I had the opportunity to spend a few moments reflecting on the significance of this year’s Alumni Weekend with Holly Humphrey, MD’83, Dean for Medical Education. For Dean Humphrey, this year marks the 25th anniversary of her graduation from Pritzker. Although medicine and medical education have undergone unprecedented change, we agreed that Pritzker represents to both of us a special place in our personal and professional lives. Alumni young or old, we are united by a common experience that has defined us as individuals, professionals, and leaders in medicine.

MM: As you reflect on the years since your graduation from Pritzker, how has medical education changed?

HH: Both the scientific basis of medicine and clinical environment are very different today. What we know about science is so different in almost every domain. The pace of clinical activity, the length of stay, fragmentation in care—these are all changes we face. We pay more deliberate attention to quality of care. Patient safety was always on our minds before, but never as actively as it is today.

MM: Given that the environment has changed so much, what innovations at Pritzker have prepared us to deal with these new realities?

HH: Our new curriculum is trying to be mindful of those new realities in every dimension—from the scientific revelations to the changes in the clinical environment to the changes in medicine-related disciplines. Whether that’s bioethics or the economics of health care, we have the opportunity to shape a brand new approach to these realities. Using technology, medical simulation, and standardized patients—all new and different opportunities that we did not have 25 years ago.

MM: Your education at Pritzker was clearly influential in your career. What aspects of your education here were most influential for you?

HH: I benefited from excellent mentorship from faculty. These mentors helped me envision a career as both a doctor and a mother and negotiate that careful and challenging balance.

MM: Is there anything that you know now that you wish you had known as a student?

HH: Even though people told me this, it is only recently that I have come to understand that a life in medicine is truly a marathon, not a sprint. In considering that, you train differently, you prepare differently.

The other thing I knew but I feel even more strongly today is the real challenge of being a doctor and a mother. This is life’s greatest challenge—to balance this in a way that is healthy for everyone involved. My students taught me to be a better mother. My children have taught me to be a better doctor, program director, and dean.
Match Success for the Class of 2008!

With much pomp and a great deal of circumstance, the Pritzker Class of 2008 tore into their Match Day Letters at approximately 11:00 a.m. CST on March 20, revealing where they would be spending the next years of their lives. 100% of students who sought a position matched, an outstanding accomplishment. The National Resident Match Program (NRMP) reports that, “More than 94% of seniors who applied for residencies this year [successfully matched to a program]—the highest percentage in more than three decades.” Not only successful, this year’s match was also the largest in history, with more than 28,000 students entering the process and vying for nearly 22,250 residency spots.

What Are Our Students Going to Be Doing?*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specialty</th>
<th>Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Internal Medicine, Categorical</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pediatrics</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family Practice</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emergency Medicine</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>General Surgery</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medicine-Preliminary</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Obstetrics and Gynecology</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medicine-Primary Care</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Orthopaedic Surgery</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pathology</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transitional</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medicine-Pediatrics</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anesthesia and Critical Care</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Neurological Surgery</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Neurology</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Physical Medicine &amp; Rehab</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Psychiatry</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surgery-Preliminary</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Urology</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Medicine-Psychiatry</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Otolaryngology</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Plastic Surgery</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Radiology-Diagnostic</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*results reflect matches for PGY1

Where Are Many of Our Students Heading?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hospital</th>
<th>Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>University of Chicago Medical Center</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northwestern University Hospitals - IL</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Northwestern Memorial Hospital/VA (4)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Evanston Northwestern Healthcare (1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Children’s Memorial Hospital (1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harvard Affiliated Hospitals - MA</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Children’s Hospital - Boston (2)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Brigham and Women’s Hospital (2)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Massachusetts General Hospital (1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NYP Hospital-Columbia University Medical Center - NY</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UC San Francisco Medical Center - CA</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UC San Diego Medical Center - CA</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Congratulations, Class of 2008!

In this Issue:

Dean's Corner .....................................1
Match Success for the Class of 2008 .......2
Day in the Life with Dr. Friedlander ... 3
Day in the Life with Dr. Mack .......... 4
Alumni Profile: Dr. Blaisdell .......... 5
Chief Resident Round-Up ............... 6
Student Cancer Research ............... 7
Student Fellowships ..................... 7
Faculty Achievements .................... 8
Student Honors and Publications ...... 8
Pritzker Society News ................... 11
Class of 2008 Photo Gallery .......... 12

Editors
Caroline Kraft, Dana Levinson, Kelly Smith
Design, Cindy Bold
Paging “Pediatric Dermatologist-Extraordinaire”: A Day in the Life with Dr. Sheila Friedlander, AB’75, MD’79

Each spring, the Medical & Biological Sciences Alumni Association sponsors the “Day in the Life” Experience, which gives current medical students the opportunity to shadow Pritzker alumni in their professional lives during spring break. For more information about this and other student-alumni programs, please visit the Medical & Biological Sciences Alumni Association at: bsdalumni.uchicago.edu/students/

By Chelsea Dorsey, MSII

My “Day in the Life” experience began immediately with a warm greeting at the airport from pediatric dermatologist-extraordinaire Sheila Friedlander, AB’75, MD’79, her husband, Dr. Marty Friedlander, and their two youngest children. After brief introductions, we all piled into their car and were off to their home in Del Mar, California. As we drove through the beautiful city, I was acutely aware of my overwhelming anticipation of the days to come.

I awoke the next morning to the annoying sound of my cellphone alarm, unsure of why it had decided to go off so early. It all slowly came back to me as I took in my surroundings. Foreign bed...blue, non-overcast sky...San Diego...Dr. Friedlander...Day in the Life! After chatting over a cup of coffee, Dr. Friedlander and I were off to the Scripps Research Institute where she does much of her work on hemangiomas, a congenital vascular malformation. My day was spent sitting in on fascinating research meetings and speaking with the individuals working in the lab regarding the progress of their study. On Tuesday, I shadowed Dr. Friedlander at the University of California at San Diego Children’s Hospital. I went in and out of rooms all day and each time emerged having learned something new.

One of the best and more unexpected parts of my experience was having the opportunity to shadow physicians from a multitude of specialties, including a neurosurgeon, an infectious disease physician, and an ophthalmologist (her husband). In fact, I spent much of Wednesday with Marty. Somehow he convinced a few of his patients to pretend they were coming into the clinic for the first time and I was their new doctor! This was actually quite fun and after taking detailed histories I realized I had learned a great deal of information about some really intriguing cases. Most notable was a woman with a recurring Toxoplasma gondii infection and a family with Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome—all with ocular manifestations. On Thursday, it was back to pediatric dermatology as Dr. Friedlander and I traveled to a small clinic outside the city for a full day of seeing patients. Throughout the day, my appreciation for the field of dermatology grew as I saw how complex each case could get and how astute the physician had to be.

My last dinner with the family was great and looking around at how close they were truly gave me hope for my future. The life of a physician is quite hectic, and a loving and supportive family is undeniably necessary. I left the following evening, but not without spending a few hours on the beach first—it was spring break after all!

“One of the best and more unexpected parts of my experience was having the opportunity to shadow physicians from a multitude of specialties, including a neurosurgeon, an infectious disease physician, and an ophthalmologist.”
—Chelsea Dorsey
A Day in the Life of David Mack, PhD’92: From Cell Biology to Venture Capitalism, and Back

By Cesar Guerrero, MS II

Venture capital isn’t something you go to school to learn how to do. There are no books or courses out there that teach how to invest in and build life science companies,” David Mack, PhD’92 told me in an email sent prior to my visit. With this notion in mind, and a notebook filled with questions, I flew into San Francisco to meet with Dr. Mack, my host for the week.

Leaving the airport, Dr. Mack filled me in on how he came to be involved in Alta Partners, a venture capital firm in the life sciences, and the road he traveled to arrive at his current position. He reminisced about his days in Chicago and Hyde Park, spoke about his involvement in the earlier days of biotechnology developing polymerase chain reaction (PCR), and described his current interest in cancer cell biology.

A Day at One Embarcadero

“Due diligence is essential,” said Dr. Mack on our first working day, in reference to the importance of understanding the fine details of prospective medicines as well as the epidemiology and pathology processes of targeted diseases. He stated that most MDs who ultimately enter venture capital have acquired very specialized knowledge with which they are able to develop an idea that will impact the industry.

We shifted our discussion toward the current and future market for pharmaceuticals and to biotechnology’s role within that market. According to Dr. Mack, big pharma has a lot of cash on hand, and a pipeline with few prospects. Coupled with the fact that major revenue earners will soon come off patent means pharma is looking to buy biotechnology companies with future blockbuster drugs. This is where people such as Dr. Mack come in. They have the specialized knowledge to create companies capable of making an innovative idea a reality.

Later in the day I sat in on a presentation on a late-stage company, TransMedics, founded and started by a physician. They have developed a new system for transporting transplanted hearts; instead of the old system of putting hearts on ice, the have created a device that keeps the hearts warm and pumping. This allows for

(MACK continued on page 5)

WHY YOU SHOULD EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE

“Most MDs who ultimately enter venture capital have acquired very specialized knowledge with which they are able to develop an idea that will impact the industry.”—Dr. David Mack

“What I enjoyed most about the trip was just getting refocused…Spending time with Dr. Estes reminded me what all the work was for and why everything we learn is so important…It was great to recognize so many aspects of our training in practice.”—Mike King, MSI

“My Day in the Life” experience with Dr. Brownstein gave me the opportunity to observe a very specialized procedure and to interact with a unique patient population that would otherwise not be readily available to me.”—Chris Rishel, MSI

“Some of the discussions in ethics class always seemed to be somewhat theoretical until I saw them in the real world…I was surprised to learn how directly applicable the education from our ethics and social context classes was.”—Umar Yaqoob Khokhar, MSI

For more information about the Day in the Life Experience, visit: bsdalumni.uchicago.edu/students/
Celebrating Sixty Years: A Profile of Richard Kekuni Blaisdell, MD’48

By Emily Bethea, MSI

This summer, Dr. Richard Kekuni Blaisdell—Professor Emeritus and Founding Chair of the Department of Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai’i—will return to Pritzker to celebrate the 60th reunion of the class of 1948. A look back at Dr. Blaisdell’s unique path over the past six decades, from his beginnings at the University of Chicago through his career dedicated to the struggle for the rights of native Hawaiians, reveals an inspiring story that embodies Pritzker’s mission to develop “leaders and innovators in science and medicine for the betterment of humanity.”

At the end of his internship in 1951, Dr. Blaisdell joined the U.S. Army. He served for four years, first in the hills of Korea as a field artillery battalion surgeon and later as a hospital internist in Japan and as a medical advisory officer in Taiwan where he helped to set up his station’s first pathology lab. In 1957, Dr. Blaisdell accepted a two-year post as Chief of Hematology at the U.S. Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission. He worked in Hiroshima and Nagasaki conducting research on anemia, myelodysplasia, and neutropenia to help survivors of the devastating U.S. atomic bombs.

(MACK continued from page 4)

more time in transit and has decreased mortality among heart recipients. University of Chicago Medical Center is currently among the hospitals chosen to participate in the stage III clinical trials.

A Day in Palo Alto

Medical therapy has had an increasing shift towards protein-based therapies, but with this shift come new challenges. A current barrier to developing these medicines is the cost and difficulty of production. “Every company has a list of hard-to-make proteins that they would love to develop into drugs.” To meet this challenge, Dr. Mack has assembled a team to develop cell-free protein expression. Instead of making products like Etanercept in hamster ovary cells, the idea is to produce an extract containing all the “machinery” like ribosomes and chaperone proteins, and add them together with encoding DNA as reagents. This would allow for tighter control of protein synthesis, and avoid degrading enzymes.

His Advice

Dr. Mack advised me that the best way to set myself up for a career in biotechnology is to be involved in the development of new technologies, whether that be discovering new pathways at the lab bench or overseeing research trials of new medical devices. My experience with Dr. Mack has given me a better understanding of how creative and innovative ideas are transformed into products that will have a positive impact on health care.
Dr. Richard Blaisdell, MD’48

(BLAISDELL continued from page 5)

Upon returning from Japan, Dr. Blaisdell spent six years as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago until 1965 when he was appointed the first Chair of the Department of Medicine at the new University of Hawai‘i School of Medicine. There, he helped to establish clinical training programs that emphasized cultural sensitivity by “starting early.” At the University of Hawai‘i, he recalls, students “were wearing their white coats and learning how to interact with patients during the first week of school.”

Alongside his work at the University of Hawai‘i, Dr. Blaisdell struggled for the rights of indigenous Hawaiians. In 1983, he contributed to the first document on the health status of the Kanaka Maoli people, revealing this group’s extreme marginalization. His findings led to the institution of the U.S. Congress Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act and the Native Hawaiian Scholarship Program. This passion for human rights comes from injustices witnessed in childhood. Dr. Blaisdell explains, “When I was a boy, the term Kanaka was one of derision.” Now he hopes this name will connote its true meaning: Kanaka means “human being” and Maoli means “genuine.” To this day, Dr. Blaisdell remains active as a consultant in the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the University of Hawai‘i and continues to work for the elimination of health disparities among the Kanaka Maoli and for the restoration of their nation.

When reflecting on his career, Dr. Blaisdell sees the University of Chicago’s “extremely supportive and enriching environment” as integral to his personal and professional development. When asked for a few words of advice for those of us just starting out, Dr. Blaisdell replied, “Have fun!” Medical school, he believes, is the time to “find your passion, so that you may spend your life doing something you truly enjoy.”

Of the many ways in which recent Pritzker alumni can be acknowledged for their achievements, election to the role of Chief Resident is one of the most notable. The Pritzker School of Medicine is proud to announce the following members of our alumni community who will be serving as Chief Residents beginning in July 2008:

Afshan Ahmad, MD’05
Radiology
New York University Medical Center

Pat Basu, MD’05, MBA’05
Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology
Stanford University

Deanna Kasperski, MD’06
Internal Medicine
University of California, Los Angeles

Joe Ogarek, MD’06
Emergency Medicine
University of Chicago Medical Center

Katherine Sparger, MD’06
Pediatrics
Children’s Hospital Boston

Stephanie Takahashi, MD’06
Internal Medicine
University of Chicago Medical Center

Megan Young, MD’06
Internal Medicine
Boston University
Boston Medical Center

Jennifer Zumsteg, MD’05
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
University of Washington Medical Center

Honors and Awards
Fourth-year student Jasmine Lew is the first author on a recent study that suggests excessive alcohol consumption can lead to an increased risk of breast cancer. After completing her third year, Jasmine was accepted the Howard Hughes Medical Institute-National Institutes of Health Research Scholar Program to spend the 2007–2008 academic year conducting research at the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics. Her research has been making headlines in news outlets across the country.

Throughout the past year spent at the National Cancer Institute’s Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, Jasmine and her research colleagues reviewed data from the NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study, which began in 1995. They then analyzed more than 184,000 postmenopausal women, and ultimately learned that alcohol inhibits the body’s ability to metabolize estrogen. Since more than 70 percent of breast cancer tumors are classified as positive for both the estrogen and progesterone receptors, the difficulty in metabolizing estrogen increases a woman’s risk of developing a tumor.

Of their research, Jasmine notes, “This suggests that a woman should evaluate consumption of alcohol along with other known breast cancer risk factors, such as use of hormone replacement therapy.”

The findings were presented at the American Association for Cancer Research 2008 Annual Meeting in San Diego in April.

Three third-year Pritzker students have been awarded prestigious fellowships to conduct research projects over the course of the 2008–2009 academic year.

Josh Wallbrecht, will participate in the 2008–2009 Fulbright Program to study in Ecuador in conjunction with Foundation Human Nature (FHN). FHN has established a health center in the community of La Y de la Laguna to serve that area and the surrounding communities. He will educate the population about tools to treat many common ailments within their own homes, thus eliminating their need to travel great distances and endure hardship.

Zach Rosner will begin a Doris Duke Charitable Foundation International Clinical Research Fellowship in July, spending two months in Boston planning his project. He will then spend eight months conducting a mentored international clinical research experience in sub-Saharan Africa, and will return to Boston in May 2009 to conclude the project.

Jamie Weiss Krashin was one of just eight students nationwide selected to participate in the CDC Experience. The year-long fellowship takes place at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. During her tenure, Jamie will work primarily with several localities to develop, disseminate, and evaluate an intervention that will increase symptom recognition and lead to improved detection of primary syphilis.
**Faculty Achievements**

Rita Rossi-Foulkes, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, has been selected to serve as the National Secretary-Treasurer for the Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association. Dr. Rossi-Foulkes is Program Director for the University of Chicago Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program.

**Student Honors and Publications**

Leonardo Aliaga, a first-year student, was elected to a leadership role in the Network of Latin American Medical Students (NNLAMS)-Midwest Regional Committee.

First-year student John Andrawis has been chosen to participate in the Medical Student Training in Aging Research (MSTAR) program. Through this program he will receive a grant from the American Federation for Aging Research and will be conducting research related to aging and geriatrics at the University of California, Los Angeles throughout the summer.

Brandy Blackwell, a first-year student, won Best Basic Science Poster in the Wilbert C. Jordan Research Forum at the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Spring Meeting, in March. Dr. John Cunningham, Professor of Pediatrics mentored Brandy in her research on “The Role of EKLF in Erythriad Gene Expression and Cell Cycle Regulation.”

Marissa Encinosa, a third-year student, won an American Association of University Women (AAUW) Selected Professions Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes women in professional schools who are underrepresented in their respective fields. Marissa will be working closely with the CAMP pipeline program for undergraduate and premed students as a part of her funded project.

Third-year student Ed Gometz has been chosen to participate in the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program. Through the Schweitzer program, Ed will provide bilingual child safety, health promotion, and preventive medicine workshops for new parents and secondary caregivers as well as provide basic training in child and infant CPR.

Third-year student Neena Kapoor presented her clinical vignette poster “TTP or not TTP?” at the Society of Hospital Medicine Annual Meeting and received Honorable Mention out of 64 clinical vignette posters that were presented. The poster represents a case of a young woman with lupus who presented with an intracranial hemorrhage and renal insufficiency thought to be due to malignant hypertension who actually had TTP, which was diagnosed using a new autoantibody test.

Tell Us What You’re Doing!

If you would like your recent achievement to be highlighted in the next issue of the Pritzker Pulse, please visit the Pritzker website at pritzker.uchicago.edu and click “Submit your Pulse update!”
Dan Krebs was the first author of “Community-Based Follow-Up for Late Patients Enrolled in a District-Wide Programme for Antiretroviral Therapy in Lusaka, Zambia,” which was published in the March 2008 issue of AIDS Care. Dan, now a second-year student, began this research while working at the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ) prior to matriculating at Pritzker. The CIDRZ is a joint venture between the University of Alabama and the Zambian Ministry of Health. Dan is also the second author of “Cluster-Randomized Trial of Enhanced Labor Ward-Based PMTCT Services to Increase Population Nevirapine Coverage in Lusaka, Zambia,” which was accepted for an oral presentation at the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City.

Research done by third-year MSTP student Kent Mouw is featured on the cover of the April 25 issue of Molecular Cell. The article “Architecture of a Serine Recombinase-DNA Regulatory Complex” was co-authored by Dr. Phoebe Rice, Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Their work looks at a unique DNA recombination system from Staphylococcus aureus, which uses the topology of the DNA to control the initiation and outcome of the recombination reaction. This information will provide a framework for future studies of the system.

First-year student Victoria Rodriguez was recently elected to the National Network of Latin American Medical Students (NN-LAMS) as a National Board Member and Regional Development Chair. In this role, Victoria will reach out to Latino medical students across the country to promote student leadership and development through involvement in the national organization.

Yang Shen, a second-year student, has been selected to participate in the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research’s 2008 Medical Student Anesthesia Research Fellowship program. Through the program, Yang will examine how non-ocular anesthesia may contribute to ischemic optic neuropathy (ION) and lead to perioperative vision loss.
Third-year student Ann DeBord Smith is the recipient of the AOA Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship for her proposal “Towards an Online Matching Mechanism for Kidney Paired Donation.” With the support of AOA, Ann will work with Dr. Giuliano Testa, Associate Professor of Surgery to improve the model of matching kidney donor-recipient pairs by optimally matching some incompatible pairs early. Ann also received a Roche Presidential Student Mentor Award from the American Society of Transplant Surgeons to support this project.

First-year student Nathan Tonlaar received an award for Best Basic Science Poster in the Wilbert C. Jordan Research Forum at the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Spring Meeting in March. Nathan is mentored by Bradley T. Keller, PhD from Pfizer Global Research and Development in St. Louis, Missouri. The poster was titled “Correlation of Rat and Human Aortic Smooth Muscle Cell-based Assays for cGMP Production by Heme-dependent sGC Activators.”

Jeremy Wortman, a first-year student, recently published the article “Medical School Programs to Increase the Rural Physician Supply: a Systematic Review and Projected Impact of Widespread Replication” in the March 2008 edition of Academic Medicine. Through previous work conducted with the Department of Family Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Jeremy’s project looks at the projected impact on the rural physician workforce if all medical schools were to adopt programs to train rural physicians.

At the University of Chicago, in an atmosphere of interdisciplinary scholarship and discovery, the Pritzker School of Medicine is dedicated to inspiring diverse students of exceptional promise to become leaders and innovators in science and medicine for the betterment of humanity.
The Pritzker Pulse, Summer 2008

Phemister students, joined by career advisor Dr. Howes, proudly claim the title of Society Volleyball Champs at the winter quarter Phemister and Coggeshall Game Night at North Beach

Organizers Kaitlyn Wallace and Tashera Perry with Dr. Abelson and Mardelle Gundlach, House Manager of the Ronald McDonald House

As the proud victors of the Pritzker Society’s Annual Change War, the Phemister Society donated the proceeds, totaling $1028.70, to the local chapter of the Ronald McDonald House. DeLee Steering Committee Members Kaitlyn Wallace and Tashera Perry organized the event in which students and faculty put money in buckets as part of the intersociety competition to raise money for charity—coins allowed a society to gain points and bills took away points away from other societies.—Sarah Sobotka, MSIII and Tashera Perry, MSI

As the proud victors of the Pritzker Society’s Annual Change War, the Phemister Society donated the proceeds, totaling $1028.70, to the local chapter of the Ronald McDonald House. DeLee Steering Committee Members Kaitlyn Wallace and Tashera Perry organized the event in which students and faculty put money in buckets as part of the intersociety competition to raise money for charity—coins allowed a society to gain points and bills took away points away from other societies.—Sarah Sobotka, MSIII and Tashera Perry, MSI

and Dr. Mindy Schwartz were seen mingling, and even a few ER residents graced us with their presence.

A quick highlight of the night’s events:
• Beanbags! Yes, that’s right. Beanbag Toss. Great game—like horseshoes only with a lot more “smack-talking.”
• Basketball. Nothing quite like a little 3 on 3. Dr. Howes put on quite a show, playing in wingtips and slacks.
—Andy Pendley, MSIII

The DeLee Society sponsored two big events during the month of April. Whirlyball proved to be a fun-filled night for all. Later in the month, DeLee members attended a Second City performance, which was declared a “must-do” for next year’s society activities. Upcoming events for DeLee include a Habitat for Humanity event, mentorship session, and a potluck on May 31st at Dr. Gehlbach’s house.
—Audrey Brewer, MSIV

The 1st Annual Phemister / Coggeshall Night o’ Games at North Beach was a success! The turnout was excellent; many spouses and significant others joined us, Phemister and Coggeshall Society Career Advisors Dr. David Howes

Jon Hron makes a break for it at the DeLee Whirlyball event
Class of 2008 Photo Gallery

Members of the Gold Humanism Honor Society Class of 2008

The 2008 AOA Inductees