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BY DEGREES: Sometimes one advanced degree simply isn't enough. Now, students in any Dartmouth Ph.D. program—including the Medical School's science and policy doctoral programs—have an opportunity to obtain an accelerated M.B.A. from Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business.

Advice? Check. Awards? Check. Must be Class Day!

Dr. Donald Ingber, the keynote speaker at DMS's 2009 Class Day ceremony, never took an engineering course but heads the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering. He never trained in surgery or pathology but holds an endowed chair at Harvard in both departments. "So," he asked the graduates, "how did I get here?"

Path: As Ingber explained his own career path, he reminded listeners not to be so focused on a single route that they lose sight of other opportunities.

"A straight line doesn't always get you to where you want to be," he said. Over the years, his penchant for veering in new directions has led to a number of unexpected findings, such as helping uncover the possibility of using antiangiogenesis treatments to target cancer.

The Ph.D. student speaker, Samuel Bakhom, shares Ingber's enthusiasm for research. "To me, the Ph.D. training is simply a way of nurturing one of our most basic and fundamental instincts as human beings: curiosity," Bakhom said. Curiosity, he noted, has led to many important advances in medicine.

Interns: M.D. grad Narath Carlile told his classmates that, even as interns, they will have a lot to contribute. "With the way we treat our patients and our medical students, we can immediately start becoming the change we would like to see," he said.

When the speeches ended,

several students and faculty were recognized. Mara Rendi received the Dean's Medal, which goes to the top M.D. graduate; Peter Belenky received the Strohbehn Medal for his achievements in the Ph.D. program; and Daniel Kaser received the Good Physician Award.

Dr. Roshini Pinto-Powell, a general internist, received the class's Clinical Science Teaching Award; Dr. Harold Manning, a pulmonologist, the Basic Science Teaching Award; and Dr. David Hughes, a resident in surgery, the Thomas P. Almy Housestaff Teaching Award.

Degrees: In all, 157 graduates walked across the stage: 63 M.D.'s; 34 Ph.D.'s (12 in biochemistry, three in genetics, five in microbiology and immunology, six in pharmacology and toxicology, three in physiology, and five in health policy and clinical practice); 47 M.P.H.'s; and 13 M.S.'s (two in genetics, two in pharmacology and toxicology, and nine in health policy and clinical practice).

After Dartmouth language professor John Rassias led the new M.D.'s in reciting the Hippocratic oath, all the degree recipients took their first steps as DMS graduates, perhaps recalling Ingber's parting advice. "Let me remind you that the future is not something that you confront," he said. "It's something that you can craft and sculpt, if you set your mind to it."

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Class of 2009 Prizes and Awards



Dean's Medal Mara Rendi

Good Physician Award Daniel Kaser

John W. Strohbehn Medal for Excellence in Biomedical Research
Peter Belenky

Frederic P. Lord Award in Anatomy Mara Rendi

Department of Anesthesiology Award Peter Burrage

C. Everett Koop, M.D., Courage Award Vivianne Tawfik

John F. Radebaugh Community Service Award

J. Kristofer Sherwood, Christal Costello Yuo

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award Narath Carlile

Julian and Melba Jarrett Memorial Prize Narath Carlile

Saul Blatman Award for Excellence in Maternal and Child Health
Gabriel Civiello

Payson-Hampers M.D.-M.B.A. Scholars Award

Natalia Berry, William Cronin

Department of Medicine Award Narath Carlile

Merck Manual Awards

William Cronin, Laura Erickson-Schroth, Kristen Yurkerwich

American Academy of Neurology Prize Carolyn Bevan

Barry D. Smith, M.D., Award for Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Daniel Kaser

Dr. Freddie Fu Orthopaedic Surgery Award Der-Chen Huang

E. Elizabeth French Award in Pathology Mara Rendi

Department of Psychiatry Award Katherine Shea

Harte C. Crow Award in Radiology Sword Cambron

Hitchcock Foundation Student Research Prize

Daniel Kaser, Benjamin Northrup

Douglas P. Zipes, M.D., Research Prize in Medicine Andrea Russo

Arthur Naitove Surgical Scholar Award Courtney Warner

American Medical Women's Association

Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citation Mara Rendi, Kara Detwiller,
Jennifer Talmadge, Vasilena Zheleva

John and Sophia Zaslow Prize Heather Anderson



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Reveling in this year's Class Day festivities were **1** M.P.H. grads Isaac Maro, left, and Leila Boubshait and **2** M.D. grads Andy Cronin, left, and Samar Alami, as well as faculty marshalls Jay Dunlap and Jackson Beecham, right. **3** Bagpipers Katherine MacInnes '11, left, and James Feeney '00 led the **4** procession. The grads got hooded and **5** listened to speeches. Then it was time to celebrate for **6** M.D. grads Peter Burrage, left, and Vivianne Tawfik, right, and Ph.D. grad Arye Elfenbein, center; **7** M.D. grads Yasotha Rajeswaran, Shahla Syed, and Katherine Walia; and **8** M.P.H. grads Daena Petersen and Ako Takakura.