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UROLOGY DEPARTMENT IN-SERVICE RESULTS

Once again, our Urology residents have scored above the national average in In-Service Examination results. Please join us in congratulating our residents on their hard work and dedication.

Patient Type	Local	National
Adult	72%	66%
General	71%	66%
Pediatric	59%	56%

Total Examination: 70% 64%

UROLOGY CLINIC NEWS

The Tulane Urology Clinic is pleased to welcome two new members to our family. Lecia Clark, L.P.N., has joined the Fertility Clinic, and Jeanette Zapata is the newest MOA (Medical Office Assistant). Janis Fitts, R.N., has been named Secretary to the Magnolia Chapter of SUNA (Society for Urologic Nurses & Associates). Gwen Morris, in addition to being named a "Top 100 Nurse," has become a grandmother to a little girl, Shelby. And the clinic is proud to announce the purchase of new equipment and scopes. ■

AUA BEST ABSTRACT PRIZE

The abstract entitled "*RHOA-RHO-Kinase Suppresses Endothelial Nitric Oxide Synthase in the Penis: Novel Mechanism for Diabetic-Associated Erectile Dysfunction*," by Trinity J. Bivalacqua, Mustafa F. Usta, Hunter C. Champion, Selim Cellek, Thomas M. Mills, Ronald W. Lewis, and Wayne J. G. Hellstrom, has been awarded the 2004 AUA/Yamanouchi Best Abstract Prize in the category of Impotence. ■

2004 RESIDENT MATCH

This year's residency interviews yielded the cream-o-the-crop once again. Of the 152 applications we received, 32 candidates were selected for an interview and, of those, 16 were interviewed. The candidates came from all cor-

ners of the country—North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, Texas, and even Puerto Rico. We even interviewed one of our own, Trinity Bivalacqua, despite his shady upbringings and tainted reputation. Unfortunately for us, Trinity matched at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland.

The two candidates that matched with us this year are Ryan Hanisch, heralding from Texas Tech Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, and Mathew Raynor, from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. Both were AOA members during their medical school careers.

Mat was born in Pinehurst, NC, on August 25, 1976. He attended the University of North Carolina for his undergraduate (1994-1998) and medical education (2000-2004). He worked in the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at Duke University from 1999-2000, where he assisted the residents in the Human Performance Laboratory. He was a Teaching Assistant at UNC-Chapel Hill in the chemistry department and a Laboratory Technician in the pharmacology department at UNC. Throughout Mat's undergrad education he worked as a Computer Drafter for RLS Arpenteurs-Surveyors and Engineers preparing topographical and "as-built" construction maps.

Mat has done volunteer work for many charitable organizations throughout his life. He also has lots of research experience under his belt already. He was a Research Assistant in the Departments of Orthopaedic Surgery and Pharmacology at UNC-Chapel Hill.

We hope that Tulane Urology can hold his interests in research as well. Mat likes to spend time with family and friends, and he plays golf and travels. He also has an interest in the philosophy of law, especially the impact of local government on municipalities. Whoa! Watch out, Mat, you're about to enter the realm of Louisiana politics.

Your new residence might change your entire outlook on local government!

Ryan was born on August 19, 1976, in Houston, Texas. Ryan attended Vanderbilt University in



Ryan Hanisch, M.D.



Mathew Raynor, M.D.

MEET ELIZABETH GUILBEAU

You've probably already seen Elizabeth Guilbeau, our new office manager. Since she arrived here in September 2003, Elizabeth has been the proverbial whirlwind of activity. Whether taking care of long-neglected filing chores, running back and forth to the clinic, or shepherding a half-dozen new employees through the hiring process, Elizabeth brings a can-do attitude and relentless energy to the department. A native of the West Bank, Elizabeth now lives Uptown—and on the parade route, so get on her good side now. Elizabeth has a wide range of office experience; most recently, she's handled human resources and special projects for a prestigious local law firm. Asked what she thought about working at Tulane Urology, she said, "The job is very demanding, but at the end of each day, I know I have made a significant contribution to the department." ■



Elizabeth Guilbeau

GWENDOLYN MORRIS, R.N. NAMED AS A "TOP 100 NURSE"

Gwen Morris, R.N., who works with Dr. Rodney Davis in the Tulane Urology Clinic, has been named one of the "Top 100 Nurses" in Louisiana for 2003. The award, sponsored by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation, is intended to recognize "...outstanding nurse(s) whose courage, stamina, and compassion make a difference." Ms. Morris has been recognized for her significant contributions to the nursing profession, as well as to Tulane Urology. She has volunteered for numerous gynecological and urological malignancy fund-raising events, and has served as a mentor to countless nurses embarking on their careers in urology. Ms. Norris's knowledge of the administrative and clinical aspects of outpatient urology is unsurpassed, and she is a shining example of compassion, caring, and professionalism. Congratulations, Gwen! ■

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Nashville, Tennessee from 1994-1998, where he received his Bachelors degree in psychology. He then went on to graduate school at Texas Tech and Tulane University, where he received his masters in pharmacology. He then attended Texas Tech University School of Medicine in Lubbock, Texas, from 2000-2004.

Ryan worked as a preceptor, serving the underprivileged people on the Texas-Mexico border with much-needed health care. While Ryan was in New Orleans working on his master's degree, he was a tutor for the city's L.E.A.P. program. He was a mentor at the YMCA in Corpus Christi, Texas, and a Hospice volunteer in Texas. He is also a Global Volunteer in Quito, Ecuador. Ryan's research background falls in the arenas of pharmacology, urology, and neuroscience. He is interested in travel, sports, fiction, and bird hunting. Ryan is also fluent in Spanish. "Beinvenido nuevo residentes!" We certainly are glad you matched with us. ■

FUTURE UROLOGISTS

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Shenassa are pleased to



Yasmine

announce the birth of their daughter, Yasmine, and Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell Yadven welcome their son, Maxwell, who joins his older sister, Sarah. And, if Trinity Bivalacqua didn't have enough on his plate, what with graduation and preparing for his residency at Johns Hopkins, he and Leslee are the proud parents of their first child, little Zoey Olivia.



Maxwell



Zoey Olivia

We'd love to hear from you! Send us the details of your milestones and accomplishments, and we'll help you share your news with the Tulane Urology family. You can mail items to:

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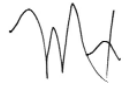
The month of April means that Spring is in the air and all the young urologists-in-training are in heat. No really, they are in serious heat! The weather and our department crawfish bowl have left them with a thin bead of sweat above their brows. Also, for two lucky residents, Drs. Glass and Woods, the heat was on in Aruba! The dynamic duo traipsed around the nude beaches, proving to the world, once and for all, that clothes do not make the man!

March proved to be a month when the department lulled to the "calm before the storm." Dr. Jack McAninch from the University of California-San Francisco was here as a visiting professor. Dr. McAninch gave lectures and performed live surgical cases with the residents on March 4th and 5th. He was in town for the annual meeting of the Louisiana State Urological Society. The residents thoroughly enjoyed Dr. McAninch's visit and gained extensive knowledge on Dr. McAninch's urethroplasty techniques.

The department also played host, or at least was the liaison, for the American Medical Systems's cadaver course on the Monarc subfascial hammock procedure on Saturday, March 20, 2004. The course consisted of lectures and an extensive demonstration and hands-on training session. American Medical Systems also sponsored our latest Greater New Orleans Urological Society meeting held on April 7, 2004 at Gautreau's Restaurant. The dinner meeting was in conjunction with our latest visiting professorship with Dr. Steve Wilson from Arkansas. Dr. Wilson and Dr. Hellstrom performed many, many IPP cases during Dr. Wilson's two-day visit and the residents and Greater New Orleans

Urological Society members had the pleasure of listening to his lecture entitled: "What's New in Prosthetic Urology." ■

Margeaux Fanning
Residency Coordinator



TISHEEKA GRAHAM PASSES DISSERTATION

Tisheeka Graham, a Ph.D. student who works with Dr. Asim Abdel-Mageed, has passed the general preliminary exam for Ph.D. eligibility. The preliminary exam consisted of a written proposition entitled "The Role of a Novel Prostate Specific for G-Protein Coupled Receptor in Prostate Tumorigenesis," which was defended orally. The scope of the proposal is a 2 - 3 year research project outlining specific experimental plans designed to address the central scientific question. ■

XIANGBIN ("JAMIE") ZENG WINS TRAVEL AWARD

Jamie Zeng, Ph.D., a fellow in Dr. Suresh Sikka's laboratory, was awarded a 2004 NIH ASA Travel Award for the presentation entitled "The Role of T-type Calcium Channel in the Oxidative Stress Induced Differential Growth of Prostate Epithelial Cells," by Xiangbin Zeng, Brian Keyser, Ming Li, and Suresh Sikka, at the 29th annual meeting in Baltimore, April 17 - 20, 2004. ■

UROLOGY TELECONFERENCES TO ECUADOR AND HONDURAS

Raju Thomas, M.D., recently participated in two educational teleconferences for urologists in Ecuador and Honduras. Dr. Thomas shared his expertise and advice with the South American doctors, and delivered two PowerPoint presentations, "Cancer of the Prostate" and "Robotic Radical Prostatectomy," complete with streaming surgical videos. ■

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