Greetings from the desk of Maria Savoia, M.D.

Welcome to the summer issue of Medical Alumni News. This issue will bring you exciting news from the UCSD School of Medicine and information about upcoming events and activities.

I am pleased to report that the School of Medicine will welcome its first group of Program in Medical Education for Health Care Equity (PRIME-HEq) students this August. The PRIME-HEq was made possible with the passage of California Proposal 1D, and will provide a new curriculum track to train physicians to look for and correct inequalities in health care access and outcomes wherever they exist. Proposition 1D also calls for a 10% increase in class size. We are excited to welcome a total of 134 new students this fall.

The architectural plans for our new Medical Education and Telemedicine Center are near completion. The building will contain a complete telemedicine suite, a simulation center, new classrooms, a new 330 seat auditorium, and many other exciting features. We still need to raise another $22 million to make this the state-of-the-art education facility the School of Medicine desperately needs. We are hoping Alumni giving will help provide for a new student lounge in the building, and we welcome your ideas and support.

On behalf of the Medical Alumni Association National Board of Directors, I thank you for your continued support. By giving back, you make a difference.

UCSD WELCOMES...

Dr. Jess Mandel - Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education.

In his role as Associate Dean, Dr. Mandel provides strong administrative leadership for all areas of Undergraduate Medical Education. Some of his most prominent responsibilities are: providing leadership for numerous curriculum committees, the multidisciplinary labs, the Professional Development Center, the Office for Educational Support Services (formerly the Tutorial Program) and the Body Donation Program.

Dr. Mandel came to UCSD SOM from the University of Iowa, where he served in a variety of roles, most recently as the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Curriculum, a position that he had held since 2002. Other positions included Associate Professor of Medicine at the university's Carver College of Medicine, as well as co-director of the Pulmonary Hypertension Center at the UI Heartcare, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Dr. Mandel's impressive background as both physician and administrator make him the "perfect fit" for meeting the challenges and opportunities that will ensure excellence in education for all students at UCSD's School of Medicine.

Match Day

On the morning of March 15, 2007, over a hundred students and administrators gathered in the student lounge of the School of Medicine campus. UCSD medical students in their final year of study waited anxiously to discover the location of their residency training programs.

Joyce Felder, the school's registrar, observed as students opened their envelopes, cheered and congratulated each other. Most were pleased with their destinations. "I'm always happy on this day," Felder said. "It's sort of like my kids are leaving. But it's time to go." Out of the 103 students, 76 will remain in California with 19 of them serving their residency right here at UCSD. A few of the popular choices for out-of-state programs include Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, New York Presbyterian Hospital as part of the Cornell program and Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Career Night

On Thursday, January 25th, over 60 medical students and about 36 local physicians attended the Annual Career Night at UCSD. Alumni dined and offered advice and information on career choices to current students. According to survey replies from all who attended, the night was a success and provided students the opportunity to hear about different medical specialties and different types of practices.

Medical Alumni Association Scholarships

The Medical Alumni Association is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Bud Whipple and Carrlene Harper Scholarships.

Cristina Gordon, a third year student from Orange County, California, is the recipient of the Bud Whipple Endowed Memorial Scholarship. The members of the selection committee recognized Cristina's strength, perseverance and "unselfish commitment to others" despite adversity. "Cristina’s strength of spirit and lack of cynicism… her shining spirit is evident to anyone who comes in contact with her,” said Dr. Christine Moutier, Assistant Dean for the School of Medicine. In Cristina’s scholarship statement, she shares her hopes for reaching out and

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You Matter
Your suggestions are the most important news we can receive. Please take a minute to send an e-mail to medalumni@ucsd.edu and share your ideas for Alumni events, news and improvements. We really want to hear from YOU.

Alumni Relations Office
Pam Murphy, who has been the Director of the Alumni Relations department since November of 2005, has accepted a new position with student services at UCSD. We wish Pam all the best in her new endeavors.

Effective July 23, Brooke Bain is the Director of Medical Alumni Relations. Brooke has extensive experience managing events and coordinating fund-raising activities, both at the University level and in other non-profit settings. Most recently, Brooke was the Manager of Executive Programs and Events at the Goizueta Business School of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Brooke has also worked at the Institute for Higher Education Policy in Washington DC where she managed relationships with donors and beneficiaries. Please join us in welcoming Brooke to the UCSD School of Medicine.

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becoming a living proof for success through faith and hard work; “I thought there might be a chance that I, too, could influence someone to believe in themselves… and even though I may never find out, I hope I was able to give [at least one student] the hope and belief in him or herself to try for something, anything, which would lead to a better life.” We believe you will agree that Cristina embodies the values of the Bud Whipple Award. Congratulations Cristina!

The Medical Alumni Association congratulates Kiran Mitha, who was chosen to be this year’s recipient of the Carlene Harper Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, in memory of a former OSA employee, is given to a student who exhibits excellence in community service. Kiran grew up “with a very strong sense of responsibility towards others.” Her dedication to the local community through UCSD’s Student Run Free Clinic, and her most recent research fellowship in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, allowed her to spread her desire to care for others. She hopes to establish “permanent collaborations between local physicians in the U.S. and health care workers abroad… to create sustainable improvements in international medicine.” Congratulations, Kiran!

The 2007 Alumni Reunion is just around the corner. Don’t miss this excellent opportunity to catch up with old friends, attend CME presentations and enjoy the San Diego sun. Classes of ’72, ’77, ’82, ’87, ’92, ’97 and ’02 are reuniting at the Catamaran Resort on September 28-30th. For more information and to register, visit http://meded.ucsd.edu/reunion or email medalumni@ucsd.edu.

Discounted Hotel Rates
Take advantage of the limited block of rooms reserved at the rate of $169. Please identify yourself as a UCSD School of Medicine Reunion participant when contacting the Catamaran Hotel. The Catamaran can be reached by dialing (858) 539-8710. September is a very popular time in sunny San Diego. Please make reservations early and prior to August 29, 2007. After the cut-off date or once the room block is full, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis at prevailing rates.

Reunion Speakers
Class of ’72 alumnus William H. Piggott leads the impressive list of speakers for the CME program offered in conjunction with the Reunion Weekend. This year’s program will offer cutting edge presentations on a variety of topics:

KEYNOTE – The National Disaster Medical System: the Nation’s Back-Up for Catastrophe
William J. Piggott, MD, ’72

Patient Safety
Matthew Weinger, MD, ’82

Reducing the Risk of SIDS
Thomas Keens, MD, ’72

Introduction to Longevity and Anti-Aging Medicine
Philip Miller, MD, ’72

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