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Scholarship Honors Dr. Barbato, Eases Graduates' Debt Burden

Attending medical school is often a dream-come-true, a goal diligently labored to achieve, the beginning of a lifetime commitment to others. The hours of study, the pressure to perform and the anxiety of medical decision-making can take a significant toll on students. The monetary costs of medical school compound that stress exponentially and sometimes play a role in the selection of specialty training or location of practice upon graduation.

Tuition at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch) is currently \$36,600 per year, a cost consistent with private medical schools in the Chicago area. Costs for housing, insurance, food, books, transportation, utilities and fees can easily bring total annual expenses to \$50,000. This often leaves graduating physicians with significant debt before earning their first paycheck.

Beginning with the 2007-08 academic year, Stritch students have the opportunity to earn a generous scholarship to alleviate some of the financial pressure associated with medical school.

In honor of his years of service and dedication as the president and CEO of Loyola University Medical Center, the Anthony L. Barbato, MD, Medical Student Scholarship Fund was established. "We hope to create an \$8 million endowment that will provide four-year scholarships to two students from each class," said Rev. Michael J. Garanzini SJ, president of Loyola University Chicago. "This kind of program is absolutely mission-centric for us, and it's also a great way to honor Tony Barbato." The fund is a permanent endowment that provides renewable scholarships of up to \$25,000 annually to the selected recipients. The goal is to support two students from each entering class for the four years of their time at Stritch.

"From the time he entered the freshman class of Stritch School of Medicine in 1966, until his retirement following 17 years as president and CEO, Tony Barbato has personified the Jesuit values of commitment to justice, service to others and lifelong learning," said Fr. Garanzini.

A scholarship committee including physicians as well as representatives from admissions and academic affairs and financial aid, reviewed each student's academic record, financial need and overall admissions application. In addition, the committee



The first recipients of the Anthony L. Barbato, MD, Medical Student Scholarship Fund are Eve Ladwig-Scott and Eli J. Horn

sought persons of high moral standing and integrity who have demonstrated scholarship, leadership and service activities — requirements of the scholarship fund. "The type of student we want here at Stritch is someone who, above all else, has the idea of service behind him or her," John M. Lee, MD, PhD, dean, Stritch School of Medicine.

The first recipients of the scholarship are Eli J. Horn and Eve Ladwig-Scott, both first-year medical students. Mr. Horn, a Minnesota native and graduate of Bethel University in St. Paul, earned a dual bachelor's degree in physics and philosophy.

While completing his undergraduate work, he participated in service trips to West Virginia and South Dakota. After graduating, he married and worked in a group home for disabled adults. He and his wife became interested in medical missions, and he deferred going to medical school so they could travel to Cameroon, in central west Africa. There, they spent approximately four months working

as volunteers at a small clinic serving the local population and another month working in a bush hospital that served the region's cattle herders. Mr. Horn is still undecided about where and what type of medicine he hopes to practice, but believes that primary care or general surgery would allow him to best help underserved populations — perhaps in Africa, perhaps in Central America — or wherever a door might open. In his words, "the financial freedom of the scholarship is huge; it allows me to choose my specialty and where I practice based on what I feel is the best use of my gifts and talents. And it represents everybody who believes in the dream."

Ms. Ladwig-Scott is a self-defined 'non-traditional student.' After a long hiatus during which she married, had two children (now ages 12 and 14), worked in the environmental non-profit field, became a doula, helped to open a rural perinatal health clinic, and helped start a volunteer doula program at a local hospital, she finally returned to school to complete a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of California at Davis (UCD). Ms. Ladwig-Scott also was involved in research activities while at UCD and worked in research for one year before coming to Stritch.

"Everyone I met at Stritch was warm and friendly, and I could tell they cared about my family life," said Ms. Ladwig-Scott. "At my interview, we discussed how we could help my family assimilate. Their support for the non-traditional student is immense."

If the scholarship fund receives additional donations, the scholarships offered to Mr. Horn and Ms. Ladwig-Scott will be renewed in their second, third, and fourth years of medical school. Two additional scholarships may be awarded to second-year students later this year, also pending fund availability.

Both organizations and individual donors provided the seed money for the fund. Loyola University Chicago, the Stritch School of Medicine and the Loyola University Physician Foundation each contributed \$1 million to the fund, while the medical/dental staff made a \$50,000 gift in honor of Dr. Barbato. Daniel J. Walsh, chair of the Loyola University Health System's Board of Directors, and his wife, Patty, have pledged \$1 million. Board member James Dowdle, together with his wife, Sally, have given \$200,000 and board member Nancy Knowles has made a gift of \$250,000. "We wanted to do something for education, something other than bricks and mortar. The respect we had for Tony made it an easy thing to do," remarked Mr. Walsh.

"The Jesuit mission of service to others and striving for excellence in all that you do are hallmarks of Dr. Barbato's life and this institution," explained Fr. Garanzini. "There would be nothing he would like more than to have medical students supported in his name."

For more information about the Anthony L. Barbato, MD, Medical Student Scholarship Fund, contact Shawn Vogen, PhD, at svogen@lumc.edu or (708) 216-5642. ~



Anthony L. Barbato, MD

Leadership Makes the Difference

Warmth, encouragement and compassion — Caring Beyond Cancer — was the theme of the 2007 Leadership Society Dinner held Sept. 9 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago.

Established in 1996, The Leadership Society recognizes grateful patients, physicians, staff, alumni, and other friends who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to Loyola University Health System (Loyola) or Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch). A recognition dinner is held each fall not only to thank The Leadership Society members for their investment in Loyola and Stritch, but also to demonstrate how their generosity translates into institutional excellence, growth and progress.

Attendees at the dinner were treated to a video presentation that featured cancer survivors, donors, physicians and staff members talking about the multi-disciplinary and individualized care provided at Loyola's Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center. Just as every person is unique, the health-care professionals at the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center believe that the care received by each patient should be too. By listening carefully and asking the right questions, each patient's care can be managed more effectively, which adds to the patient's comfort and confidence. Providing truly individualized medical care takes more time and effort but is the only way to treat the body, mind and spirit successfully.



Virginia and Leonard "Bud" Wineburgh at the 2007 Leadership Society Dinner

The video presentation also focused on life beyond cancer, detailing a survivorship program the center developed that will provide follow-up care and periodic screenings to cancer survivors throughout the Chicago area. The presentation concluded by illustrating the need for the philanthropic support so critical to advancing basic and clinical research in the fight against cancer.

The financial support provided by The Leadership Society members is essential to the advancement of the entire Loyola University Health System, from the medical school to every aspect of patient care, research and community outreach. For more information about The Leadership Society, contact De-Anthony King, associate director, Annual Fund, at dking@lumc.edu or (708) 216-5075. 

Gift Allows Walgreen Scholars to Aim Higher

Two Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch) students will find it easier to pursue their special medical interests thanks to a scholarship created in memory of a member of the Walgreen Family. The Charles R. Walgreen Jr. Medical Education Fund provided a total of \$14,380 to fourth-year students Katie Bandt and Katherine Aragon for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ms. Bandt, who plans to specialize in neurosurgery, will use the award toward the development of an education module she is creating to increase the Hispanic population's understanding of epilepsy. Ms. Brandt is a native of the Kansas City area and graduated from Emory University in Atlanta with a degree in neuroscience and behavioral biology.

Ms. Aragon, a native of the Denver area, graduated from Notre Dame University with a degree in biology. She plans to practice internal medicine and is using the scholarship to cover her living costs while attending a rotation at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. "I chose to do an out-of-state rotation so I could work with a new patient population and bring new experiences and ideas back to Stritch," she explained. "It also gives me the opportunity to represent Stritch outside of Illinois and demonstrate our education in treating the whole patient."

Both students are committed to using the scholarship to enhance their basic medical education. "Scholarships are great resources for students whose interests go beyond just completing medical school," said Ms. Bandt. "The education module it will help me develop stemmed out of a research project I completed."

"Scholarships show us that our hard work and extracurricular activities are appreciated and rewarded," said Ms. Aragon. "We are thankful that people like the Walgreens are looking out for future physicians."

Charles R. Walgreen Jr. contributed to Stritch throughout his lifetime. The Walgreens are encouraging family and friends to contribute gifts to the scholarship fund.

For more information about creating a scholarship fund at Stritch, contact Shawn Vogen, PhD, at svogen@lumc.edu or (708) 216-5642. 



Fourth-year students Katie Bandt and Katherine Aragon

Mission Accomplished: *The Wisdom of Children* Tile Wall Dedicated

Visitors to the Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch) cafeteria have a new reminder that service to others, especially to the poor and underserved, is central to the Stritch educational mission.

On Sept. 23, Rev. Lawrence Reuter, SJ, associate vice president of University Ministry, dedicated and blessed *The Wisdom of Children*, a 26 foot by 6 foot art tile installation.

The ceremony was held following the Mass and brunch that traditionally conclude Stritch alumni reunion weekend. The installation, a collage of more than 300 square ceramic tiles, is located in the entryway of the Stritch cafeteria. The tiles reproduce artwork by children whose lives have been improved by the medical care or health education provided by Stritch students, faculty and staff during International Service Immersion (ISI) trips. ISI trips are undertaken to Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa including, to date, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Kenya and Uganda.

The project was the brainchild of the late Ralph Leischner, MD, former senior associate dean of Stritch. His widow, Gloria, spearheaded the completion effort. On an ISI trip to Guatemala, she realized that the trips presented an ideal way to gather the necessary children's art and, at the same time, showcase the ISI program and heighten awareness of the Jesuit tradition of service to the poor. It took some time to bring everything together, but Mrs. Leischner is pleased with the results. "This has been such a fun project for the past seven years, and I'm delighted at the way it's turned out" she said.

The I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation, together with Stritch alumni and friends, provided funding for the tile wall project. In honor of the foundation's generous commitment, the *Wisdom of Children* was dedicated to the memory of former I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation board member Mrs. Carol Lord Lyman. Mrs. Lyman was also a generous supporter of the ISI program and of Stritch.

In 1941, Ignatius Aloysius (I.A.) O'Shaughnessy established the I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation in order to share his good fortune with others. His generosity and stewardship have inspired succeeding generations of family members, who have been entrusted to carry on his philanthropic work. A man who came from humble beginnings and later made his fortune in oil refinery and gas exploration, Mr. O'Shaughnessy always recognized that he and his family were very fortunate. He felt that it was his obligation and responsibility to share his blessings with others. "I believe most of the O'Shaughnessy family, including myself, share the same beliefs as I.A.," said Garrett Lyman, great-grandson of the founder and a representative of the I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation. "It is important to help others if you can — no matter

the means and ways." Together with other family members, Mr. Lyman joined Stritch faculty, staff and alumni for the dedication.

Since 1987, the I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation has given generously to Loyola University Chicago and Loyola University Health System. The Lyman family has a long history with the Loyola Academy (Wilmette) and a special friendship with Fr. Reuter, a strong advocate of the ISI program. In addition to these connections, another of Mr. O'Shaughnessy's great grandsons, Jeffrey Lyman, MD, is a 1997 graduate of Stritch. These relationships led to the foundation's support of Stritch's ISI program and the *Wisdom of Children* project.



"My siblings and I became involved with the *Wisdom of Children* project because we felt that it would be a good representation of the International Service Immersion program and remind all students and the school of its primary mission," explained Garrett Lyman. "And it was a nice way to remember my mother's and the foundation's involvement with ISI."

The ISI program enables medical students, alumni, faculty and staff to travel to developing countries in a service learning experience that provides basic medical assistance and health education programs to the medically underserved. Currently in its 14th year, the ISI program is a life-changing experience for the first-year medical students who participate, affecting their approach to medicine and their future careers.

During visits, students work in daily medical clinics and collaborate in health education program-

ing. Among their duties, they conduct basic health interviews, learn about the common ailments of underserved populations and assist the attending physicians. The contrast between the high-tech world of health care found in the United States and the limited care available to an enormous segment of the world's population makes a big impression on ISI participants. Giving Stritch students the chance to experience these differences first hand helps many of them reinforce their commitment to serve those most in need.

"The International Service Immersion program helps disadvantaged people in the communities that Stritch students travel to, and, in turn, the students bring back invaluable experiences that will eventually serve the communities where they practice," said Mr. Lyman. "Stritch is a wonderful institution that is

focused on, and cares about, its mission. You can see the dedication of students, professors and administrators alike in their faces. It is a wonderful school in the true Jesuit tradition."

For more information on how you can support the International Service Immersion program at Stritch, contact Shawn Vogen, PhD, at (708) 216-5642 or svogen@lumc.edu. 

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Front row l-r: Lillian Lyman, Gary Lyman, Rebecca Lyman, Grace Lyman
Back row l-r: Carolyn Lyman, Garrett Lyman, Christine Lyman, Fr. Reuter

Stritch Junior Service League

High School Volunteers Learn Life Values Helping Others

Even as dark clouds threatened rain on a humid evening in late July, the weather could not dampen the spirits of 15 Stritch Junior Service League (SJSJL) high school volunteers and 40 disabled children and adults who came out to play softball. The weekly game was a highlight for the residents of Misericordia Heart of Mercy on Chicago's north side. Cheers and chants echoed throughout the campus as teams were picked and the game began.

"The most rewarding part of this experience is being a part of an organization that really advocates good fellowship," said SJSJL volunteer Nora Lucas. "It is nice to be part of something that allows you to help other people and, in the process, gives you an opportunity to build a relationship with them."

Misericordia is home to 560 children and adults with mild to moderate developmental disabilities and provides work for these individuals on and off campus. A sporting activity held every Thursday evening encourages residents and volunteers to work together and engage in physical activity.

"This experience is really rewarding in that we are able to serve people and make a personal connection with them," said SJSJL volunteer Tad Walgreen, who participated along with his sister, Brooke, and their cousin, Katherine Allen. "Every one of these people is accepting and thankful for the things we do for them."

Each summer, the SJSJL performs a variety of service-oriented projects in conjunction with charitable organizations throughout the Chicago area. SJSJL is sponsored by Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch), and this year's group of 73 high school students participated in 16 different service projects between June and September. In addition to Misericordia, the students worked in a retirement home, a food depository, two different soup kitchens, a nature preserve and the Ronald McDonald® House near Loyola University Medical Center campus.

"Through Stritch Junior Service League, young people learn the importance of performing services that benefit others," said Molly Norris, principal gifts program coordinator who guides the SJSJL program. "Working alongside the various volunteers at area charities, the SJSJL members were exposed to things they wouldn't normally see. They were able to see first hand the needs of those less fortunate than themselves and the crucial role volunteers play in running these facilities."

At the Inspiration Café in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood, SJSJL volunteers spent an evening preparing and serving dinner to the homeless. The café strives to provide a therapeutic environment that promotes dignity and self-worth. In addition to providing breakfast daily and dinner four evenings a week at the café, the Inspiration Corporation offers various programs, including



Back Row L-R: Daniel Cahill, Connor Cahill, Tad Walgreen, Alex Miller, Patrick Cahill
Front Row L-R: Caren Petty, Arianna Staes, Colleen Middleton



Back Row L-R: Connor Cahill, Alex Miller, William Feldman
Front Row L-R: Joseph Inzano, Amanda Clingen, Colleen Middleton, Kathryn Wagner, Emily Cleary

clinical and social services, a housing program and training and employment services.

"People really do need your help, and you have to show compassion towards other people. A lot of these people have already tried everything else and they are still in an unfortunate position. They are here because they are trying to better themselves," said Ms. Lucas.

The café provides meals in a restaurant setting to more than 2,000 homeless men and women each year, all of whom must be drug- and alcohol-free for at least 30 days, have no recent history of violence and display a willingness to work toward obtaining housing and a source of income.

"This experience gives you a better understanding of what other people may be going through," said SJSJL volunteer Patrick Cahill. "It has given me a sense of accomplishment and self worth." Patrick, Conner and Daniel Cahill are triplets who were born at Loyola University Medical Center, and all three participated in SJSJL this year.

SJSJL volunteers also prepared lasagna and chocolate chip cookies for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at Loyola University Medical Center and other area hospitals.

"I have learned that a little bit goes a long way, even if you may not think you are doing something worthwhile, it can make a huge difference in someone else's life," said SJSJL volunteer Kerrilyn Hewell. "Cooking for families at the Ronald McDonald House takes stress off the parents. Tonight a mom or dad will not have to worry about making dinner. It's one less thing they have to worry about in their day, especially when they have a sick child."

The SJSJL culminated this year on Nov. 7 with the 57th Stritch School of Medicine Annual Award Dinner, one of the most prestigious fundraising events in Chicago. SJSJL members were introduced at the black-tie event and served as an honor guard for distinguished guests.

For SJSJL volunteers such as Daniel Cahill, the real benefit of SJSJL is not the fancy dinner, but the experiences gained in working with people and organizations to make a difference. "It's really fun, really fulfilling and you are doing something to help others. There just isn't a greater feeling than that," he said.

For more information about how high school students can participate in the Stritch Junior Service League, contact Molly Norris, principal gift program coordinator at monorris@lumc.edu or (708) 216-3106. ☺

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Nora Lucas

2007 Stritch Junior Service League

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Mr. Tad Alexander Walgreen II,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen III

Miss Laura Christine Yeager,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Yeager

Miss Mary Meghan Zindrick,
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael R. Zindrick



L-R: William Feldman, Sophia Andrews, Amanda Clingen, Caren Petty



Standing L-R: Daniel McCroy, Molly Mojden, Nora Cusick, Colleen Osborne, Christina Honan,
Kerrilyn Hewell, Tad Walgreen
Sitting, L-R: Kathryn Wagner, Abbey Smith, Amanda Krug

Pelvic Floor Disorders: Replacing Secrets with Solutions

For generations, women were silent about troubling pelvic problems or incontinence. They considered the issues too private to mention to their doctors. Today, that sisterhood of silence is ending, thanks to the emergence of urogynecology, a medical specialty that focuses on the whole female pelvis and the ways that physical changes — such as weight loss or gain, childbirth and aging — can affect pelvic health.

Four specialists in this field and two patients who've benefited from their work discussed common pelvic floor disorders (such as bladder and bowel control problems) during the recent Future of Research Breakfast Series. The October event was the third in a group of programs planned to heighten awareness of research at Loyola University Health System (Loyola) and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine (Stritch).

During the event, patients Missy Lavendar and Deanna Lazar shared their experiences with pelvic disorders in the hope that by breaking their own

silences they could help other women seek help. They were followed by four Loyola specialists in urogynecology: Linda Brubaker, MD; Mary Pat FitzGerald, MD; Kimberly Kenton, MD; and Elizabeth Mueller, MD, who gave presentations on their specialties as related to pelvic floor disorders.

At Loyola, a team of physicians, researchers, and therapists, including these Future of Research Breakfast presenters, is advancing the specialty of urogynecology through education, translational research and dozens of clinical studies, many of which have received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Loyola ranks 12th in the nation for NIH research funding for women's health, outpacing many academic medical centers of far greater size.

New therapies are being tested at Loyola for urinary incontinence, a common problem for new moms or female athletes who participate in high-impact sports, as well as new treatments for vaginal prolapse, which can occur when the supporting tissues around the vagina are injured or weakened.



L-R: Kimberly Kenton, MD; Linda Brubaker, MD; John M. Lee, MD, PhD; Elizabeth Mueller, MD; Mary Pat FitzGerald, MD; Richard H. Kennedy, PhD

“We’re looking at new ways to treat problems that can affect a woman’s quality of life. Thanks to the research we do, we have been able to find new answers and to offer women options — whether it’s a surgical approach, a new medication, an exercise program or simple lifestyle changes,” said Dr. Brubaker.

Women today are stretching their active years well beyond age 65. With new options for pelvic health, Loyola’s team is enabling women to enjoy these years to the fullest. To learn more about these clinical studies and others, see the LoyolaMedicine.org Web site.

For further information on how you can support women’s health issues, contact Peggy LaFleur at mlafleur@lumc.edu or (708) 216-5197. 



L-R: Deanna Lazar, Missy Lavendar, Linda Brubaker, MD

Robotic-assisted Surgery Minimizes Scars, Recovery Time

Loyola University Health System (Loyola) urogynecologists are regularly using a robotic surgical system for several pelvic surgery procedures including hysterectomy and prolapse repair. Loyola is one of the first medical centers in the Chicago area to offer this minimally invasive option for women.

“The larger incisions and longer recovery times associated with traditional hysterectomy and other pelvic surgeries are now a thing of the past,” said Kimberly Kenton, MD, associate professor, Departments of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Urology. “With the robotic system, women experience less pain, blood loss and scarring and are able to return to their normal activities more quickly than if they had an open procedure. In most cases, women who have a robotic-assisted procedure will spend only one night in the hospital.”

A laparoscopic approach is used. A tiny camera is inserted through a small abdominal incision so that the surgeon can see everything inside on a three-dimensional screen. The surgeon controls every move of the robotic arms from a computer console beside the operating table. The robot’s three arms are fully functional, allowing it to turn and grasp with more agility and precision than the human hand.

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The staff’s expertise in minimally invasive pelvic surgery is one example of the Loyola’s commitment to offering new treatment options grounded in research.

Loyola’s Treatment for Heart Failure Among Best in the Nation

Loyola University Health System (Loyola) has been ranked among the best in the nation for treatment of heart failure, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Loyola ranks among the top 38 best-scoring hospitals in the United States and is one of only two hospitals in Illinois that have the lowest death rates from heart failure, according to the study of more than 4,000 hospitals across the nation. The Hospital Compare Web site (www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov) uses Medicare data and seeks to provide consumers with information about the quality and cost of health care.

“These results reflect the dedication of all our physicians who work as a team to improve patient outcomes,” said David Wilber, MD, George M. Eisenberg Professor of Cardiovascular Sciences, Department of Medicine, director, Cardiovascular Institute.

Loyola Debuts Center for Facial Nerve Disorders in the Midwest

Loyola University Health System has opened the Center for Facial Nerve Disorders, the first of its kind in the Midwest. Located on the Loyola University Medical Center’s Maywood campus, the center combines expertise from more than 10 medical and surgical specialties to treat facial nerve problems.

The Center for Facial Nerve Disorders provides medical, surgical and psychological management of patients with acute or long-standing facial paralysis resulting from causes as diverse as trauma to the temporal bone, a virus, and tumors of the ear or salivary gland. The multidisciplinary approach to diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with facial nerve paralysis includes ear, nose and throat specialists, as well as experts in neurosurgery, neurology, ophthalmology, plastic surgery, specialty nursing, facial physical therapy and psychology.

“With a complete history and physical — as well as additional facial nerve testing and imaging studies — we can quickly determine the cause of the paralysis and recommend the right treatment,” said John Leonetti, MD, assistant professor, Department of Otolaryngology.

Loyola Alumna Named Dean of Niehoff School of Nursing

Mary Klotz Walker, RN, PhD, FAAN, formerly professor and dean of Seattle University College of Nursing, has accepted the position as dean of the Loyola University Chicago (LUC) Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. She assumed her duties Oct. 1, 2007.

“We’re proud that Dr. Walker, who is an alumna of Loyola University Chicago, has been selected for this important role,” said Paul K. Whelton, MB, MD, MSc, president and chief executive officer of Loyola University Health System and vice president for the Health Sciences, LUC. “As we enter a period of growth and change, Dr. Walker’s leadership in direction setting and her tremendous development capability will help to bring new vitality to the Niehoff school. At the same time, her personal warmth and collegiality will help to further collaborations that will enhance the academic life of our nursing students.”

A native of Lansing, Mich., Dr. Walker served as professor and dean at Seattle University starting in 2000. At the same time, she served as secretary on the board of directors of the Northwest Kidney Center Foundation and as a member of the Governor’s Task Force on Long-term Care. Prior to her move to Seattle, she served as professor and director of the doctoral program, University of South Florida, Tampa. On a national level,

Dr. Walker was recently elected to the board of directors of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Dr. Walker’s list of accomplishments during her tenure at Seattle University College of Nursing is long and varied. From 2000-2007, she led an effort to double the size of the college and attract new faculty, presiding over a 36 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment and a 170 percent increase in graduate enrollment. An active fundraiser, she secured \$9.6 million in gifts and



Mary Klotz Walker, RN, PhD, FAAN

pledges for the college during her tenure there as dean.

Her efforts at Seattle also led to the opening of a 21,000-square-foot Clinical Performance Laboratory that includes clinical simulators, exam rooms for nurse practitioner education and other instructional areas. In addition, under her leadership, the college developed a fast-track immersion master’s entry program (the first in the northwestern United States) and also was instrumental in increasing ethnic diversity at the nursing school. Commenting on her impressive record, Rev. Michael J. Garanzini, SJ, president, LUC, said, “Mary’s depth of experience in academic and clinical nursing will make her a strong leader for Niehoff School of Nursing

In addition to her professional activities, Dr. Walker considers public service a critical part of who she is and, as a result, has volunteered in many capacities. Among other things, she has been active in mental health advocacy, counseled emotionally disturbed boys, taught Sunday School and acted as president of her son’s high school football boosters. “Loyola was the institution that shaped my thinking and commitment around issues of social justice and influenced my career as a nurse, an academic, a scholar and a servant to others,” said Dr. Walker. Loyola is glad to welcome her back. ~

Convenience and Comfort Built Into a Needed Expansion

The expansion of Loyola University Hospital and the William G. & Mary A. Ryan Center for Heart & Vascular Medicine on the Maywood campus is nearing completion, and a grand opening is set for April 6.

“You can really see the expansiveness and the impressive new entrance now,” said Paul K. Whelton, MB, MD, MSc, president and CEO, Loyola University Health System (Loyola). “The outside of the building is almost complete, and its 176,000 square feet of space stands proudly as the new centerpiece of the medical center.”

What you cannot see now, and probably never will, are many of the efficiencies built into the structure. For instance, the operating rooms’ (ORs) high-tech equipment will be suspended from booms hung from the ceiling to free up space around the patient. The ORs remain free of obstacles and yet the lights and devices can be brought around and above the patient. The pathology laboratory, located in close proximity, will provide greater efficiency in obtaining the results needed for surgical decisions.



1st floor cardiac catheterization and electrophysiology lab corridor

Other features also have been designed and built to facilitate patient comfort, including the new non-invasive cardiac and peripheral vascular diagnostics area, four new cardiac catheterization laboratories and four new electrophysiology laboratories, including a stereotaxis electrophysiology lab.

However, patients and visitors will certainly notice other important aspects of the design and construction upon visiting. The building was designed for greater patient comfort and convenience. Privacy was a focus of the planning, which resulted in private patient rooms, separate elevators for patient transport, and consultation areas for physicians and other staff to meet with patient families.

Loyola Hospital will soon have a look that begins to match the quality of care for which the institution is known. ~



The hospital's new entrance lobby



The southeast corner of the hospital expansion

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