

Keith Ridel (class of 2005) spearheads the **Iraqi Book project at COM.** (January 2004)

The Iraqi book project is coming to UC COM. It is intended to help Iraqi medical students, who share as little as 1 book per 100 students, receive the minimal means by which they can complete their education as our future colleagues.

Please donate one of your books to this worthy cause. Iraqi healthcare professionals also need clinical textbooks in all areas of medicine, surgery, pediatrics, OB/GYN, and any other basic texts. If possible, textbooks should be current editions or no more than one edition out of date and in reasonably good condition. In addition to the needs of the Medical College library, the hospital libraries need clinical texts as well as nursing and pharmacy publications. Most needed are basic textbooks in areas such as pathology, microbiology, pharmacology, biochemistry, anatomy, histology, and molecular biology.

The army has agreed to ship the books to medical students in Iraq. Each book will also receive a label reading: "A gift from the medical community of the United States of America to the medical students of Iraq. May we work together as colleagues for healing and peace."

Books can be securely deposited in IVADEANS OFFICE, in a box marked 'Iraqi Book Project'

Here is a link to the story that inspired this effort:
http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/459771_1

I have also attached the flier that you will be seeing around the med center.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,
Keith Ridel, UC III

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Jessica Beegan (class of 2006) spent her spring break in the Dominican Republic. This is what she writes about her experience:

MEDICAL STUDENTS VOLUNTEER WITH ORPHANAGE OUTREACH

In May of 2003, I made the decision to lead a group of medical students to the Dominican Republic for my last Spring Break. For several years, I had been receiving

emails from Tom Ecklund, the founder and director of a charity organization entitled Orphanage Outreach. When I contacted him about forming a group, he was very enthusiastic about having medical students join his organization. We were assigned to an orphanage composed of 25 boys ages 3-17 in the small town of Esperanza, and we were immediately shocked by the disorganization and dirtiness of the place. But the boys were very excited about our visit, and we fell in love with them instantly.

During our week in Esperanza, our group of five undertook a huge project: we were in charge of taking all 25 boys to get their first physical exam, blood analysis, and urine and stool analysis by the local pediatrician. Dr. Lopez was very eager to help us, and he allowed us to do most of the work while he gave instructions. At the end of the week, we filled all the prescriptions for the boys and administered their medications. I learned so much during the week, and I was able to apply many of the concepts that I have learned during the past two years of medical school. I can't imagine having spent my Spring Break in any other way. (See Photo Scrapbook)

James Paxton (Dean's list, Monday April 19, 2004)

Paxton Receives Spirit of the Community Award

Fourth-year medical student James Paxton has been named the COM recipient of the Spirit of the Community award. This annual award is designed to honor a student who exemplifies a high standard of contribution to student life both within their college and the campus community. Mr. Paxton certainly fits the bill. He works as a mentor for the Cincinnati Public Schools; has been involved in the "Restoring Our Community" (RestOC) program in Over-The-Rhine; served as president of Physicians for Social Responsibility from 2000-2002; was founder of the Business of Medicine Club; and served on the Admissions committee, the LCME self-study task force, the Education Coordinating Committee and the Nutrition in Curriculum Task Force. Congratulations, Mr. Paxton!

Congratulations to **Shana Alexander**. She was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha as a junior in May 2004.

Congratulations to our seniors!

Graduation was held on May 22, 2004 at the Aronoff Center for the Arts. This is what they will be doing for the next few years:

Jaelyn Anderson – Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

Mfon Ekong – Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

Azadeh Farzin – Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, OH

Jason Ford – Pediatrics, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, NC
Robyn Iglehart – Internal Medicine, Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, OH
Judy Jin – Surgery, University Hospital, Cleveland, OH
Haejin Kim – Internal Medicine, University Hospital, Cincinnati, OH
Wilson King – Pediatrics, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
Brock Lindsey – Orthopaedic Surgery, West Virginia U. Hospitals, Morgantown, WV
Bryan MacWilliams – Emergency medicine, OSU Hospital, Columbus, OH
James Paxton – MD – MBA program, UC, Cincinnati, OH
Jonathan Schoeff – Surgery, Surgery, University Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

Mary Carol Burkhardt (Dean's list, Monday June 28, 2004)

Two first year students, **Mary Carol Burkhardt** and Anh Thu Le, have been chosen to represent the COM at the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Foundation's 2004 Primary Care Leadership Training Program in Seattle in August. The program is sponsored by the School of Dentistry and School of Medicine at the University of Washington. The theme of this year's program is "Health Disparities and the Health Workforce."

Heather Heintz (Dean's list, Monday August 16, 2004)

Heintz Receives Schmidlapp Scholarship

Heather Anne Heintz, a member of the Class of 2005, is the recipient of the Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a female student in the senior class who has demonstrated leadership ability, with particular emphasis on women's issues, academic achievement, and community involvement; to date eight female COM students have received Schmidlapp scholarships. Scholarship monies come from the Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund, created in 1908 by a gift from Jacob G. Schmidlapp in memory of his daughter Charlotte. Mr. Schmidlapp directed that grants be restricted to helping women establish themselves in life. Today the Charlotte R. Schmidlapp Fund promotes the study of math and science for women in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Justin Smith ((Dean's list, Monday November 22, 2004)

Academic Award Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the COM's 2004-5 academic awards. **Justin Smith** took first place for the Physiology Award, recognizing the highest cumulative grade in physiology.

Anand Pathak (Dean's List, Monday November 29, 2004)

Pathak Wins Best Poster Award at National Competition

Anand Pathak, an MD/PhD student in pharmacology and cell biophysics, won the Best Poster award in basic science at the scientific session of the American Heart Association (AHA) meeting earlier this month. Pathak, recipient of a predoctoral AHA fellowship, is working under the direction of Evangelia Kranias, PhD.
