

**TAKEN FOR GRANTED:** DMS was one of eight medical schools awarded a Caring for Community grant by the Association of American Medical Colleges. The funds will go to the Mascoma Valley Free Clinic, which aids the medically underserved.



for years—including O'Donnell and Drs. Brian Lombardo, Patricia Pratt, Roshini Pinto-Powell, Ryan DeLee, Mark Harris, Todd Poret, Peter Mason, Timothy Gardner, and Nancy Cochran, plus the director of multicultural affairs, Shawn O'Leary.

Each student and mentor had something to say about the other. "Dr. Pratt knows her patients so well," said Chevalier. "I want to be like her." And Pratt said that whenever her patients saw Chevalier, "a therapeutic relationship started. Brett was always able to find that little spark."

**Sing:** Joseph Dwaihy noted that Pinto-Powell "has a dedication to students that is unparalleled." And she replied, "I do love the students. All 11 are so deserving it makes my heart sing. . . . All of you will receive many accolades in the future, but I hope this one means a lot."

Christopher Jons said of O'Donnell, "I saw Joe model the compassion and love that he just let blossom," while O'Donnell recalled a frightened patient far from home for whom "Chris was the doctor for his soul."

"I really loved the mentoring aspect that was brought to the ceremony," said Allison Sole, associate director of the honor society's national organization, who attended the induction. "It was a brilliant innovation that I hope other chapters will adopt."

All 11 honorees received a Gold Society lapel pin and a plaque bearing the words "Medicine is the most humane of the sciences and the most scientific of the humanities."

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## Worthy of note: Honors, awards, appointments, etc.

**Ethan Dmitrovsky**, M.D., a professor of pharmacology and toxicology, was named associate scientific director of the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation.

**Gregory Tsongalis**, Ph.D., an associate professor of pathology, was elected president of the Association for Molecular Pathology.

**Charles Wira**, Ph.D., a professor of physiology, has been tapped as president-elect of the American Society for Reproductive Immunology.

**Madeline Dalton**, Ph.D., a research associate professor of pediatrics, received the Alfred University Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement.

**David Robbins**, Ph.D., an associate professor of pharmacology and toxicology, was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

**Lori Alvord**, M.D., an assistant professor of surgery and associate dean for student and multicultural affairs, received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Drexel University.

**Marie Bakitas**, D.N.Sc., a nurse practitioner in palliative medicine, received the Anthony Di Guida-Delta Mu Prize for Excellence in Scholarship and Dissertation from the Yale University School of Nursing, in recognition of her doctoral research in chemotherapy-



induced peripheral neuropathy.

**Diane Harper**, M.D., M.P.H., a professor of community and family medicine, was named the 2006 New Hampshire Family Physician of the Year by the New Hampshire Academy of Family Physicians. For more on Harper, see page 56.

**Joseph Annis**, M.D., an adjunct associate professor of anesthesiology, was elected to the American Medical Association board of trustees.

**George Little**, M.D., a professor of pediatrics, was named New Hampshire Pediatrician of the Year by the New Hampshire chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. A specialist in newborn care, Little developed the regional perinatal system for New Hampshire and Vermont.



Three pediatricians with DMS ties were chosen as officers in the New Hampshire Pediatric Society: **Charles Cappetta**, M.B.B.S., an adjunct associate professor, as president; **Patricia Campbell**, D.O., an adjunct assistant professor, as secretary; and **Christine Rosenwasser**, M.D., an adjunct assistant professor, as treasurer.

DHMC's **Norris Cotton Cancer Center** was named one of the top 50 hospitals for cancer care by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2006 "America's Best Hospitals" issue.

**DHMC** and the **VA Medical Center** in White River Junction, Vt., were named among the nation's 100 most wired small and rural hospitals, according to *Hospitals &*

*Health Networks* magazine. The annual survey focuses on hospitals' use of information technology to address quality, customer service, public health and safety, and workforce issues. DHMC has been a "Most Wired" hospital for six of the last seven years.

**Clarification:** In the feature about AIDS in our Summer 2006 issue, the directory of faculty and alumni involved in HIV/AIDS was an effort to encapsulate (in only 30 to 40 words each) contributions to research and care by 20-some individuals—historical milestones as well as recent work. That resulted in a few descriptions that did not clearly reflect some faculty members' current work. **Alexandra Howell**, since making the seminal 1997 finding described in the article, has studied heterosexual transmission of HIV, the influence of sex hormones on HIV infection, and the replication of HIV within the female reproductive tract.

**Charles Wira** heads a National Institutes of Health Program Project Grant that is designed to increase knowledge of immune protection in the human female reproductive tract and provide information regarding the prevention of local infection in the genital mucosa; such knowledge will be useful in managing sexually transmitted diseases and in understanding heterosexual HIV transmission. And **Susana Asin** studies heterosexual HIV transmission, the influence of sex hormones and of inflammation triggered by sexually transmitted pathogens on HIV infection, and viral replication in the female reproductive tract. ■