

For a **WEB EXTRA** with links to a photo gallery with more Match Day images, see dartmed.dartmouth.edu/su10/we04.

ALL: JON GIBERT FOX

DMS celebrates mid-March Match madness

Dr. William Green, dean of DMS, couldn't resist the juxtaposition: The day after the NCAA revealed which 65 college basketball teams would play where in the Division I men's tournament, 87 DMS fourth-years were poised to learn where they would spend their next several years of training.

"This is truly a fun, March Madness type of moment," said Green, before helping Dr. Susan Harper, assistant dean of medical education, hand out the envelopes at DMS's Match Day ceremony on March 18.

Fun: Along with the fun—cake, cheers, and hugs—came butterflies for Maria Miranda and Ragavan Narayanan. They were among several couples in the class wondering if they'd end up at the same institution, or at least within commuting distance of each other.

Narayanan opened his envelope first and learned that he'll be doing surgery at Harvard's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Then Miranda's envelope informed her that she'll be doing internal medicine at UMass in Amherst, just 45 minutes from Boston. "I was worried," Miranda said with a smile of relief. "You never know."

For Sherzana Sunderji, the president of the DMS Student Government, reality and hope also matched up: She'll be going into pediatrics at her first choice, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Why pediatrics? "Kids

smile and laugh," says Sunderji, who was raised in Canada after her parents fled Idi Amin's dictatorship in Uganda. "They make me happy," she adds.

Rank: Under the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), the soon-to-be-graduates rank their preferred training programs, while the directors of residency programs nationwide rank the applicants. A computer then pairs students with programs. (For a student's-eye view of Match Day, see page 25.)

This year, 21,749 of a record 30,543 students who applied to the NRMP received matches, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. From Dartmouth, the 87 new M.D.'s will fan out to 26 states

and the Canadian province of Ontario; the top destination,

drawing 18 of the '10s, is Massachusetts. Miranda and 14 other students chose internal medicine, 11 are going into pediatrics, and 10 into anesthesiology. See the box on the facing page for details on most of this year's matches (a few graduates asked that their placements not be published, however).

Incoming: While most of the DMS '10s head off around the country, the Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) at DHMC expects to welcome 79 new residents this year. According to GME's Christina Trottier, 13 are DMS graduates, 11 of them from the Class of 2010.

DAVID CORRIVEAU

Why pediatrics? "Kids . . . make me happy," says Sherzana Sunderji.



1



2



3



4

For fourth-year med students, the most important mid-March date is not the deadline for submitting their NCAA brackets but the day they learn where they'll do their residencies. At DMS, 1 Dean Bill Green (right) passes Rodwell Mabaera the word that he'll stay at DHMC for internal medicine, as Assistant Dean Susan Harper guards the rest of the envelopes; 2 Sherzana Sunderji tells a classmate she scored a spot in pediatrics at Penn; 3 Michael Gleeson, who's also staying at DHMC for internal medicine, gets an assist from his daughters; and 4 from the left, Cindy Chai, Ragavan Narayanan, Maria Miranda, and Melissa Dewhurst celebrate together.

CHILL-TIME: DMS students do get an occasional break, including in a long-running ice hockey face-off against University of Vermont med students. This year, DMS took the prize—irreverently called the Specimen Cup—for the third year in a row, in a thrilling shootout.



We do not have permission to include in our online edition
the text that was in this box in our print edition.