As we scan the photographs in this graduation edition of Connections, we see in the students’ faces a radiant hopefulness that marks new beginnings. Months or years of education within Mayo School of Health Sciences (MSHS) have yielded academic accomplishment, enduring friendships, and the promise of challenging careers.

It is no small thing that students take with them a part of the Mayo legacy — the fundamental principle that the needs of the patient come first. This standard will be tested frequently during this era of rapid change in health care. Just how each student chooses to apply this basic but fundamental standard of care will be answered throughout the years and will be seen in the thousands of patients they come in contact with.

In addition to thinking ahead to what graduating students will accomplish, it is encouraging to me to read about the legacies left by those who made major contributions to MSHS as practicing professionals and leaders. Their influences have helped to shape the quality programs these students have completed.

Karen Moxness, who served as the Director of the Dietetic Internship Program, embodied the attributes of a great teacher and mentor. As one colleague recalls, “She was never too busy for a question or to share some advice when I needed it. She was a great mentor for me, and for many others.” When Moxness died in January 2007, she donated a large portion of her estate to the College of Medicine to be used for an endowment scholarship. The Karen E. Moxness College of Medicine Scholarship was established to support Mayo Clinic students — particularly allied health students.

In this issue you will also read about Marsha Hall, who after serving as the chair of Education since 1993, retired in December 2008. Hall’s career coincides with the early years that shaped MSHS. She leaves behind a robust school that continues to grow and change along with the demands of health care.

The legacy of MSHS continues to develop and evolve. This issue spotlights not only new beginnings for the graduates, but also two new programs for the school as well: a Clinical Laboratory Science Program, begun in July 2008, and a Hemodialysis Patient Care Technician Program, scheduled to launch in August 2009.

The many people who pass through MSHS as students, faculty and leaders each contribute to the collective and lasting effects of the school. We bid farewell to these graduating students, and extend our best wishes for fulfilling careers and lives filled with opportunities to apply the Mayo legacy — wherever they may go.

Lorrie Bennett
President, MSHS Alumni Association
Nurse Anesthesia 1991
(Master’s of Nurse Anesthesia, 2000)
Karen Moxness: Her passion for learning lives on

A dietitian and educator, Moxness left a legacy of enthusiasm for learning and a scholarship to benefit students.

Karen Moxness owned thousands of books, and she read them all — many of them multiple times. When colleagues needed information on a dietetics topic, Moxness could often cite a journal article, by volume and page, where they could learn more. She thrived in an environment of inquiry and discovery, and found joy in inspiring others to do the same.

Moxness’ love of learning shone through in her life’s work as a dietitian and educator at Mayo Clinic for more than 30 years. When Moxness died in January 2007, she left a fitting tribute to that passion for education. The Karen E. Moxness College of Medicine Scholarship was established to support Mayo Clinic students — particularly allied health students — in their own quest for knowledge.

A wonderful resource

Moxness began at Mayo in the 1960s as a dietetic intern. After she completed her education, she became an assistant professor of nutrition and dietetics at Colorado State University. But her absence from Rochester was short-lived. Sister Moira Tighe, the director of Dietetics at Saint Marys Hospital (SMH) at the time, recruited her to fill the newly created post of assistant director of Clinical Dietetics at SMH.

“Staff quickly learned that Karen was a wonderful resource for information. She read all the latest journals, papers and books,” says Sister Moira. “It wasn’t just our Dietetics staff that turned to her; many pharmacists and nurses came to her with questions, too. She was generous with her knowledge and excited to share it with others.”

Moxness put that enthusiasm for learning to work in a more formal way when she became director of the Dietetic Internship Program — the same program where she was an intern during her own training. She remained head of the internship program for several decades.

“Karen treasured the Dietetic Internship,” says Rita Jones, a colleague and friend. “She loved to see others grow in knowledge. Being involved with students gave her an opportunity to watch that happen every day.”
“Karen was an avid educator and researcher. The scholarship is an apt extension of that,” says Audrey Nelson, M.D., a retired Mayo Clinic physician and close friend of Moxness. “It will help students go into health care fields and develop a passion for discovery in the same way Karen did.”

Kimberly Kerber, a student in the MSHS Master of Nurse Anesthesia Program, received one of the first Karen E. Moxness scholarships. Kerber exemplifies how Moxness’ love of learning will continue through scholarship recipients.

After working as a registered nurse in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Saint Marys Hospital for five years, Kerber decided to make a career change by continuing her education at MSHS. “I’ve always known I wanted to further my education by obtaining a graduate degree. Becoming a nurse anesthetist is a great fit for me,” says Kerber. “After I finish the program, I would like to continue my work at a teaching institution. I like that type of environment because the people appreciate and foster an atmosphere of growth. Someday, I might like to teach, too.”

The Moxness scholarship made switching back to academics easier on Kerber. “It’s so helpful to have this scholarship,” she says. “It’s been a huge change for me to go from full-time work to full-time student again. I’m very appreciative of this support.”

According to Dr. Nelson, that’s just what Moxness would have liked to hear. “Karen lived for helping others strive for their goals and reach their potential,” she says. “Her lifeblood was teaching. This scholarship is a perfect tribute to Karen.”

Make a Connection …

For information about supporting scholarships within Mayo School of Health Sciences, visit Mayo Clinic’s Department of Development’s web site at: www.mayoclinic.org/development.

A trusted mentor

Working with students wasn’t Moxness’ only avenue for teaching. When Sister Moira retired, Moxness became director of Clinical Dietetics at SMH. The position eventually expanded to include the clinic and both hospitals in Rochester. Through that work, she served as an adviser for hundreds of Mayo staff members.

Sister Moira recalls the ease with which Moxness could relate to and encourage others. “If you asked her something, she never made you feel like it was a silly question,” says Sister Moira. “She made people feel good about themselves and confident in their own abilities.”

Jones, who became the Dietetic Internship Program director when Moxness stepped down, credits her with making the transition smooth. “Karen taught me everything she knew about the program,” says Jones. “She was never too busy for a question or to share some advice when I needed it. She was a great mentor for me, and for many others.”

A continuing commitment

Considering her lifelong commitment to learning, it came as no surprise to her friends that Moxness donated a large portion of her estate to the College of Medicine to be used for an endowment scholarship.
After serving as Mayo Clinic’s chair of Education since 1993, Marsha Hall retired in December 2008. She likens her career at Mayo to a delicately planned and patched quilt — each experience representing a piece of carefully chosen material — her teams and mentors representing the strong threads that brought it all together.

A self-proclaimed neophyte quilter, Hall does not shy away from a challenge. Undeterred by limited experience, she artfully completed a “Six Sisters” quilt, finishing a project begun more than 100 years earlier by her great-grandmother.

After a 40-year career at Mayo, Hall hopes her future includes more time for hand-quilting and other endeavors that connect her personal and professional with what lies ahead.
dream, planning and mastery through dedication and hard work. “There is something magical about Mayo Clinic,” says Hall. “It inspires you and brings out the best in people; not only in what the place offers its patients and employees, but for the community too.”

When Hall joined Education, she admits there were challenges. “At the time, we were at the front-end of being an enterprise,” Hall explains. “Our five schools needed to be accredited as three-campus entities, and Florida and Arizona were relatively new campuses, each
about four years old. It was rewarding to see them embrace Education and grow quickly."

Mayo School of Health Sciences (MSHS) posed another challenge. A young school (as an official entity), it needed its department-based programs to be standardized under the MSHS umbrella. "We had excellent administrators and program directors who took the school to a whole new level," says Hall.

Hall admits she is a bit envious of the young people she sees walking through Mayo’s doors today. “I can only imagine what awaits them, because I’ve lived it. I understand how bright and exciting their careers at Mayo can be. What lies ahead for these bright individuals will be so exciting."

Hall has certainly enjoyed a long and fulfilling Mayo career. “Education thrived under her tutelage,” says Claire Bender, M.D., professor of Radiology and dean of MSHS. “We are indebted to Marsha for her many contributions and achievements. She will be missed and we wish her well in retirement.”

Life without Mayo
“Work has been my life, but I look forward to more time with my family,” says Hall, whose husband of 30 years waited patiently to begin their golden years together after his retirement several years ago. “Ed and I will do lots of skiing and visit our children and grandchildren in Alaska, California, Virginia and Colorado,” she says.

Hall will also further strengthen and explore friendships, possibly with outdoor excursions. “We have a group of friends that get together once or twice a year for a long weekend,” says Hall. The all-female group has traveled to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Minnesota, and to New York City and Scotland. “The group has a name — NAWAW,” she says. “Not all women are wimps.”

As a wonderful 40-year-career ends, Hall begins another chapter in her life. “There will be more time for gardening … more time for traveling and skiing … and, of course, there will be quilting.”


Positions held:
Clinical microbiologist, laboratory supervisor, clinichal administrator,
Mayo Medical School administrator, Graduate Medical Education administrator,
chair of Education

Fondest memory:
“People who have told me I made a difference in their career.”

Mayo’s greatest asset:
“For sure, it’s the people. They are the nucleus of Mayo.”
Mayo School of Health Sciences Program Highlight: Clinical Laboratory Science Program features new education methods

The inaugural class of the Mayo School of Health Sciences (MSHS) Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) Program began its studies in July 2008. The 23 students will complete a 10.5-month program that includes both didactic and hands-on clinical laboratory experience. Upon graduation, the students will receive certificates of completion from Mayo School of Health Sciences and will be eligible to sit for a national certification examination.

In the past, MSHS has offered CLS internships and clinical rotations (see sidebar below). This is the first time the school has offered its own CLS educational program.

“We decided to offer our own program to help address the nationwide shortage of clinical laboratory scientists,” says Sue Lehman, CLS program director. “We hope that by offering students a solid education, exciting clinical experiences and great networking opportunities, they will seek employment at Mayo after graduation.”

To be eligible for the program, students must have a bachelor’s degree in a related field or be a senior majoring in clinical laboratory science at one of the program’s affiliated institutions (University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, Luther College, Wartburg College, Saint Mary’s University, University of Northern Iowa, University of Mary, Viterbo University, and Buena Vista University). Students who have completed bachelor’s degrees may also apply to the program’s Jacksonville location, though they should keep in mind that the program includes eight months of education and clinical rotations on Mayo Clinic’s Rochester campus.

The program’s didactic coursework, which includes classes in hematology, clinical chemistry, immunology, clinical microbiology, molecular diagnostics, transfusion medicine, laboratory management, quality control and method validation, is provided online. Students chat with

Clinical Laboratory Sciences internships

Mayo School of Health Sciences offers Clinical Laboratory Sciences internships in Arizona, Florida and Rochester. The programs allow students enrolled in affiliated institutions to gain hands-on experience in Mayo Clinic laboratories. The programs also serve as an excellent recruitment tool for Mayo’s lab directors.

“We have an opportunity to get to know the students completing internships here, and to show them what it’s like to work at Mayo,” says Pamela Green, laboratory education coordinator in Arizona. “We’re always happy when there’s a good fit and we hire one of our former students.”

Pamela Green, laboratory education coordinator in Arizona.
their instructors and classmates via online bulletin boards, chat rooms and e-mail. The students also meet each day for hands-on lab lessons, where they apply what they’ve learned online.

“We’re excited about this new method of education,” says Lehman. “It places student in the driver’s seat and allows them to tailor the lessons to their own needs. They can review the learning content as often as they need to in order to master the material. And they’re coming to the lab with a great knowledge base to draw on, which enhances their learning.”

In addition to lectures and lab work, CLS students complete hands-on experiences alongside Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology staff in bacteriology, clinical chemistry, hematology, blood banking, immunology, phlebotomy, and renal analysis. Opportunities for experiences in more specialized laboratories are also available, including toxicology, endocrinology, mycology, metals analysis, human cell therapy, fertility testing, parasitology, molecular genetics, biochemical genetics, and quality assurance.

“Clinical laboratory science is a fascinating field that encompasses several disciplines,” says Nancy Moody, laboratory administrator at Mayo Clinic in Florida. “There are a variety of jobs and career advancement opportunities open to graduates in today’s clinical laboratory.”

For graduates hoping for jobs as clinical laboratory technologists, the future is especially bright.

“The need for clinical laboratory technologists is expected to continue to grow nationally, and within Mayo as well,” says Lehman. “In general, we’ve traditionally hired more than 80 percent of the students who graduate from our clinical laboratory science programs, and anticipate the need to continue in the distant future.”

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“We decided to offer our own program to help address the nationwide shortage of clinical laboratory scientists.”

— Sue Lehman
In August 2009, Mayo School of Health Sciences (MSHS) will welcome its first group of students into the Hemodialysis Patient Care Technician (HPCT) Program. The four-month program, which prepares students to provide hemodialysis to patients with kidney failure, is just the second of its kind in Minnesota.

“Previously, we trained new dialysis technicians after they were hired,” says Donna Magtibay, director of the program. “People very often ended the training feeling overwhelmed, and would tell me after training that they had no idea what the job was going to entail. Because they didn’t know what they were getting into when they accepted the positions, a few people we hired quit after training — before they ever started work.”

The HPCT Program is an attempt to address this issue by providing intense training to students before they are hired. Only certified nursing assistants or those with comparable patient care experience may apply to the program, a prerequisite also designed to reduce attrition.

The course consists of 18 modules, including clinical topics (such as Elements of Renal Disease, Basic Elements of Anatomy and Physiology of the Body, and Infection Control Principles), as well as topics related to professionalism (such as Teamwork and Time Management Skills).

“Developing the program has been fun,” says Magtibay. “I worked with staff nurses from our eight dialysis locations to develop the curriculum, and it was great to involve so many different perspectives. We could dream big, and I think the end result is a very strong program.”

Donna Magtibay, director of the Hemodialysis Patient Care Technician (HPCT) Program

“This is a great field to go into. The need is great, and so is the opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives.”

— Donna Magtibay
The program will be offered twice each year, with up to six students enrolled each session.

“We determined the number of students to enroll based on our yearly attrition rate,” says Magtibay. “Our hope is that we’ll hire all the students we train.”

In addition to classroom instruction, students will complete clinical rotations at Mayo Clinic dialysis sites in Rochester, Albert Lea, Minn., Decorah, Iowa, Fairmont, Minn., Onalaska, Wis., Owatonna, Minn., or Wabasha, Minn.

“Offering clinical rotations in various locations will reduce drive time for students from around the region,” says Magtibay. “Our goal is to make this program accessible to people in their own communities.”

Students who complete the HPCT Program will receive a Certificate of Completion from MSHS and will be prepared to provide high-quality patient care. They’ll also be prepared for something else: new Medicare certification requirements that were put into place in October 2008.

“Our program modules cover the material students will be expected to know to pass one of the national certification exams now required for hemodialysis technicians,” says Magtibay.

New technicians must be certified within 18 months of being hired; current technicians must be certified by April 14, 2010.

Certification exams are available from the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (www.nncc-exam.org), Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing and Technology (www.bonent.org), and the National Nephrology Certification Organization (www.ptcny.com/clients/NNCO).

“The certification requirements are a reflection of what an important role patient care technicians play in the care of patients undergoing dialysis,” says Magtibay. “They are an integral part of a patient’s care team.”

Magtibay says demand for hemodialysis patient care technicians is expected to remain strong, as increasing numbers of people live with chronic kidney disease and renal failure.

“This is a great field to go into,” says Magtibay. “The need is great, and so is the opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives.”

Make a Connection …

To learn more:
www.mayo.edu/mshs/hemodialysis-career.html
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**Athletic Trainer Internship – Rochester**

**Class Notes for 2008 Interns:**
- Alyssa Tungseth (June 2008 Intern), Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn.
- Daniel Schumann (July 2008 Intern), University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- Corey O’Brien (Summer Rochester Honkers Intern 2008), University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

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**Connections: Mayo School of Health Sciences**

**Audiology Fellowship – Arizona**

**Program Update:**
The Audiology Program at Mayo Clinic Arizona continues to provide in-depth clinical experience in diagnostics, vestibular/balance assessment, hearing aids, and cochlear implants. Mayo Clinic was fortunate to hire doctoral students Linsey Wagner and Sarah Oakley. Their fellow classmate, Sarah Borton, accepted an audiology position in St. Louis. A new set of exceptional students, Julia Barclay, Kristin Follett, and Gregory Nelson, began their clinical rotations on Aug. 11, 2008.

**With Distinction:**
All three fellows participated in research involving Galvanic Vestibular Stimulation (GVS) and cochlear implants under the direction of Dr. Michael Cevette. They presented posters at the American Academy of Audiology convention.

**Class Notes:**
- Sarah Borton, Au.D. Saint Louis University, St. Louis

*From left: Sarah Oakley, Sarah Borton, Linsey Wagner*
Program Update:
The third year of the Audiology Externship Program at Mayo Clinic Rochester was very successful.
• Connie Converse, Au.D., completed a clinical program in adult and pediatric diagnostics, vestibular/balance assessment, hearing aids, cochlear implants, and universal newborn hearing screening. Dr. Converse has accepted a position as a clinical audiologist in the United States Air Force in San Antonio.
• Christopher D. Bauch, Ph.D., was named medical director in June 2008.
• Kathryn A. Kerst, M.A., was named program director in June 2008.

With Distinction:
Dr. Converse is the third audiology doctoral externship student at Mayo Clinic Rochester. In addition to her clinical rotations, Dr. Converse also completed a research project investigating the effects of dynamic head movements on balance control as part of a series of studies focused on developing an expansion of our current balance testing protocols. This was done under the supervision of Neil Shepard, Ph.D., and Julie Honaker, Ph.D. The results were presented at the American Academy of Audiology’s annual conference in Charlotte, N.C., and are currently being prepared for submission to a professional journal.

Class Notes:
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Biomedical Sciences – Jacksonville

From left:
Jeremy Burgess (Ertekin-Taner)  
Ruth Watkinson (Lewis laboratory)  
Rebecca Surtees (Rademakers laboratory)  
Michael Crump (Younkin laboratory)  
Paul Robertson (Golde laboratory)  
Richard Panayiotou (Storz laboratory).

Class Notes:
Kelly Warke    Heart Rhythm Services  
Mayo Clinic,  
Rochester, Minn.

Laurie Sabatke    Cardiac Laboratory  
Immanuel St. Joseph’s —  
Mankato, Minn.

Amy Jo Walker    Lake City, Minn.

Mitchell Mast    Byron, Minn.

From left: Kelly Warke, Laurie Sabatke, Amy Jo Walker, Mitchell Mast.
Class Notes:
Seven students in this class were hired into positions in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology:

- Steve Bashynski – Hematopathology
- Klarissa Czys – Microbiology
- Hidayo Elmi – Neuroimmunology
- Senait Gebrehiwott – Microbiology
- Amber Kwitek – Mycology
- Greg Otteson – Hematopathology
- Joseph Westbrook – Transfusion Medicine
Program Update:
In September 2008, CNT Program faculty Daniel L. Herold, RPSGT, supervisor, Center for Sleep Medicine, was appointed assistant professor of Medicine, College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic.

With Distinction:
The class of 2008 awarded Jeanne Corfits, R. EEG T., lead technologist in the Autonomic Lab, the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Phillip Taylor, RPSGT, technologist at the Sleep Disorders Center, received the Outstanding Technical Mentor Award.

The students also awarded Judy Johnson, R. EEG T., a special award called the “The Electro-Cerebral Dominator Award” for outstanding technical knowledge and high teaching standards.

Class Notes:
Kayla Eibner  Sleep Disorders Center, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Andrew Patton  Sleep Disorders Center, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Joshua Netcott  EEG Lab, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Luke Sorrick  EMG Lab, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Zachary Thompson  Phoenix Children’s Hospital, Phoenix
Matthew House  Nemours Children’s Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.
CPE Residents From left: Roger Ring (program director), Jeff Wallagher, Butch Lewellin, Kate Ritger, David Van Buren, Mary Ann Weigel (supervisor).

CPE Summer Interns From left: Leslie Neist, Joshua Enderson, Rebecca Kelly, Matthew Kruse, Bryan Simmons, Derek Harkins, Mary Ann Weigel (supervisor).
**Program Update:**

On August 7, 2008, the Mayo Clinical Pastoral Education Program graduated two different classes of students. One class was a summer internship class, which was composed of seminarians who have completed one or two years of seminary, and came to Mayo to have an experiential educational session visiting hospitalized patients for 11 weeks throughout the summer. These students all worked at Saint Marys Hospital, and joined the overnight on-call rotation, as well as conducted worship services in the Saint Marys Chapel.

The other graduating class was a 12-month residency program. This intensive program includes clergy, religious workers, and seminary graduates who rotate throughout both hospitals over their 12-month/four-quarter program. The program helps residents develop pastoral interviewing and pastoral assessment skills, and enables them to become board-certified chaplains in the Association of Professional Chaplains. This national certification board grants the privilege to a chaplain to serve and work full-time within a hospital or institution in the United States.

**With Distinction:**

This year our residents and interns had very engaging and stimulating training experiences. At the end of each quarter, students give evaluative feedback about the program to the Mayo CPE Education Committee. Their reflections showed us that their on-call experiences tended to be powerful, educational, challenging, and true opportunities to serve those in need. Our summer interns stayed on one or two nursing units throughout their 11-week experience. Our residents rotate at the end of every 11- or 12-week quarter to a new clinical domain. Consequently, the residents graduate with a wide variety of clinical diversity and challenging opportunities to meet the needs of diverse patient situations. Usually the residents have worked at both hospitals, Saint Marys and Rochester Methodist. The residents leave Mayo CPE with opportunities to enter chaplaincy as a full-time career, or return to parish life in a church setting, or work in a different institutional setting, such as a prison, university, hospice or nursing homes.

**Class Notes:**

**CPE Summer Intern Class:**

- Leslie Neist
  - Pastoral internship in a parish

- Joshua Enderson
  - Return to seminary

- Rebecca Kelly
  - Entering educational program for teaching

- Matthew Kruse
  - Return to seminary

- Bryan Simmons
  - Return to seminary

- Derek Harkins
  - Return to seminary

**CPE Residency Class:**

- Jeff Wallagher
  - Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.

- Butch Lewellin
  - Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, Iowa

- Kate Ritger
  - DePaul University, Chicago

- David Van Buren
  - Wheaten/Franciscan Health Care, Racine, Wis.
May 2008 graduates
Front row:
Sally Carrillo, Peggy Stupca (program director), Hannah Bunney.
Second row:
Stephen Grinnell (faculty), Stephanie Harmon, Daniel Sill, Stephanie Ebnet.
Back row:
Burix Mechoso Castro, Jack Spurbeck (faculty).

September 2007 graduates
Front row:
Jack Spurbeck (faculty), Peggy Stupca (program director),
Stephen Grinnell (faculty).
Second row: Kirsten Menghini, Amy Wignes, Jennifer Bremer, Jonna Schimek, Anne Schulte, Grant Barthel, Frank Suera.
Back row: Syeda Hassan, Heather Marden-Reilly, Kirsten Lenz, Alice Hultquist, Kirsten Abramczyk.

Program Update:
The Cytogenetic Technology Program had a successful year in 2008. Fifteen out of 18 graduates accepted positions in the Mayo Cytogenetic Laboratory, and to date every student who has taken the national board examination has passed. Our scores for the national examination continue to be above the national average.

The staff of the program, along with Christopher Sattler from the clinical laboratory, was honored with a Mayo Teamwork in Excellence award (read about this in the fall 2008 edition of the Connections Magazine). The team worked to develop cell lines to enhance the educational experience in both the program and the clinical laboratory. The results of this endeavor included cost savings and more consistent study/practice materials for both areas.

Four former students presented seminars at the 33rd annual meeting of the Association of Genetic Technologists. Beth Schubert and Carolyn Meilinger presented “Chromosome Spreading: Myths, Legends, and Facts for the Good, the Bad and the Ugly.” Kimberly Leonhard and Cherine Fernandes presented “Teaching Aides for Cytogenetics.”

Some of our students have been active on a national level. The following former students of the program had peer-reviewed papers published:


Our staff was also very active this past year serving on national committees, association board of directors, publishing peer-reviewed articles and presenting at national meetings.
Class Notes:

Mary (Katy) Bartholet  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Colleen Fales       Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Rocio Garcia        Houghton, Mich.
Brittany Gregoire  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Ashley McDonald   Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Program Update:

The Cytotechnology Program successfully completed an accreditation self-study and site visit from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), and received continued accreditation through 2015.

With Distinction:

All five students presented interesting cases at the April Minnesota Society of Cytology Spring Meeting in Rochester.

Education Coordinator Amy Wendel received a Mayo School of Health Sciences Outstanding Educator Award at the April 2008 Faculty Recognition Dinner.
Program Update:
The Dietetic Internship Program started in 1930. This class raised the number of graduates to 1,159.

Class Notes:
Tanya (Becker) Christopherson Seeking Employment Finlayson, Minn.
Kimberly Bisanz Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Kaitlin (Carr) Anderson Hy-Vee Grocery Stores Rochester, Minn.
Tyra Halverson Seeking Employment Tacoma, Wash.
Alexandra (Hamptom) Gregg Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Kathryn (Peters) Tiedtke Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Janae Weikel Lehigh Valley Hospital Allentown, Pa.
Lindsay Willis Multicare, Tacoma, Wash.
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Echocardiography Program – Rochester

Program Update:
On Aug. 6, 2008, Sally Miller, RDCS, joined the Echocardiography Program as the clinical coordinator, replacing Tishri Nelson who is now the lead clinical instructor for the program.

With Distinction:
The class of 2008 awarded:
• Academic Faculty Award: Bruce Daniels, B.S., RDCS, RPSGT
• Clinical Faculty Award: Leslie Elvert, B.S., RDCS
• Physician’s Recognition Award: Sunil Mankad, M.D.

Class Notes:
Jessie Dormody     Winona Health, Winona, Minn.
Joshua Fosland    Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Kathleen Griffin  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Chelsea Hanson    Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Victoria Jones    Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Colleen Persinger  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Christina Pin    Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Nicole Reed         North Memorial, Robbinsdale, Minn.
Abby Shepanik    Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Program Update:
The inaugural year for the Histology Technician Program through Mayo School of Health Sciences was extremely successful. We were very fortunate to have been provided with new classroom space complete with state-of-the-art equipment to complement the clinical laboratory rotations and further enhance technical skill development.

Five students completed the nine-month program, were awarded certificates from MSHS, and have successfully passed the American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Registry Histology Technician (HT) certification exam.

With Distinction:
The class of 2008 presented two clinical trainer awards at the HT Program graduation ceremony. Vivian Barrone was presented with the Clinical Educator Award and Christina Halling received the Enrichment Educator Award. These laboratory staff members were recognized for their exceptional knowledge in the field and dedication to the students during their clinical rotations. Program Director Amy Wendel was also honored with the Outstanding Educator Award given by Mayo School of Health Sciences.

Class Notes:
Abbie Kaehler          Muscle Biopsy Laboratory, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Amy Farid Fawzy       Anatomic Pathology, Histology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
A. Danielle Johnsrud  Anatomic Pathology, Histology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Erica Baros           Anatomic Pathology, Frozen Section, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Julianna Thiemann     Muscle Biopsy Laboratory, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Program Update:
Students who participate in the Medical Social Services Internship Program receive a completion certificate and then go on to graduate from their specific schools of social work. There were three students in 2008 who completed the Medical Social Services Internship Program. All three completed the program in the summer. One of the students, Nicole Baune, accepted a position at Mayo Clinic Rochester and has been assigned to the Emergency Department. Alan Rodgers accepted a position as a case manager on the Intensive Community Rehabilitation Services team at Zumbro Valley Mental Health in Rochester. Sarah Heil-Brenny returned to her work at an after-school program and is completing her thesis.

These students demonstrated an enthusiasm for practice, exhibited social work values, and were outstanding in their quest for professional knowledge.

Class Notes:
Nicole Baune    University of Minnesota, Duluth
Alan Rodgers    University of Minnesota, Duluth
Sarah Heil-Brenny  University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.
Program Update:
This year we accepted three students into the preceptorship. We interviewed students for the experience positions in the laboratory, which proved to be very valuable. “Show and Tell” was very successful again this year. Every Friday, students are required to present to their classmates a topic that was unusual or a concept that was new to them. This activity requires the students to be creative. It also provides an opportunity to share experiences that the others students may not have had.

Class Notes:
Stacie Gasser  Children’s Hospital, Denver, Colo.
Ely Perea  Lubbock, Texas
Christie Tubb  Lubbock, Texas
Class of 2008 – Graduates:
First row, from left: Stacy Farrow, Stephen Pieper, Jessica Halverson, Samuel Francois, Jessica Sticka, Jacqueline Lee, Maria (Jhoel) Peterson.


Third row: Amy Torbenson, Jenna Muggli, Kelly Kastein, LaChelle Wieme, Cassie Kumpel, Christina Klein.

Back row: Christine Walz, Lori Bauer, Kellie Raabe, Theresa Truty, Kristin Petersen.
**Program Update:**
A new rotation for all seniors is Gonda 15. This is our newest outpatient facility where CRNAs provide anesthesia in a non-medically directed setting. There are eight operating rooms and a wonderful core group of senior CRNAs staffing that area. One or two anesthesiologists are on site, but the CRNAs are able to move forward with their cases, without the Medicare billing constraints. The SRNAs are exposed to a good mix of cases while working with a seasoned group of CRNAs.

Our first Off-Campus Rotations (OCRs) to Carroll, Iowa, have been completed. That OCR site has provided the SRNAs with terrific clinical opportunities.

**With Distinction:**
Research done by a group of students from the class of 2007 was published in the *Journal of ECT*. We recently received word that the article received the 2007 *Journal of ECT*’s Outstanding Article of the Year Award. Congratulations to (now CRNAs): Bret Brady, Dan Laurila, Christy Lewis, Kim Niemeyer and Sue Norzalina.

All members of the Class of 2008 have passed their certification exam. The class total mean score and subcategory mean scores were all above the national mean.

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RMH = Rochester Methodist Hospital
SMH = Saint Marys Hospital
Program Update:
Eight students were awarded certificates from the Mayo School of Health Sciences Program in Nuclear Medicine Technology on Aug. 22, 2008. The students completed a one-year internship at Mayo Clinic as part of a four-year degree program, or as post-baccalaureate work in nuclear medicine technology. Academic affiliates are: Ashford University, Iowa; Luther College, Decorah, Iowa; St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minn.; St. Mary’s University of Minnesota, Winona, Minn.; The University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse; and Barry University, Miami, Fla. These graduates were the 32nd graduating class from this program. The students will sit for the Board Examination in August 2009.

With Distinction:
Matthew Tande graduated with a 4.0 GPA, the sixth alum to do so. The “Clinical Instructor of the Year” award was presented to Dennis Flood, B.S., CNMT, an alum from the class of 2007-08. Recognized at graduation was outgoing didactic faculty member: Nicole Fischer, B.S., CNMT, an alum from the class of 2000-01.

Class Notes:

Jessica Filzen                      University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
Scott Kline                        University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
Rachel Mills                       University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
Danijela Pavlovic                  University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D.
Ross Schiermeister                 University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D.
Matthew Tande                      University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
Namo Tetekpor                      St. Cloud State University
Duong Truong                      University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus
Program Update:
The Nurse Practitioner Program graduated 10 students from its clinical residency program. This was the first year we have had a double-digit class size. This increase directly reflects the institution’s high demand for nurse practitioners. The graduating class included 10 Mayo registered nurses, who continued to work while attending school. The students had varied backgrounds; we also had a variety of clinical tracks, including pediatrics, adult, family, women’s health, and for the very first time a neonatology nurse practitioner. The students also came from different affiliating institutions. Two of the nurse practitioner students participated in the CLARION competition and this year Mayo Clinic took first place. We were very pleased with the outcome of the competition and for all the students’ hard work.

Class Notes:
All graduates are employed by Mayo Clinic.
Program Update:
Preceptor of the Year — Joanna Stollings
New Preceptor of the Year — Erin Koopman

Class Notes:
Mandelin Cooper
   Clinical Pharmacist, Infectious Diseases,
   Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, Kan.

Danielle Coppolla
   Clinical Associate Professor in Pediatrics,
   Ernesto Mario School of Pharmacy,
   Rutgers University, Piscataway, N.J.

Karishma Deodhar
   Clinical Pharmacist in Neurology,
   Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Gwen Bisek
   Clinical Pharmacist, Abbott Northwestern
   Hospital, Minneapolis

Sarah Perreault
   Clinical Pharmacist, Oncology,
   Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Shawn Kram
   Critical Care Specialty Residency,
   Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Carmen Garst
   Clinical Pharmacist, Saint Peter’s Hospital, Albany, N.Y.

John Zeuli
   Infectious Disease Specialty Residency,
   Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Brad Peters
   Pharmacotherapy Specialty Residency,
   Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Rebecca Hoel
   Clinical Pharmacist,
   University of Nebraska Medical Center
Program Update (PGY-1 Program):
2007-2008 ushered in exciting changes. Mayo Clinic Florida opened its new hospital, Mayo Clinic hospital, in April 2008 to achieve the vision of the integrated campus. The pharmacy residents were actively involved in the process. The class became the first to complete evaluations through a new electronic database for the Residency Learning System.

With Distinction:
- Five faculty members received initial academic appointment with the highest rank of assistant professor of pharmacy.
- Leah Ward, Pharm.D., was awarded the Preceptor of the Year Award.
- Kelli Siglin, Pharm.D., received the Resident Research Award for her project, “Evaluation of a Pharmacist Provided Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program in a Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic.”

Class Notes:
- Cassandra Carter, Pharm.D.
- Lori Hunteman, Pharm.D.
- Leandra LePorte, Pharm.D.
- Kelli Siglin, Pharm.D.
- Grady Health Systems, Atlanta, Ga.
- Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Sorrento, Fla.
- Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Ore.

From left: Deborah Crumb, Pharm.D. (Pharmacy PGY-1 program director), Leandra LePorte, Pharm.D., Kelli Siglin, Pharm.D., Cassandra Carter, Pharm.D., Lori Hunteman, Pharm.D., Jamila Rauseo, Pharm.D. (PGY-1 program coordinator).
Program Update (PGY-2 Program):
2007-2008 ushered in exciting changes. Mayo Clinic Florida opened its new hospital, Mayo Clinic hospital, in April 2008 to achieve the vision of the integrated campus. The pharmacy residents were actively involved in the process. The PGY-2 Critical Care residency received full accreditation from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

With Distinction:
Dr. Karen Nau, Pharm.D., completed original pharmaceutical on a national and regional level for her project, “Evaluation of Direct Thrombin Inhibitor Dosing Protocols for Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia at a Tertiary Teaching Institution”. Dr. Nau also presented her research entitled, “Safety and Efficacy of Levetiracetam for Critically Ill Patients with Seizures” at the American Thoracic Society in Toronto.

Class Notes:
Karen Nau, Pharm.D. Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Fla.

Program Update:

Among several faculty highlights, Desiree Lanzino, PT, Ph.D., joined the faculty in the 2007–2008 academic year. Jim Youdas, PT, M.S., and John Hollman, PT, Ph.D., were promoted to associate professor of Physical Therapy in the College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic. Denise Kinlaw, PT, CHT, was the 2008 recipient of the Mayo Clinic Physical Therapy Alumni Association (MCPTAA) Outstanding Alumnus Award. Aaron Rindflesch, PT, Ph.D., received a 2008 MSHS Outstanding Educator Award. Heidi Dunfee, PT, D.Sc., an associated faculty member, was the 2008 recipient of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Signe Brunnstrom Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching.

With Distinction:

Several 2008 graduates were honored with awards. Bryce Beckman received the MCPTAA Outstanding Clinician Award; Kristin Wood received the Richard L. Beers and Erik J. Aasen Awards; Rachel Squier and Kristin Wood were co-recipients of the Gordon J. Branes Award; and Lyndsey Vandenberg received the MN APTA Outstanding Student Award. Additionally, two graduates garnered national awards from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Lyndsey Vandenberg received a 2008 Mary McMillan Scholarship, and Kristin Wood received the 2008 Outstanding Student Physical Therapist Award.
With Distinction:
This academic year signifies the inaugural year of the Hospital Internal Medicine (HIM) Post-graduate PA Fellowship. It was a wonderful, successful year for the program and the PA fellow, Jennifer Williams.

Class Notes:
Jennifer Williams, PA-C, Mayo Clinic Arizona, Division of Hospital Internal Medicine

From left: Jennifer Williams, M.M.S., PA-C, HIM PA Fellow, and Kristen Will, PA-C (co-program director, HIM PA Fellowship)
Program Update:
This is the third graduating class of the 20-month Mayo School of Health Sciences Radiation Therapy Program and the University of Minnesota articulated program. The class of 2008 is the 27th graduating class of the MSHS Radiation Therapy Program.

Class Notes:
Linsey Davis  
Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minn.
Randi Wyttenbach  
Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minn.
Sara Walerak  
Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minn.
Amber Harberts  
Worthington Regional Hospital Worthington, Minn.
Tammy Volk  
Creighton Medical Center Omaha, Neb.

With Distinction:
- Randi Wyttenbach and Linsey Davis captured First Place in the 31st Annual Radiation Therapy Education Tournament. This is a college quiz bowl event held annually in Chicago.
- Linsey Davis, Amber Harberts, Sara Walerak and Randi Wyttenbach graduated from the University of Minnesota with Distinction for completing the Radiation Therapy & University of Minnesota courses with a GPA of more than 3.75.
- Andrew Jensen, M.S., received the Outstanding Didactic Faculty Award at graduation. Ann Schrader received the Outstanding Clinical Educator Award.
- Robert Blackwell, Robert Dahl, and David Carisch were honored at graduation for their 20 years of service as faculty to the program.
Program Update:
The Gateway Community College commencement exercises were held on May 9, 2008, at the Phoenix Convention Center where Associate degrees were conferred on our five interns. The Mayo School of Health Sciences honored all of our Arizona graduates at a ceremony on June 4. The class of 2008 represents our sixth graduating class from Gateway and this class also included two students, Lindsay Dickson and Ryan Hadsell, who were part of a “bridge” program that allows limited-license technologists to join a current class to continue their education allowing them to receive their RT or full/unlimited license.

With Distinction:
Angela Rumer received the “Outstanding Student Achievement” award given by the faculty at Gateway Community College. The award recognizes students for their overall achievement in both didactic and clinical learning.

Karen Donoghue, RT(R), received the 2008 “Clinical Radiographer of the Year” given by the Class of 2008 for her outstanding dedication and commitment to teaching students in the clinical setting.

Class Notes:
Lindsay Dickson  Mayo Clinic Hospital, Phoenix
Jessica Granillo-Kennedy  CORE Institute, Glendale, Ariz.
Ryan Hadsell  Mayo Clinic Hospital, Phoenix
Lynn Murray  Verde Valley Medical Center, Cottonwood/Sedona, Ariz.
Angela Rumer  Scottsdale Healthcare, Scottsdale, Ariz.
             Gateway Community College, Medical Sonography Program
Front row: Craig St. George (clinical instructor), Stan Olejniczak (program director), Sharon Jacoby (clinical instructor).


**Program Update:**
Stanley Olejniczak is the new program director as of April 1, 2008. Myke Kudlas, the previous program director, was hired by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. The program is in its third year of an eight year accreditation cycle.

The class of 2008 passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certifying exam with a 100 percent pass rate. The program has had a 100 percent pass rate for graduates since the program’s inception.

**Class Notes:**
- Bethany Honstead  
  Mayo Clinic Florida  
  Jacksonville, Fla.
- Tony Acosta  
  Baptist Beaches  
  Jacksonville, Fla.
- Whitney Lannie  
  Imaging Center  
  Jacksonville, Fla.
- Julie Edenfield  
  Imaging Center Gate Parkway  
  Jacksonville, Fla.

**Further Education:**
- Emily Arnold  
  Radiation Therapy Program  
  FCCJ (Jax), Jacksonville, Fla.
- Lonnie Paraso  
  Radiation Therapy Program  
  FCCJ (Jax), Jacksonville, Fla.
- Danicia Asberry  
  Jacksonville, Fla.
- Trisha Masten  
  Norwalk, Iowa

**With Distinction:**
Bethany Honstead (2008 graduate) and Sharon Jacoby (clinical instructor) published the article “See for Yourself” in *Radiologic Technology*.

In addition, Sharon Jacoby published the article “Easing the Lateral Hip Exam” in *Radiologic Technology*. 
**With Distinction:**

The Commencement Ceremony for the Mayo School of Health Sciences Radiography Program Class of 2008 was held on Aug. 8. Ken Aakre BS, RT(R), former graduate of the program and quality coordinator for the Department of Radiology, gave the commencement address. Corey Woxland, clinical coordinator, served as the moderator for the evening.

The following awards were presented during the ceremony:

- **Outstanding Clinical Educator Award** — Alicia Larson, RT(R) and Jamie Gotvald, RT(R)
- **Crystal Apple Award for 10 years of volunteer teaching** — Patricia Swiggum, RT(R)(MR)
- **Outstanding Academic Student Award** — Aaron Lardy
- **Outstanding Clinical Student Award** — Dustin Ertl
- **Outstanding Student Achievement Award** — Melissa Trom

In addition to the awards above, Certificates of Excellence were presented to Tim Klay, Aaron Lardy, Kelsey Malm, and Kellee Morgan; who each completed the program with 4.0 GPAs.

Certificates of Appreciation for promoting the profession were presented to two teams: Sherri Banitt and Melissa Trom, and Dustin Ertl and Tim Klay, for their First Place ties in the Scientific Exhibit Competition held at the 2007 Minnesota Society of Radiologic Technologists Annual Conference in Morton.

Also receiving Certificates of Appreciation were Amber Schiele, a 2007 recipient of the Minnesota Society of Radiologic Technologists Student Scholarship, and Dustin Ertl, who earned a 2007 American Society of Radiologic Technologists Jerman-Cahoon Scholarship.

The final group of students to receive Certificates of Appreciation was Kelsey Malm, Kellee Morgan, Amber Schiele, and Melissa Trom. These individuals entered the competition and were selected by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists to serve as Student Interns at the 2008 Annual Governance & House of Delegates Meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.
First row: Kellee Morgan, Carissa Potts, Kathryn Holst, Kristina Erickson, Dustin Ertl, Nathaniel Asuncion, Katelyn Shultz, Sherri Banitt, Jacquel Polansky.

Second row: Holly Schlink (program secretary), Megan Severson, Breanna Richards, Laura Kuhlman, Amanda Plank, Jennifer Roggow, Jenna Brand, Amy Payton, Amber Schiele, Tammy Jobe, Beverly Tupper (program director).

Third row: Susan Cosgrove (program secretary), Joni Sievers, Christopher Knoepke, Bobbielee Pankratz, Timothy Klay, Aaron Lardy, Melissa Trom, Johannah Andrist, Aithai See, Hope Hochhalter, Susan Clausen (clinical instructor).

Fourth row: Corey Woxland (clinical coordinator), Ann Urban (clinical instructor), Patricia Felten (clinical Instructor), Brenda Mensink, Amanda Carver, Kelly Klein, Kelsey Malm, Ruth Gitau, Scott Bernatz (academic coordinator), Jessica Lodermeier (clinical instructor), Rita Oswald (clinical instructor).

Absent from photograph: Alan Hoffman, M.D. (medical director).

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With Distinction:
Rhonda Baumberger graduated with high distinction from the University of Minnesota, along with receiving the Minnesota Respiratory Care Foundation H.F. Helmholz Jr. Award and the Robert M. Lawrence, M.D. Education Recognition Award.
Kyle Busack was awarded the Minnesota Respiratory Care Foundation H.F. Helmholz Jr. Award and the Minnesota Respiratory Care Foundation Nonin Scholarship.

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Front row: Alan Zeccardi, Michael Stoffels, Rhonda Baumberger, Kelly Sapan, Mark Shafer, Kyle Busack and Robert Arguello.

Back row: Vanessa King (program director), Bryan Wattier, Jeff Ward, Dr. Dave Plevak, Dr. James Findlay.
Program Update:
We were sorry to say goodbye to Katie Kuntz, our program director, who retired from Mayo after 33 years of service. The new program director is Diane Youngs, and Kristy Tenney is the new academic coordinator. We are also pleased to have Douglas (Rusty) Brown, M.D., as our new medical director.

Starting with the Class of 2011, the length of the sonography program will be 21 months rather than the current 18 months. We love our students so much we decided to keep them here another three months!

Student Achievement Award:
Jennifer Lechtenberg

Class Notes:
Viktoria Argerich  Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Fla.
Patricia Dahlke  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Keisan Hussein  District One Hospital, Faribault, Minn.
Megan Kasperbauer  McFarland Clinic, Marshalltown, Iowa
Kelly Kroening  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Laurie Landkammer  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Jennifer Lechtenberg  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Christine Pencille  Immanuel St. Joseph, Mankato, Minn.
Melissa Perez  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Kelly Popp  Calumet Medical Center, Chilton, Wis.
Tricia Stelling  Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.
Holly Washburn  Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Fla.
Through Different Eyes: Plan to attend this conference on cross-cultural and cross-generational care for, and communication with, our patients and our co-workers.

Friday afternoon will focus on how education has changed to include diversity education in the curriculum. The keynote speaker will explain how close-mindedness develops and will suggest measures people can take to become more open-minded.

Saturday morning will feature examples of the challenges of communicating across cultures and address how to improve that communication.

Location is Geffen Auditorium, Gonda Building Subway Level, Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Steve L. Robbins’ unique concept of “Unintentional Intolerance” has captured wide acclaim from numerous audiences and organizations across the United States. An approach that does not blame or point fingers, it challenges individuals and organizations to be more open-minded, mindful and intentional about inclusion and valuing people for their unique gifts, abilities and experiences.

A powerful communicator, insightful facilitator and inspiring motivator, Dr. Robbins knows how to simultaneously challenge and encourage people with a dynamic use of story-telling, humor and extensive knowledge of pertinent issues and concepts.

His life experiences as a Vietnamese immigrant growing up in poverty to becoming a passionate advocate of justice and inclusion, create a rich foundation of insight and inspiration for those who hear him.

A powerful storyteller with a powerful story to tell, Dr. Robbins has an unmatched ability to inspire people as he challenges the way they think about the world.
Resources to help you stay connected with Mayo Clinic, Mayo School of Health Sciences and professional organizations.

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You will be asked to specify Minnesota, Florida or Arizona.

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- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
- Cardiovascular Perfusionist
- Central Service Technician
- Child Life Specialist
- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Clinical Neurophysiology Technology
- Clinical Pastoral Education
- Clinical Research Coordinator
- Cytogenetic Technology
- Dietetics
- Echocardiography
- Endoscopy Nurse
- Endoscopy Technician
- Exercise Science
- Genetic Counseling
- Health Information Management
- Hemodialysis Patient Care Technician
- Histology Technician
- Medical Social Services
- Molecular Genetics Technology
- Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing Clinical Education
- Occupational Therapy
- Pathologists’ Assistant
- Perioperative Nurse
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Radiation Therapy
- Radiography
- Recreational Therapy
- Respiratory Care
- Sonography
- Speech Pathology
- Surgical Technology

For current program director contacts and e-mail addresses, please see our regularly updated listing at [http://www.mayo.edu/mshs/](http://www.mayo.edu/mshs/).
The Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for its board of directors. The board of directors is comprised of 25 members who represent various health sciences professions and geographic locations. (See the current 2008/2009 board member list on page 47.)

The following criteria will be considered in board of director appointments:

- Graduate of a Mayo School of Health Sciences program
- Health sciences profession representation
- Geographic location
- Leadership roles in a health sciences profession
- Commitment to represent alumni interests
- Interest in promoting Mayo School of Health Sciences and the Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association

Each member of the MSHS Alumni Association Board of Directors serves a three-year term with a commitment of an annual meeting (travel expenses provided).

The Nominating Committee will accept nominations until April 1, 2009. Members will be selected by the Nominating Committee and approved at the annual meeting. The board is seeking to fill six seats of members whose terms will expire.

Please send a letter indicating why you are interested in serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, areas of interest or concerns you believe represent issues for the association, suggestions you have for the board of directors regarding these issues, and any special skill(s) you have that you are willing to share with the board. You may also nominate other individuals who meet the nomination criteria.

Questions may be directed to Deborah Oscarson, Mayo Alumni Association, by e-mail at oscarson.deborah@mayo.edu or phone 507-538-1663.

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If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please indicate YOUR name:
Your name: __________________________________________
Your e-mail: __________________________________________
Let us know what you’ve been doing …
We want to recognize your achievements. Let us know about your professional activities, recent honors, books or articles written, etc., for publication in an upcoming *MSHS Connections*. Please be sure to include your name, address, city, state, ZIP code, telephone, MSHS Program, year completed, and your e-mail address. Thank you!

Tell us what you’d like to read …
Suggest the topics you’d be interested in reading about in *MSHS Connections*.

We’re looking for future Alumni!
If you know of an MSHS student prospect(s) whom the Office of Enrollment and Student Services should contact, please let us hear from you. Include the name and full address of the prospective student, and programs of potential interest. (See listing of programs in Resource Central on page 45.) Thank you.

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April 24-25, 2009: MSHSAA Meeting
Fourth Biennial Conference

Your registration is free to attend the meeting,
Friday from 2:30 to 6 p.m.
and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Through Different Eyes: Plan to attend this
conference on cross-cultural and cross-generational care
for, and communication with, our patients and our
coworkers.

Friday afternoon will focus on how education has
changed to include diversity education in the curriculum.
The keynote speaker will explain how close-mindedness
develops and will suggest measures people can take to
become more open-minded.

Saturday morning will feature examples of the
challenges of communicating across cultures and address
how to improve that communication.

There is no cost, however pre-registration is
required by April 15, 2009. (See form on page 44.)

Alumni Association Nominating Committee seeks 2009 nominees

The Mayo School of Health Sciences Alumni Association
Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for its

The board of directors is comprised of 25 members
who represent various health sciences professions and
geographic locations. (See the nomination form and the
current 2008/2009 board member list on page 47.)

The Alumni Association Nominating Committee will
accept nominations until April 1, 2009. Members will be
selected by the Nominating Committee and approved at the
annual meeting. The board is seeking to fill six seats of
members whose terms will expire. (See form on page 46.)