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PREFERRED SEATING

Endowed chairs ensure generations of discovery

Few opportunities are as coveted by a faculty member as holding a named professorship. Established when donors designate sufficient funding to sustain an ongoing faculty position, such “chairs” are a way for the University to pledge long-lasting resources and support to a scientist-scholar. They are the most significant honors bestowed upon senior faculty members and awarded only to people who have attained top distinction in their fields.

❖ The first fully endowed University of Chicago chair in the biological sciences, the Richard T. Crane Professorship, was established in 1929, only two years after Billings Hospital opened its doors. Since then, 58 additional named chairs have been established in the biological sciences. ❖ The Crane Professorship was filled in 1931 by Frederic W. Schultz, MD, the Hospital’s first chairman of pediatrics. Five other professors have held the title since then, including the current holder, James L. Madara, MD, Dean of the Biological Sciences Division and the Pritzker School

of Medicine and University Vice President for Medical Affairs. Madara, as Dean of the Division, held a series of receptions throughout the 2002–03 academic year to thank professorship donors and to honor professors newly appointed to named chairs. ❖ Of the seven new appointments last year, five went to outstanding faculty already at Chicago, while two served to recruit new researchers. Professorships were granted to: J. Terry Ernest, MD, PhD, the Cynthia Chow Professor; James L. Madara, MD, the Richard T. Crane Professor; Mark J. Ratain, MD, the Leon O. Jacobson Professor; Richard P. Kraig, MD, PhD, the William D. Mabie Professor; Brian Popko, MD, the Jack Miller Professor; Julian Solway, MD, the Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor; Jacob Rotmensch, MD, the Mary Campau Ryerson Professor. ❖ In July 2003, four additional faculty members were newly appointed to named chairs (see inset, p. 2). ❖ Because they provide enduring support and recognize achievement in research, professorships are a key way

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the University of Chicago recruits, nurtures and retains preeminent researchers. “I can’t overemphasize the power of a significant, endowed professorship to draw top researchers to Chicago and to keep them here,” says Madara. “With this kind of award, we are promising a faculty member not just tenure, but also the funds and resources needed to pursue groundbreaking discoveries in his or her lifetime.”

The 59 named chairs at Chicago support research in virtually every field of the biological sciences, from biochemistry to oncology. Each of these professors can depend on the income from the chair’s endowment throughout his or her tenure at the University.

“Furthermore,” Madara notes, “the nature of an endowed gift promises much more than just one lifetime of research; it ensures that work in a specific area will be advanced for generations to come — in fact, as long as the institution exists and the research area is relevant.”

Faculty appointees usually hold the position for many years, sometimes even decades, and their accomplishments become part of the professorship’s legacy. New awardees aspire to meet the

standards established by their predecessors, and named professors honor both the original donor and former appointees with every new discovery.

Pulmonary specialist Julian Solway, MD, is now the Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor. At his celebratory reception, Solway noted the extended legacy of his chair, talking about the generations of family and of mentors that were important to Palmer. Solway recognized that his own work will shape the legacy of the Palmer Professorship and set the bar for others to meet. The occasion underscored that the Palmer endowment is an investment in not just one person, but in successive generations of scholars.

Gifts to create an endowed professorship support the mission of the Biological Sciences Division, and often honor a respected colleague, mentor, family member or friend. Medical oncologist Mark Ratain, MD, is now the Leon O. Jacobson Professor in Medicine. The professorship was established this year with the help of colleagues, friends and family of Dr. Jacobson, a renowned scientist and teacher.

At the reception celebrating his appointment, Ratain noted, “There have been major changes

in medicine over the past century, and it is important to remember the past, frequently referred to as ‘the days of the giants.’ Leon Jacobson was a giant!”

These receptions also recognize the partnerships between researchers and philanthropists focused on advancing science. For example, when Jack Miller endowed the Jack Miller Professorship and established the Center for Peripheral Neuropathy last year, he enabled the Department of Neurology to expand its existing clinic and its search for a cause and a cure for the disease. Later in the year, Brian Popko, MD, was recruited to the University and named the first Jack Miller Professor and Director of the Center. He now leads a team of 15 scientists and physicians in various disciplines concentrating on the condition.

The distinction of a named professorship, and the enduring support it provides, has a tremendous impact on science at the University of Chicago. Endowed chairs help the most distinguished faculty excel and provide the resources for some to accomplish the most meaningful work of their lifetimes.

NAMED PROFESSORS in the Biological Sciences

Alice Hogge and Arthur A. Baer Professor, George Vande Woude, MD ❖
George Wells Beadle Distinguished Service Professor, Wen-Hsiung Li, PhD
❖ **Robert Bensley Professor**, Ronald Singer, ScD ❖ **Lindy Bergman**
Distinguished Service Professor, Mark Siegler, MD ❖ **Louis Block**
Distinguished Service Professor, Joseph B. Kirsner, MD ❖ **Louis Block**
Professors, Graeme I. Bell, PhD; Keith Moffat, PhD; Harinder Singh, PhD;
Edwin W. Taylor, PhD ❖

Blum-Riese Distinguished Service
Professor, Janet Rowley, MD ❖
Blum-Riese Professor, Atef
Moawad, MD ❖ **Martin Boyer**
Professor, Eugene Chang, MD ❖
Fred C. Buffett Professor, Nicholas
J. Vogelzang, MD ❖ **A. J. Carlson**
Professor, Ira G. Wool, MD, PhD ❖
Cynthia Chow Professor, J. Terry
Ernest, MD, PhD ❖ **Lowell T.**
Coggeshall Professor, Harvey M.
Golomb, MD ❖ **Richard T. Crane**

Professor, James L. Madara, MD ❖ **Joseph Bolivar DeLee Distinguished**
Service Professor, Arthur L. Herbst, MD ❖ **Catherine Lindsay Dobson**
Professor, Arthur F. Haney, MD ❖ **George M. Eisenberg Professor**, Herbert
T. Abelson, MD ❖ **Foundations Fund Professor**, Elliot S. Gershon, MD ❖
The Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation Professor, Stephen Hanauer,
MD ❖ **Ralph W. Gerard Biological Sciences Professor**, Kunio Doi, PhD ❖
Irving B. Harris Professor, Bennett Leventhal, MD ❖ **Charles B. Huggins**
Professor, Marsha Rosner, PhD ❖ **Leon O. Jacobson Professor**, Mark J.

Ratain, MD ❖ **Thomas D. Jones Professor**, Fabrizio Michelassi, MD ❖ **Daniel**
K. Ludwig Professor for Cancer Research, Ralph R. Weichselbaum, MD ❖
Virginia and Daniel K. Ludwig Professor for Cancer Research, Geoffrey L.
Greene, PhD ❖ **William D. Mabie Professor in the Neurosciences**, Richard
P. Kraig, MD, PhD ❖ **Jack Miller Professor in Neurological Sciences**, Brian
Popko, PhD ❖ **Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor**, Julian

Solway, MD ❖ **Dallas B. Phemister**
Professor, Bruce L. Gewertz, MD ❖
A. N. Pritzker Professors, Samuel
Hellman, MD; Donald E. Steiner, MD
❖ **Donald N. Pritzker Professor**,
Godfrey Getz, MD, PhD ❖ **Fanny L.**
Pritzker Professor, Robert
Haselkorn, PhD ❖ **Frederick H.**
Rawson Professor, Samuel A.
Refetoff, MD ❖ **James Nelson and**
Anna Louise Raymond Professor,
Barry G. Arnason, MD ❖ **Joseph**
Regenstein Biological and Medical

Sciences Professor, Bernard Roizman, ScD ❖ **Thomas Reynolds, Sr. Family**
Professor, Sangram Sisodia, PhD ❖ **Mary Campau Ryerson Professor**, Jacob
Rotmensch, MD ❖ **John Harper Seeley Professor**, Richard G. Fessler, MD,
PhD ❖ **Otho S. A. Sprague Medical Science Professor**, Anthony A.
Kossiakoff, PhD ❖ **Marjorie and Robert E. Straus Professor in**
Neurological Science, Raymond Roos, MD ❖ **Cyrus Tang Professor**,
Shutsung Liao, PhD ❖ **Sara and Harold Lincoln Thompson Professor**,
Charles S. Winans, MD ❖ **John E. Ultmann Professor**, Everett E. Vokes, MD

Congratulations!
Four new professorship appointments were made on July 1, 2003.

Louis Block Professor
Harinder Singh, PhD
❖
Catherine Lindsay Dobson Professor
Arthur F. Haney, MD
❖
Virginia and D. K. Ludwig Professor for Cancer Research
Geoffrey L. Greene, PhD
❖
John Harper Seeley Professor
Richard G. Fessler, MD, PhD



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A FAMILIAR FACE

Michele Schiele is named Associate Dean and Vice President for Development

Michele Schiele, a seven-year veteran of the Development Office, has been appointed Associate Dean of Development for the Division of the Biological Sciences and Vice President of Development for the University of Chicago Hospitals.

Schiele has been with the Division and the Hospitals development program since 1996. Most recently she served as Campaign Director of *At the Forefront: The Campaign for Children*, which far exceeded its goal. Now Schiele will focus on achieving a new goal of \$550 million in support of the Hospitals and the Division during *The Chicago Initiative* – the University’s most ambitious capital campaign to date.



MICHELE M. SCHIELE

The Development leadership team also includes Senior Directors Jean Quinlan and Mike Levine. Levine is Senior Director, Principal Gifts, and has been with the Development Office since 1996. He accepted recently the additional title of Campaign Director.

Quinlan, who has worked in the Development Office since 1987, serves as Senior Director, Development Planning and Programs. She recently added the

- designation Director, Campaign Communications to her current responsibilities.
- Schiele succeeds Judith Sanderson, who announced her retirement last fall. Sanderson led the Development Office for 16 years, during which annual philanthropy for science and medicine at Chicago more than tripled.



PARTNERS IN PROGRESS:

Tom and Connie Duckworth

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duckworth have made a gift of \$250,000 through the University of Chicago Cancer Research Foundation (UCCRF) to support continued excellence in the cancer program. This is the Duckworths’ third gift, underscoring their strong commitment to the University of Chicago Cancer Research Center (UCCRC).

The Duckworths believe in the power of “venture philanthropy,” which encourages an entrepreneurial approach that builds on existing institutional strengths. A member of the UCCRF Board of Trustees since 2001, Mr. Duckworth believes that philanthropy can significantly impact an institution of Chicago’s size.

“Pairing the best and brightest physicians and scientists with the best programs in an institution like the University of Chicago creates a fertile environment for superior research and discovery,” he says. “In turn, the institution can leverage research underwritten by our

- gifts to obtain additional pharmaceutical, foundation, and federal funding. My family and I are delighted that our gifts support such synergies at the University of Chicago.”

The Duckworths’ latest gift helped bring two experts in mammography to the University: Gillian Newstead, MD, and Robert Schmidt, MD.

“An important factor affecting my decision to come to the University of Chicago,” Newstead says, “was the opportunity to work with the first-class team already in place and to be involved in breast imaging research, computer-assisted technology, radiology observational studies and digital imaging.”

Nicholas Vogelzang, MD, the Fred C. Buffett Professor and Director of the UCCRC, says the Duckworths’ support is critical to the Center’s progress. “The Duckworths recognize that our success lies in the people who are a part of our program,” he says. “They are true visionaries, helping us to build bridges and break new ground.”



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PEDIATRIC CHECKUP

The Campaign for Children is a huge success

“When history is written,” predicts Hospitals Trustee Rod Goldstein, “this will be one of the most successful campaigns in children’s health care.”

With fellow Trustee Tim Ozark, Goldstein chaired At the Forefront: The Campaign for Children. The Campaign has raised \$70 million for the University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital and for pediatric research and teaching, \$20 million more than the original goal.

The Campaign included transforming gifts from Gary and Francis Comer. Their first gift of \$21 million early in the drive was, according to Herbert T. Abelson, MD, the George M. Eisenberg Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics, “the seminal moment of the Campaign.”

Their subsequent gift of \$20 million will help build a second facility to house a pediatric emergency room and provide more space for the hospital.

“Gary asked Herb Abelson what else he really needed,” says Ozark. “His second gift allows us to add all the features that will put an already fantastic design and program truly over the top.”

According to Michael Riordan, President and CEO of the Hospitals, “The success of the Campaign is an enormous tribute to our trustees and their leadership: Campaign co-chairs Rod Goldstein and Tim Ozark, our board chair Paula Wolff, Trustee Howard Krane, who first introduced Gary Comer to our cause, and to our own development department. It reflects the truly outstanding strength and dedication of our trustees, friends and staff.”



GARY COMER (LEFT) AND HERBERT T. ABELSON, MD, ADD THEIR “SIGN-OFF” TO THE LAST BEAM RAISED FOR THE COMER CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL.

In all, the Campaign has been a six-and-a-half-year project, topped off this spring by the Cancer Research Foundation and Goldblatt family’s gift to establish the Bernice Goldblatt Cancer Pavilion in honor of Mrs. Goldblatt’s 90th birthday (see story on back cover). Its success will enable construction of a new, state-of-the-art hospital, where children will find light-filled rooms equipped with computers, clowns playing in the hallways, an outdoor playground, a healing garden and visual and performing arts.

Equally important, the Campaign supports the work of physician-scientists. A strong Department of Pediatrics means that Chicago

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– Rod Goldstein

will remain at the forefront of kids’ medicine. Of the money raised, more than one third will directly benefit faculty research and programs.

Eighty percent of the funds raised has come from individuals, including patient families and trustees. The trustees campaign had nearly unanimous support and brought \$8 million in gifts. Faculty members in the Department of Pediatrics also contributed generously (see sidebar on p. 5).



ROD GOLDSTEIN (LEFT) AND TIM OZARK, CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

The Campaign Committee took a personal approach to fund-raising with trustees hosting small dinners for five or six couples.

“In these small gatherings,” says Ozark, “we could describe in detail the benefits of the hospital, both to Hyde Park and throughout the city. We could have quality time with people who care about the health of children. We’ve cemented long-term relationships between the Hospitals and the University and many generous individuals.”

Michele Schiele, Associate Dean for Development for the Division of the Biological Sciences and Vice President of Development for the University of Chicago Hospitals, says a critical contribution to the Campaign for Children was Goldstein and Ozark’s plan to expand major gifts support for children’s programs.

“The legacy Rod and Tim created is a prospect base that helped us grow from \$1 million in annual fund-raising to a \$5 million baseline,” she says.

Schiele says the Department of Pediatrics and the Children’s Hospital had not received a million dollar gift since the 1960s. “It’s happening now because we have a tremendous cause matched by tremendous leadership.”

Both Ozark and Goldstein say the team of development officers, Hospitals’ leadership and board members made the job easy. “One of the high points of the Campaign,” says Goldstein, “has been this collective leadership.”

The other high point in Goldstein’s opinion, “has been working with Herb [Abelson]. He personifies forefront leadership.”

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN COMMITTEE

Rod Goldstein, co-chair
 Tim Ozark, co-chair
 Ellen Block
 Andrew Filipowski
 Art Frigo
 Terry Graunke
 Bill Hunckler

Valerie Jarrett
 Robert Lunn
 John and Jill Svoboda
 Herb Abelson, MD, ex-officio
 Jim Frank, ex-officio
 Mike Riordan, ex-officio
 Paula Wolff, ex-officio

MAJOR BENEFACTORS

These individuals, families and foundations have contributed \$1 million or more to the Campaign for Children.

Gary and Francie Comer
 The Duchossois Family Foundation
 The George M. Eisenberg Foundation for Charities
 The Dr. Ralph and Marian Falk Medical Research Trust
 Terry and Susan Graunke
 The Irving Harris Foundation
 Earl and Bernice† Meltzer
 The Thrall Family
 † Deceased

Abelson has dreamed of a new children's hospital since he joined the University of Chicago in 1995. His vision for leading children's health care into the 21st century meshed perfectly with Chicago's combined missions of patient care, research and teaching, but a facility to match his aspirations was a prerequisite to world-class progress.

Today Abelson can see his dream become reality. "We could have declared victory at \$50 million," he says. "Now we've raised \$70 million, and we're not finished. We want to build on the momentum of this Campaign to establish a \$10 million research endowment and continue to enhance our programs."

All the team members are enthusiastic about transitioning to the next phase of the Campaign. "It's a great, great cause and wonderful people," Goldstein says. "How can you beat that?"

Still Goldstein acknowledges the challenges ahead. "This is a serious time for philanthropy," he says. "The challenges in the overall economy mean that we have to ask donors to reach even deeper. They have to make critical charitable choices with less plentiful resources."

"But we've seen," he concludes, "that people know the value of supporting medical breakthroughs."

"This isn't the end," Abelson adds. "We're just beginning."

FACULTY ARE INSPIRED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN

In a first of its kind for Chicago, the pediatric faculty have contributed nearly \$250,000 to support the Campaign for Children. Leading with a significant personal commitment, Herbert T. Abelson, MD, the George M. Eisenberg Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics, challenged other faculty members to support the new Comer Children's Hospital as well as research and other pediatric programs. Each section chief and nearly 60 percent of the faculty participated.

For many faculty, it was a first opportunity to support the pediatric enterprise through their

own philanthropy. Ziyad Hijazi, MD, Section Chief in Pediatric Cardiology, felt it was an important part of his commitment to his patients.

"I believe that when you work somewhere, you have to support that institution," says Hijazi. "Otherwise, how do you expect others, such as your patients, to support it? This was the motivation for faculty to participate in the Campaign for Children. We all give to other charities, but we believe our own Children's Hospital is our top priority."



THANKSGIVING IN THE SPRING

Pritzker students give thanks to Annual Fund contributors

This April, 13 Pritzker School of Medicine students gathered over two nights to call and thank donors who support the Medical and Biological Sciences Annual Fund at the University of Chicago. In addition to a hearty dinner and thank you telephone calls to alumni and friends of the University, each night included the opportunity for participants to describe new campus developments, explore issues facing current medical students, and to share reasons why they became Pritzker students.

"The first thing I read was that Pritzker is the 'teacher of teachers,'" recalled first-year Yousef Turshani. "I was hooked. I dreamed of being in an environment where students help each other out and are happy. This is the only place I felt certain about."



PRITZKER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FIRST-YEAR STUDENT DEANNA KASPERSKI.

The experience helped students better understand the importance of philanthropy and provided contributors with direct information about recent initiatives on campus. Students were touched by conversations with donors, who expressed their desire to give something back to Pritzker. Annual Fund supporters, initially surprised that the sole purpose of the call was to give thanks from the institution and students, were happy to talk with current medical students and to share their own experiences as students.

The Medical and Biological Sciences Annual Fund's purpose is to provide for the most critical needs of the

Division and the Pritzker School of Medicine, including student aid, recruiting and retaining faculty members and maintaining teaching and research facilities. Last year, the Annual Fund raised nearly \$650,000.



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BERNICE MELTZER, 1925 – 2003

Her legacy will live on



EARL AND BERNICE MELTZER WITH
DR. HERBERT T. ABELSON

Beloved University of Chicago Children's Hospital benefactor, Bernice Meltzer, died on March 24, 2003. She is survived by her husband Earl, daughters Judy Lewis and Cindy Juby, son Michael Meltzer, five grandchildren and a newly born great-grandchild.

During her lifetime, Mrs. Meltzer built a legacy at the University of Chicago Children's Hospital based on her most profound passions: children, medicine and helping others. In 1998, she and Mr. Meltzer established the Bernice Meltzer Laboratory for Pediatric Cancer Research. Over time they made gifts totaling nearly \$2 million to advance research and benefit children with cancer.

Mrs. Meltzer's family and the Children's Hospital community are committed to fulfilling her legacy. "It is my intention to continue the work Bernice began," Mr. Meltzer says.



DAVID BERNDT SKINNER, 1936 – 2003

*Pioneer in esophageal surgery, world-class educator,
and distinguished administrator*



DAVID BERNDT SKINNER

David B. Skinner, MD, Chairman of the Visiting Committee to the Biological Sciences Division and the Pritzker School of Medicine, died on January 24, 2003.

Originally from the Midwest, Dr. Skinner earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and medical degree from Yale University. It was during his surgical training at the Massachusetts General Hospital that Dr. Skinner developed his life-long interest in esophageal disease.

- In 1972 Dr. Skinner was named the Dallas B. Phemister Professor and Chair of Surgery at the University of Chicago; at 37, he was the youngest chairman to be appointed in the Division. Known for revitalizing Chicago's Department of Surgery, Dr. Skinner served for 15 years before moving to New York in 1987 to be the first President and CEO of the New York Hospital.

- Dr. Skinner is credited with stabilizing the New York Hospital and guiding its merger with the Presbyterian Hospital in 1997.

- He was known as one of the most accomplished executives in the healthcare industry.

- Dr. Skinner remained committed to Chicago throughout his career. He joined the Visiting Committee in 1996 and was named Chairman in 2000.

- The David B. Skinner Memorial Lecture will be established in the Pritzker School of Medicine to honor Dr. Skinner's career and contributions. The lectures, held in the Department of Surgery, will bring prominent scientists and clinicians to Chicago.

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CELEBRATING OUR 75TH!

A day of special events to salute the Pritzker School of Medicine and the University of Chicago Hospitals

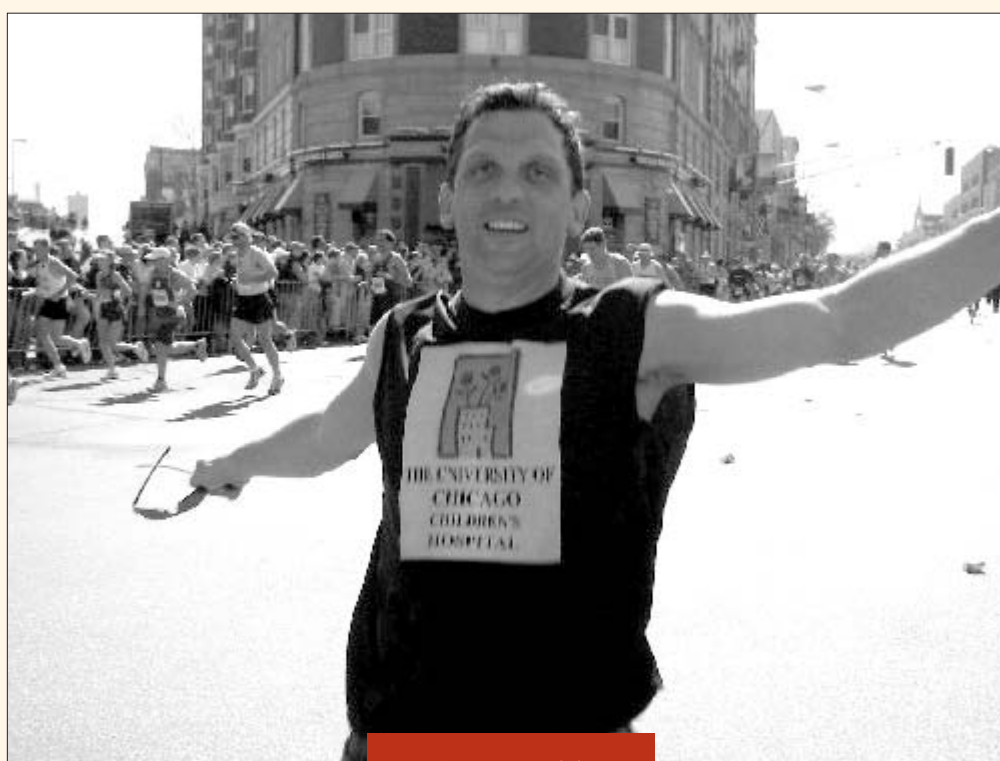
The Pritzker School of Medicine and the University of Chicago Hospitals celebrated their 75th anniversaries this year. Throughout May and June, the Hospitals held events such as a community-wide party on the Quad, staff art exhibit and volunteer service day. During the June Reunion weekend, Pritzker School alumni, faculty and students gathered on campus to mark the historic anniversary with a scientific symposium and a special convocation.

Young alumni recognized as leaders in their medical or scientific fields made presentations at the daylong "Rising Stars" symposium. Chicago faculty members, Janet D. Rowley, PhD '45, SB '46, MD '49, and Daniel P. Mass, AB '71, MD '75, moderated the program, which included topics in the fields of genetics, sleep disorders and cancer.

In the late afternoon, the anniversary convocation was held at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel. Special guest speakers at the event were University of Chicago President Don M. Randel; Biological Sciences Division Dean James L. Madara; Emeritus Dean of Students Joseph J. Ceithaml, SB '37, PhD '41; Northwestern University faculty member Patricia G. Spear, PhD '69; and Joseph B. Kirsner, MD, PhD '42, the Louis Block Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine.

In opening remarks, Dean Madara praised the traditions of the University of Chicago community that make breakthrough science possible. He also thanked those in attendance for their efforts to promote and advance the work of scientists through service and philanthropy. President Randel made concluding remarks, reflecting on the importance of the Hospitals and the Pritzker School of Medicine in the struggle against two great adversaries: ignorance and human suffering.

A celebratory reception capped off the day's events.



DAN AT MILE 25

RUNNING FOR LIFE

Among the 17,000 runners in the 107th Boston Marathon in April was a motivated Chicago-area father running to raise money for pediatric cancer research. Dan Mohan raised nearly \$45,000 through the pledges of family members and friends who supported his run, which he finished in three hours and 28 minutes. Ever grateful for the care their six-year-old son, Jimmy, received at the University of Chicago Children's Hospital, Dan and his wife Jean are actively involved with the Hospital and committed to securing funds for Chicago's cancer research program.

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A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR BERNICE GOLDBLATT TOPS OFF THE CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN



BERNICE GOLDBLATT

The Goldblatt family has made a \$500,000 grant to name the Bernice Goldblatt Cancer Pavilion in the Comer Children's Hospital in honor of Bernice Goldblatt's 90th birthday. The grant, which tops off **At the Forefront: The Campaign for Children**, will support research led by Ramamoorthy Nagasubramanian, MD, a fellow in Pediatrics, whose work explores the pharmacogenetics of pediatric and adolescent sarcomas.

The gift exemplifies the Goldblatt family's long-standing commitment to the University of Chicago's cancer programs. For more than a half-century, the Goldblatt family and the Cancer Research Foundation (CRF) have been a driving force behind the University's cancer research effort, funding innovative projects and supporting young investigators as they pursue careers in cutting-edge science and medicine.

Since its inception, in 1947, by Mrs. Goldblatt's late husband, Maurice, the CRF has funded more than 150 University of Chicago researchers through gifts totaling more than \$15 million.

- "The Cancer Research Foundation has been a consistent source of support for our young scientists at the most critical time in their careers," said Richard Schilsky, MD, Professor of Medicine, Associate Dean for Clinical Research in the Biological Sciences, and medical consultant to the CRF. "The Goldblatt family is wholeheartedly dedicated to the University of Chicago, helping us to maintain an environment in which scientific curiosity can be cultivated into discovery."
- Through the CRF, the Goldblatts have provided the impetus for discoveries at the University of Chicago that have advanced cancer treatments worldwide.
- In 2002, for example, the CRF funded Axel Rosengart, MD, Assistant Professor of Neurology, who uses nanotechnology techniques to deliver anti-stroke medication directly into cells. "The CRF had the foresight to know that Dr. Rosengart's work could lead to breakthroughs in cancer research," said Nicholas Vogelzang, MD, the Fred C. Buffett Professor and Director of the University of Chicago Cancer Research Center. "Not many people would have made this connection and recognized the exciting potential of this work."

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