Fall was a celebratory season at DMS and DHMC, with two special events honoring some of those who are helping Dartmouth transform medicine—a reception for donors, whose generosity makes the institution’s work possible, and a dinner for students, whose dedication leads the way into the future.

Celebrating our donors  By Barbra Alan

Honoring the many donors who support medicine at Dartmouth, DHMC hosted its annual donor appreciation reception on October 26.

At the reception, guests mingled with DHMC leaders, including James Varnum, president of MHMH; Dr. Stephen Spielberg, dean of DMS; and Dr. Thomas Colacchio, president of the Clinic. Colacchio delivered the evening’s keynote address—“Is There a Scientist in the House?”—describing DHMC’s collaborative research environment.

“DHMC renders a great service to our community,” said guest Cynthia Blake, “not only in terms of its wonderful medical care, but also in terms of bringing together so many dedicated and talented doctors, nurses, and researchers.”

The event also included tours of Norris Cotton Cancer Center labs and the announcement by Vice President of Development Brian Lally that the Transforming Medicine Campaign had reached $109 million—“a true testament to the friends, alumni, corporations, and foundations that we consider our partners,” he said.

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Celebrating our scholars  By Barbra Alan

DMS scholarship recipients and scholarship donors gathered for a special “Celebrating Our Scholars” dinner on September 22. The hosts of the event were Dr. Stephen Spielberg, dean of DMS, and scholarship benefactors Dr. Norman Payson ’73 and Dr. William Thomas ’59.

The event, the first of its kind at DMS, highlighted the importance of scholarship funds for the Medical School and gave supporters of scholarships at DMS a chance to mingle with the students who benefit from their generosity.

During the evening, three scholarship recipients—Irvin Sanchez ’08; Heather Anderson ’09; and Thomas Kesman, who is scheduled to graduate from Dartmouth’s M.D.-M.B.A. program in 2006—shared with the guests their experiences at DMS and their post-medical school aspirations. Each also expressed gratitude to the donors whose gifts have made their medical studies possible.

“Scholarship funds are invaluable to our ability to attract dedicated and deserving doctors-to-be from all economic backgrounds, so they can experience the rigor and reward of the DMS educational experience,” Dean Spielberg said at the evening’s close.

“Whether you are a generous donor who established a scholarship fund, or one of the many outstanding students who have been awarded a scholarship,” he concluded, “you are helping transform medicine at DMS and beyond.”

Raising the bar

The financial goal of the Transforming Medicine Campaign for Dartmouth Medical School and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is to raise $250 million by 2009. Even more far-reaching is its goal of “raising the bar” in medicine: Of questioning assumptions—respecting tradition but not following it blindly. Of erasing boundaries—translating science from the lab bench to the bedside by connecting researchers with clinicians. Of creating solutions to the nation’s most critical health-care issues. Of transforming medicine.

Anatomy of a goal

Gifts to the Transforming Medicine Campaign are building endowment reserves, enhancing programs and services, supporting learning and teaching in clinical settings, advancing medical education, and stimulating a stronger annual giving program, as well as advancing the work of the Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth and Norris Cotton Cancer Center. Here is a breakdown of the $250-million goal:

- $98 million for clinical research programs and unrestricted support.
- $85 million for faculty and clinical academic endowment.
- $67 million to build and enhance research, academic, and patient-care facilities.

As of early December, the Transforming Medicine Campaign had raised $111 million in cash gifts and pledges—more than 44% of the total goal.

Learning more

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