meet their future on Match Day

The wait is finally over.

At noon on March 21, BUSM graduating students learned where they will spend the next years of their medical careers, as family members, friends and BUSM faculty and staff packed the mailroom to share in the students' excitement and to celebrate their achievements.

Match Day, held nationwide at medical schools each March, is when students learn where they will be spending their residencies. After interviewing for potential residency spots at hospitals and medical centers across the United States, students rank their top program and location choices. The rankings are then forwarded to the National Resident Matching Program, which matches the students to the highest-ranked residency program on his or her list that offered the candidate the position.

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Program benefits new nurses

Proving a forum that offers both peer support and educational opportunities, a new orientation program sponsored by BMC's Nursing Division is helping recently hired nursing school graduates make the transition into their first professional nursing positions.

Called Transition into Nursing, the six-month program combines classes and clinical instruction with expert mentors. Once a month, participants attend daylong seminars that blend lectures, interactive workshops, hands-on demonstrations and discussions on a variety of clinical topics, including medicine, surgery, cardiology and nursing.

"In today's competitive environment, the program is a wonderful recruitment and retention tool," said Kathleen Davidson, RN, MSN, MBA, vice president of Nursing at BMC.

The ongoing program offers two clinical options: medical/surgical, for nurses who have identified a clinical specialty; and float pool, for those who desire a broader clinical experience.

Coordinated by Janet Crompton, MS, RNCS, and Meg Grande, MS, RN, clinical education at BMC, the program evolved from an interim program at the float pool that was expanded last year. The float program provided participants with a solid clinical foundation on which to build their professional practice.

The program was successful, according to Crompton and Grande, that it was redesigned and opened up to all newly graduated nurses starting at BMC.

Since its inception last May, the program has assisted approximately 50 nurses in making the transition into their new careers.

New nursing school graduates interested in the program may call BMC's Office of Human Resources at 617/638-8585, or check the Nursing Division section of BMC's intranet site at intranet.bmc.org.

The music of diversity

Wooden Rivers, left, and Indian Rodrigo, health information representative, Medical Records at BMC, enjoy an after-lunch entertainment in the background music of the Holiday Inn Tree in the Harmar Pavilion conference during International Cultural Diversity Week held at BMC.

Centennial celebration honors Finland legacy

Friends, colleagues and all the living fellows of the late Maxwell Finland, MD, gathered at the BU Medical Campus on March 16 for a scientific program titled, "The Legacy of Maxwell Finland: A Contemporary Perspective," as part of a weekend-long celebration commemorating the centennial of his birth.

Held in the Dowling Amphitheater, the program highlighted the contemporary importance of Finland's lifetime contributions. Former Finland fellows from all over the world led discussions and presentations including, "The Pneumococcus and Pneumococcal Infection," "The Age of Chemotherapy," and "Epidemiology of Emerging Antimicrobial Resistance."

For more than 50 years, Finland was a mentor, counselor and friend to research fellows in infectious diseases at the Thorsdale Laboratory — the nation's first municipally funded medical research lab — as well as house officers on the medical services at Boston City Hospital and other institutions throughout the world dedicated to lessening the burden of infectious diseases.

Finland, who died in 1987, was also the author or co-author of more than 800 scientific papers, including pioneering studies of the pneumococcus and the diagnosis and management of pneumonias, clinical pharmacology of antimicrobial agents, and hospital epidemiology.

According to Jerome Klein, MD, professor of pediatrics at BUMC, vice chairman of Academic Affairs, Division of Pediatrics at BMC, and winner of the 2001 Finland Award, Finland was the first to describe several infectious diseases in the world from the late 1940s to 1970s. "Physicians came to the Thorsdale Lab from overseas for advice, and students came from all over the world to study with the productive student for outstanding research."

Klein will represent the school at a national conference later this year.

In the postdoctoral oral presentation category, Ana Belen Herrero, PhD, was honored with a first-place win for "The Golgi GDPlase of the Fungal Pathogen Candida Albicans Affects Morphogenesis."

The medical center from March 18-22, BMC's working celebration afforded employees the opportunity to celebrate diversity by sharing their cultural heritage through art, food and entertainment.

Scientific community honors pioneers in infectious diseases

Several SDM students were honored for their research at SDM's twenty-first annual Science Day held on March 14.

Formerly known as Clinic and Research Day, the yearly event highlights student research and offers faculty, staff and students the opportunity to meet with dental vendors and exchange information on new technology and products.

This year, 25 students exhibited their findings with oral or poster presentations. Winners of the student research awards were honored the following evening at the SDM Gala 2002, which will be co-chaired by Michael Costello, managing partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, George Russell, Jr., executive vice president, Community Affairs, State Street Corp., and Robert Whitney, senior vice president, Trigon-Boston Energy Corp.

As presenting sponsor of Gala 2002, Trigon-Boston Energy Corp. has donated $50,000 to BMC. In addition, State Street Corp., PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Suffolk Construction Company Inc., the RI Welsh Companies, Fisher Scientific International Inc., and the BMC Medical and Dental Staff have each generously donated $25,000 as the entertainment and reception sponsors.

"The Gala is a vital event in support of the BMC mission, for the funds that are generated allow our caregivers community to carry on the work essential in meeting the public health needs for the most disadvantaged residents," said Norman Stein, vice president of Development at BMC. "We are grateful to our sponsors for their help in this mission."

The Gala includes a cocktail reception, dinner, entertainment and silent and live auctions. Tickets for bid will be available for two at the World Trade Center Boston on Saturday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets to Gala 2002 are $225 per person.
Therapy dogs offer BMC's Department of Rehabilitation Services a new way to help patients achieve maximum independence. Since September, the department has been using a specially trained, 3-year-old golden retriever named Bentley Bear to help provide comfort and companionship to hospitalized rehabilitation patients. "The collaboration started on 7 West," said Rebecca Reiner, therapist with the rehabilitation staff on 7 West. "Found out that some of their patients were longing for home and the things that reminded them of home, including family pets."

"The therapy is fun and enjoyable way to help people undergoing rehabilitation improve their social, physical and cognitive skills and abilities," said Reiner, "When they spend time with Bentley, they get a chance to get outside of their rooms and get some fresh air and sunshine. They get a chance to go outside, which helps with their energy levels and their mood."

Dr. Kevin Walsh, medical director of the Rehabilitation Services at BMC, says, "We've seen the benefits of having therapy dogs at BMC for a few years now. They provide a lot of comfort and socialization for our patients. They help patients feel more relaxed and more comfortable. They also help patients get motivated to get up and move around."

BMC selected for clinical heart trials

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For its excellence in innovative cardiac surgery, BMC's Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery has been selected into two national clinical trials to study new surgical treatments for heart failure.

The principal investigator for both studies is Richard Shemin, M.D., chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at BMC, and professor and chairman of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

"We are very proud of the class of 2002 for their accomplishments and wish them well in their careers," said Phyllis Carr, MD, associate dean of Student Affairs at BUSM.
Brown honored for work in immunology

Dick A. Brown, MD, clinical associate professor of obesitics and gynecology at BUMC, was recently honored as one of 56 physicians nationwide selected for medical students for the 2003 Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Humanism in Medicine Award. Brown, who has served on the BUMC faculty since 1984, is also director of Student Education in the Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology at BUMC.

"It is a high honor for any doctor to be singled out by his students as a caring role model and a physician to emulate," said BUMC Dean Aram Chobanian, MD, provost of BU Medical Campus. "This nomination is a tribute to Dr. Brown's commitment to training and mentoring of young physicians who, in turn, will pass on their knowledge and values to a new generation of physicians.

The AAMC Organization of Student Representatives nominates honoraries, based on five defining characteristics of humanism in medical education: positive mentoring; selflessness; community service; compassion and sensitivity; collaboration, and observance of professional ethics.

Supporting the nomination, fourth-year BUSM student Mark Foster wrote, "Dick Brown teaches medicine as an art, a science, and an assimilation of humanism. I have yet to experience a more caring, dedicated teacher than Dr. Brown.

The AAMC Humanism in Medicine Award is sponsored by the AAMC through the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative. This award annually honors medical school faculty who exemplify humanism in medicine and exhibit the finest qualities in a teacher of healing.

New lectureship focuses on immunotherapy

The Immunology and Oncobiology Training Programs at BUMC introduced the annual Marshak Lectureship in Immunology, with the inaugural lecture presented on the school on March 12.

Guest speaker, Freda Stevenson, DPhil, MSc, professor of immunology at the University of Southampton, England, delivered a presentation titled, "DNA Vaccines against Cancer." Recognized worldwide as a leader in the development of vaccines for cancer research, Stevenson currently leads a team of researchers dedicated to finding new and more effective techniques for inducing anti-cancer immune responses.

The annual lectureship honors the late Ruth Marshak, whose daughter and son-in-law are on the BUMC faculty. Ann Marshak-Rothstein, PhD, is professor and professor of environmental health at SPH. Thomas Rothstein, MD, gathered in

CityLab receives $50,000 award

BUSM's CityLab recently received a $50,000 grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) for a two-year project designed to evaluate and improve science curricula in grades K-12.

CityLab will create an online science education resource center that all HHMI grantees can utilize. "Hopefully, this grant will make an impact toward the facilitation of evaluation that is user-friendly and accessible," said Connie Phillips, MA, MPH, principal investigator of the mini-grant and co-director of CityLab, a board certified science education specialist, who was appointed as an advisory board member for students and teachers of the community.

In creating a Web-based resource center, CityLab collaborated with HHMI grant recipients, including the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University; the University of Washington; the University of California at San Francisco; the Partners in Health Sciences Program at the University of Arizona; the University of Pennsylvania; the University of Chicago; HHMI designed the two-year "mini-grants" to help recipients work on creative ways to address challenges facing science education.

The funding enables educators to develop projects that are outside the scope of their individual grants. Eleven programs competed for the awards, which were awarded in 2002.

Through its grant program, HHMI helps medical schools sustain and improve their educational programs, and supports the research of biomedical scientists outside the United States.

BUMC recently dedicated a portion of the Alumni Medical Library to Frances H. Williams, MD, who was the first radiologist at Boston City Hospital.

Williams, who is considered to be the America's first practicing radiologist, utilized X-rays for hospitalized patients within months after their discovery by Wilhelm Roentgen in 1895. BUMC's Department of Radiology donated historical materials in radiology and books by former faculty to the collection. From left, John O'Connor, MD, associate dean for Admissions at Joseph Ferrarella, MD, chairman of Radiology at BUMC and BUMC Dean Frank Chobanian, MD, provost of BU Medical Campus; and Dr. William Davis, PhD, director of the Alumni Medical Library at BUMC, cared for in front of the bookcase that will house the collection.

BMC holds food drive April 1-12

To ensure that BMC's Preventive Food Pantry is well stocked with nutritious foods, BMC is holding a Food Drive from April 1-12.

Foods needed for donation are dry pasta, including spaghetti, ziti and elbow macaroni, as well as canned pasta brands such as Chef Boyardee and Spaghetti-O's. Other requested foods include pasta sauce, one- to two-pound bags of rice, tuna, macaroni and cheese, hot or cold non-sugared cereals, oil and canned vegetables. Specialized milked brands will be available in the dairy section of the Food Pantry. BMC is asking for donations of convenience store items that can be easily transported to the food pantry.

"We are currently stocked up on microwaveable meals, cereals, and other pre-prepared foods," said Food Pantry Director, Dr. Barry Zacharkewitz. "We also accept cash donations at the registers throughout the two-week food drive.

BMC's Preventive Food Pantry provides culturally sensitive, age-appropriate foods and addresses a wide range of disorders often associated with victims of maltreatment and hunger.

"Numbers of individuals and families needing assistance are rising all the time," said Lucchian Hinhall, DTR, manager of the Preventive Food Pantry at BMC. "The food pantry brings in three pallets of food per week, but the numbers of families in need are still high."

For more information, call 617/436-5263.
Howard Bauchner, MD, pediatrician at BMC and professor of pediatrics at BUSM, was one of eight physicians nationwide recently named as associate editors of the new pediatric/adolescent journal, Journal Watch Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (JWPAM), published by The New England Journal of Medicine. JWPAM surveys more than 28 prominent medical journals each month to provide clinicians with summaries of current, clinically significant studies in the areas of pediatrics and adolescent medicine, which are accompanied by commentary from the selected physician-editors.

James Becker, MD, James Utley Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at BUSM, and chairman of the Division of Surgery at BMC, and Lawrence Saubermann, MD, gastroenterologist at BMC and assistant professor of medicine at BUSM, were recently appointed to the editorial board of the new journal, Pediatric Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary Medicine.

Thomas Einhorn, MD, chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at BMC, and orthopedic surgeon at the University of California, San Francisco, is the recipient of the Orthopaedic Research Society’s Marshall R. Lurie Award for Excellence in Tissue Regeneration. Einhorn received the award at the society’s annual meeting, held recently in Dallas. The award recognizes the contributions Einhorn has made throughout his career to the repair and regeneration of bone and cartilage.

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BMC announces WE CARE employee and volunteer awards

Recognized for outstanding dedication and commitment to the mission of BMC, several employees were recently honored with WE CARE Individual Employee Awards. The awards honor employees who, in the course of their jobs, exceed required standards and responsibilities and help further the mission of BMC to provide exceptional care without exception.

WE CARE awards for March 2002 were presented to:

- Nereida Bercerril, administrative assistant, Psychiatry
- Kathleen MacDonald, manager of Patient Financial Services, Medicare/Self-Pay
- Tinette Owens, team leader/customer services representative, Accounts Payable
- Mai Wong, general cleaner, Environmental Services

Modelled after the WE CARE Employee Recognition Award, the WE CARE Volunteer Recognition Award honors volunteers at BMC. Nominees must have volunteered at BMC for at least six months and have shown exceptional care toward others.

The March 2002 volunteer award was presented to Mary Lenie Campion, who has coordinated the Doll Project for BMC’s Child Life Department for nine years. The Child Life Program uses the handmade dolls for comforting, teaching and/or distracting pediatric patients. Campion recruits others who enjoy sewing and publicizes the project to attract new volunteers.

Ralph Martinez, a bilingial tobacco treatment specialist at BMC, has been recognized by the National Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention (LCAT) for his contributions in the advancement of environmental health. Martinez, nominated to receive national recognition, participated in the historic First National Latino Conference on Tobacco Control and Prevention, hosted by LCAT and held Feb. 14-15 in Washington, D.C.

David Ozonoff, MD, MPH, professor and chairman, Department of Environmental Health at SPH, has been elected to the Collegium Ramazzini, an honor of environmental scientists formed in 1982 to advance the study of occupational and environmental factors that affect the world. The collegium is an international council limited to 180 elected fellows. Ozonoff’s work research has centered on health effects to communities of various kinds of toxic exposures, especially from hazardous waste sites. Bernardo Ramazzini, whose book On the Diseases of Workers (1700) was the first work of its kind, is considered the “father of occupational health.” Ozonoff joins two other SPH faculty on the collegium, Phillip Grandjean, MD, PhD, adjunct professor of environmental health, and Roberta White, PhD, professor of environmental health.

Michael Siegel, MD, MPH, associate professor of social and behavioral sciences, SPH, has been selected for a Dr. William Cahan Distinguished Professor Award from the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute. The award recognizes Siegel’s contributions to the field of tobacco research, specifically, fighting the negative effects and diseases caused by the use of tobacco products and secondhand smoke. Siegel will receive $200,000 for each of the next three years for research in which he will guide the development of more effective policies to protect workers and the public from the hazards of secondhand smoke and to reduce smoking among youth and adults.

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Alan Cohen, MD, FACP, Distinguished Professor of Medicine Emeritus, BUSM, and founder and former director of the Arthritis Center and the Amyloid Treatment and Research Program at BUMC, was awarded an honorary degree, Socrate Honoris Causa, at the ninth International Symposium on Amyloidosis held recently in Budapest, Hungary. He was also one of three recipients of the Millennium Medal of the Hungarian Research Group of Amyloidosis, awarded on the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of Hungary.

Howard Bauchner, MD, the editor-in-chief of the BUMC-based journal AMYOLOD, The Journal of Protein Folding Disorders.

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