

## F A C T S &amp; F I G U R E S

**We've got you covered**

11.0%

**New Hampshire residents without health insurance coverage**

10.3%

**Vermont residents without health insurance coverage**

1.7 million

**Outpatient visits to DHMC in FY05**

21,254

**Inpatient discharges from DHMC in FY05**

95%

**Percentage of FY05 patients discharged to New Hampshire or Vermont**

\$18.8 million

**Financial assistance provided by DHMC in FY05 to uninsured patients**

9,495

**Number of FY05 patients who received financial assistance**

2,150

**Additional patients served in FY05 through DHMC's support of clinics for uninsured, unemployed, and low-income patients**

1,734

**Number of patients who received support through DHMC in FY05 for the purchase of prescription medications**

1st &amp; 2nd

**Rank of Vermont and New Hampshire, respectively, in the annual "healthiest state" rankings**

SOURCES: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU (2003-2004 FIGURES), DHMC FY2005 ANNUAL REPORT AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS REPORT, MORGAN QUITNO PRESS'S HEALTH CARE STATE RANKINGS 2006

## DMS Class Day 2006: Lots of good cheer despite absence of sun

**D**r. Stephen Spielberg, DMS's dean, opened the 2006 Class Day ceremonies with an apology that "we could not be outdoors today." The graduates, faculty, and speakers—all in colorful academic regalia—had marched in behind a pair of bagpipers—Drs. James Feeney and Travis Matheny, both DMS '00s—into the College's Leede Arena. There, family and friends eagerly awaited their arrival on an inclement day. But, explained Spielberg, the occasion is about family and friends, those who sustained the graduates during their education, so their presence mattered more than the absence of sun.

**Service:** Dr. Antonia Novello, the 14th U.S. surgeon general and the first woman and first Hispanic to hold that office, gave the keynote address. Now New York State's health commissioner, Novello called the graduates "colleagues" throughout her speech and noted that she was impressed by their community service—from providing assistance to special-needs children to singing at hospitals and nursing homes.

She frequently interjected counsel, too. "The happiest people I know are those who go about their everyday lives doing good things for other people without asking 'What's in it for me?'" she said. "For a moment, colleagues, I want you to imagine a world in which 'we' would

replace 'I' as the operative pronoun. Think of the impact on learning and knowledge if there were intellectuality without arrogance."

**Diverse:** She laid down three serious challenges to the graduates: to respond to the needs of an increasingly diverse society; to work to eliminate disparities affecting the health of the nation's emerging majorities; and to approach their work with a professionalism that keeps medicine a sacred institution.

"If you . . . succeed in caring for all, you must become men and women who are concerned with discovering where your patients come from, where they've been . . . their total persona, their integral humanity," Novello said. "We must fight for a health-care system where all patients have access to doctors, clinics, specialists, diagnostic tests, and needed services."

"Control has been wrested from health-care professionals and is in the hands of bureaucrats, CEOs, and even politicians," she went on. "In these times I cannot help but wonder whether the essential humanity of medicine will survive. And I cannot help but ponder the way it once was and ask, 'Is there a doctor in the house?' I suggest . . . we must start to respond more directly to the needs of our patients and make ourselves heard as representatives of the communities we serve." (See page 64 for more of Novello's thoughts, in this issue's "Point of View" essay, which was adapted from her Class Day talk.)

She was followed by medical



## Student Prizes and Awards

**Dean's Medal** Lisa Ernst

**John W. Strohbehn Medal** Neil Ganem

**Good Physician Award** Andrew Place

**American Academy of Neurology Prize** Andrew Place, Cloe Shelton

**Department of Anesthesiology Award** Cloe Shelton

**Saul Blatman Award in Maternal and Child Health** John Raser

**Harte C. Crow Award in Radiology** David Bauer

**Dartmouth-Mosenthal Surgical Society**

David Doman, Joseph Dwaihy, Thomas Kesman,  
Meredith Sorensen, Benjamin Whittam

**E. Elizabeth French Award in Pathology** Gregory Fuhrer

**Dr. Freddie Fu Orthopaedic Surgery Award** Thomas Kesman

**AMWA Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Award** Lisa Ernst

**AMWA Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citations**

Lisa Ernst, Lizabeth Martin, Cloe Shelton

**Hitchcock Foundation Research Prize** David Bauer, Erik Bergquist

**Julian and Melba Jarrett Memorial Prize** Joseph Dwaihy

**C. Everett Koop, M.D., Courage Award** Scott Hughes

**Frederic P. Lord Award in Anatomy** Cloe Shelton

**Department of Medicine Award** Lisa Ernst

**Merck Manual Awards**

David Bauer, Brett Chevalier, Sai Li, Rebecca Swenson

**Arthur Naitove Surgical Scholar Award** Meredith Sorensen

**New England Pediatric Society Award** Andrew Place

**Payson-Hampers M.D.-M.B.A. Scholars Award** Thomas Kesman

**Department of Psychiatry Award** Jodi Leverone

**John F. Radebaugh Community Service Award** John Raser, Sabrina Selim

**Rural Health Scholar Awards**

Christine Cooley, Paul McKie, Meredith Sorensen

**Barry D. Smith, M.D., Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology**

Brett Chevalier

**Stanley J. Sarnoff Cardiovascular Science Fellowship Award** Paul McKie

**Rolf C. Syvertsen Fellow** Lisa Ernst

**Rolf C. Syvertsen Scholars**

Christine Cooley, Jean-Paul Dedam, John Raser,  
Rebecca Swenson, Theodore Yuo

**Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award** John Raser

**John and Sophia Zaslow Prize** John Raser

**Douglas P. Zipes, M.D., Research Prize in Medicine** Paul McKie

student speaker Jean-Paul Dedam and graduate student speaker Koren Nishina. "Medical school was easily the four hardest years of my life," Dedam said. "When I was three years old, I wanted to be a cowboy." Instead, he opted for "working 80 hours a week in a hospital. . . . It all comes back to love—unconditional, child-like love for life, for humanity, for each other, and for the art of medicine."

Nishina told the biomedical graduates, "During our time at Dartmouth we learned how to be scientists—how to ask questions, how to design experiments to answer these questions, and how to troubleshoot our experiments. . . . Whatever your challenge or goal, always work hard. Never give up."

**Degrees:** This year, 56 students received M.D.'s and 21 were awarded Ph.D.'s. The Ph.D. degrees included six in biochemistry, one in genetics, six in microbiology and immunology, three in pharmacology and toxicology, two in physiology, and three in the evaluative clinical sciences. There were also four M.S. graduates in the biomedical sciences and 10 in the evaluative clinical sciences, while 49 master of public health degrees were awarded.

Since everyone knows who the graduates are, the big mystery of Class Day is who will receive the three top awards not announced until that day. Dean Spielberg and Dr. Lori Arviso Alvord, associate dean for student and multicultural affairs, broke the suspense. The recipients were: Lisa Ernst, presented

with the Dean's Medal for "a remarkable record" in medical school and a perfect score in her clerkships; Neil Ganem, the John W. Strohbehn Medal for Excellence in Biomedical Research, for "remarkable results" in his study of cell proteins; and Andrew Place, the Good Physician Award, as the best exemplar of the personal and intangible qualities of a good physician. Place was the first M.D.-Ph.D. student to ever receive the Good Physician Award; he completed his Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology in 2004.

In addition, the students had some awards to give out. The M.D. graduates chose Dr. Philip Goodney, a resident in surgery, as the recipient of the Thomas P. Almy Housestaff Teaching Award; Dr. Rand Swenson, an associate professor of anatomy and of medicine, as the recipient of the Basic Science Teaching Award; and Dr. Hugh Huizenga, a professor of medicine, as the recipient of the Clinical Science Teaching Award.

**Oath:** A final tradition, the recitation of the Hippocratic Oath by the medical graduates, was led by Dean Spielberg. From bagpipes to academic regalia, tradition ruled at Class Day 2006. But there seems to be a rule that tradition needs a break now and then. This year it came when student speaker "J.P." Dedam called his classmate Chris Jons up on stage with his guitar to play the Beatles' "All You Need Is Love." Soon the entire audience had joined in, swaying and singing, "Love is all you need. . ."

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On DMS's Class Day, the rain was coming down outdoors but the mood was upbeat indoors. Neither the graduates, including **1** Shanon Connolly, nor the dignitaries, including **2** Dean Stephen Spielberg, leading the academic procession; keynote speaker Antonia Novello; and DMS's associate deans, let the weather spoil the occasion. Among the M.D. graduates with smiles on their faces were **3** Meredith Sorensen and Lisa Ernst (the latter the winner of the top student prize, the Dean's Medal) and **4** Raj Joshi and Sandy Chan. **5** Spielberg presided over the ceremony, which included student speeches by **6** M.D. grad Jean-Paul Dedam and **7** Ph.D. grad Koren Nishina. **8** Biochemist Nancy Speck, left—with her doctoral advisee Christina Ma-theny—was among the many faculty members present to celebrate their students' successes. And among the other graduates reveling in the festive event were **9** M.P.H. grads Christine Tolis, left, and Patricia Munseri and **10** M.D. grad Jodi Leverone.