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## The Future of Medicine

### School of Medicine Graduation

Fifty medical students from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso campus joined their peers from the Amarillo and Lubbock campuses for commencement ceremonies held May 20 in Lubbock's United Spirit Arena.

These 117 new doctors will attend residency training programs at numerous medical institutions nationwide. Forty percent of El Paso-based graduates will go into training programs in primary care (either Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, or Pediatrics). Six of the students will train in El Paso on the Texas Tech/Thomason campus.

PHOTOS by *John Snelling*

1. Sarah Bezek, Sara Nikravan and Viet Do
2. Amir Baluch and Dean Aubin
3. Justin Wright, Jennifer Donnelly, Jason Mogonye, Manuel Schydlower, M.D., and John Stewart



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1. Manuel Schydlower, M.D., Assistant Dean of Medical Education, and Anuhba Khanna, M.D.
2. Richard Okoloise, M.D., his wife Jamie Sargent, and Matthew Walsh, M.D.
3. Michael Todd, D.O., Damian Mizera, M.D., and Bradford Mathews, M.D.
4. Richard Guerrero, M.D., and Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D., TTUHSC at El Paso Regional Dean



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### Resident Physician Graduation

Fifty-seven physicians from TTUHSC at El Paso graduated from residency training in nine specialties on June 16 at the YISD Cultural Arts Center.

Twenty-three graduates are staying in Texas. Ten graduates will stay in El Paso to practice. Two graduates will become TTUHSC at El Paso faculty. Four will practice in New Mexico, and two others will fulfill military obligations. The rest of the twelve will seek fellow-

ship training elsewhere, and four are undecided.

Thirty-five graduates chose primary care specialties such as Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN and Pediatrics.

The physicians have all undergone three to five years of training in either Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Surgery or a Transitional Year.



## Celebrity Chef Donation

Rotary Clubs of El Paso President Max Higgs presented a check for \$70,000 towards the new El Paso four-year medical school to Regional Dean Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D., and Steve Helbing, Infinity Campaign chairman, during a reception at Medical Science Building I. Rotary members present for the check presentation then toured MSB I.

The money was the proceeds from the Rotary Club annual Celebrity Chef event.

## Kohl's Donates \$49,979 To Photo Album Project



'Kohl's Cares for Kids' helped establish a unique educational and screening project at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso – The Photo Album Project. This project coincides with the recommendation of several new vaccines being added as part of the routine vaccination schedule as presented by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

To keep parents up to date on these changes and encourage continuity of care, parents of newborns will be provided with a photo album to bring along to each well child visit. At each visit, the parents will receive a photo of their child and immunization updates. This is a one-of-a-kind project in the Southwest.

Caption: Myndee DeAvila, Kohl's Westside Manager, (left), presents 'Kohl's Cares for Kids' donation to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso's Richard Mojica, Manager, Dept. of pediatrics; Blanca Garcia, M.D., Pediatrician; Amado Ramirez, M.D., Pediatrician; Mary Schill, Associate Director, Dept. of Pediatrics; and Gilbert Handal, M.D., Regional Chair, Department of Pediatrics.



## Mitemeyer Named TTUHSC Interim President

Bernhard T. Mitemeyer, M.D., will become interim president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center as of July 1. He will serve until a replacement for M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., can be found. Regents and Interim Chancellor Dr. Donald R. Haragan will develop a search process in the near future to select a new Health Sciences Center president. Wilson will leave the institution June 30 to become chancellor of the newly

consolidated University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.

"Dr. Mitemeyer has served the Health Sciences Center well for 20 years. He knows the university and he knows the people and the communities of the campuses that we serve," said L. Frederick Francis, chairman, Texas Tech University System Board of Regents. "I know his dedication and commitment to Texas Tech and that he will continue the goals and vision that Dr. Wilson so ably has championed in the areas of research, education and patient care."

# Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso

### LOCATIONS

#### CENTRAL

Texas Tech Medical Center 545-6500  
4801 Alberta Ave.

University Breast Care Center (UBCC) 545-6400  
4801 Alberta Ave.

Department of Neuropsychiatry 545-6830  
4615 Alameda Ave.

#### EAST

Pediatrics 855-9037  
11861 Physicians Dr.

**NORTHEAST**  
Family Practice and Community Health 757-2581  
9849 Kenworthy

Pediatrics 751-8008  
5229 Sanders  
*COMING SOON!*

#### SCHOOL-BASED CENTERS

Montwood Wellness Center 856-5760  
11950 Bob Mitchell

Child Wellness Center 852-1380  
12583 Darrington Rd.  
Horizon City, TX

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile 856-5774

Tornillo Wellness Center 764-6194  
19190 Cobb, Tornillo, Texas

#### MISSION VALLEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CLINICS

Fabens 764-6220  
600 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St., Fabens, TX

Montana Vista 857-2638  
14674 Greg Dr., Unit 791

San Elizario 851-9212  
13661 Socorro Rd., San Elizario, TX

Socorro 859-0817  
313 Rio Vista Rd.

# Employee and Quality Service Awards

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso recently held its annual Employee Service and Quality Service Awards ceremony. Employees with five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30

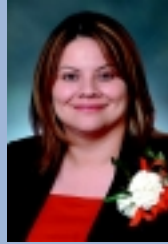
years of service were honored. Orthopaedic Surgery's Jake Gurrolo received the Chancellor's Award of Excellence, the highest honor an employee can receive.

## Chancellor's Award of Excellence Winner

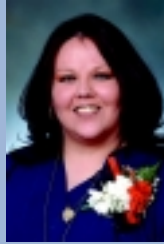
## Quality Service Award Winners



**Jake Gurrolo**  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
and Rehabilitation



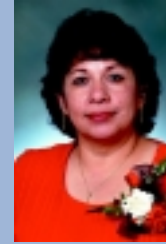
**Sandra Bernal**  
Orthopaedic Surgery



**Angelica Harmon**  
Internal Medicine



**Rosalia Torres**  
Internal Medicine



**Yolie Torres**  
University Breast Care  
Center

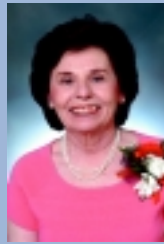


**Brian Wilson**  
Emergency Medicine  
Division of EMS

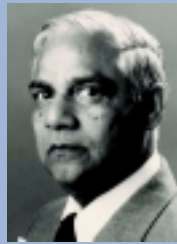
### 30 Years



**Gilbert Handal, M.D.**  
Pediatrics



**Margie Aguilar**  
Orthopaedic Surgery and  
Rehabilitation



**Phool Chandra, M.D.**  
Anesthesiology

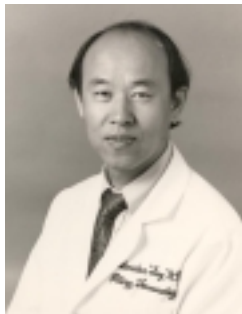


**Marie-Martine  
Logvinoff, M.D.**  
Pediatrics



**Alma Sanchez**  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
and Rehabilitation

### 25 Years



## American Medical Association Honors Physician as Emerging Leader in Medicine

Stanislaus Ting, M.D., Allergist, Texas Tech University Health Sciences

Center at El Paso, has been named a recipient of the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation's 2006 Leadership Award, which provides medical students, residents/fellows, young physicians and international medical graduate physicians from around the country special training to develop their skills as future leaders in organized medicine. The awards are presented in association with the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative.

The AMA Foundation honored 55 individuals with the award at its annual

Excellence in Medical Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Recipients of the award demonstrate outstanding non-clinical leadership skills in advocacy, community service and/or education.

Along with his affiliation to TTUHSC at El Paso, Dr. Ting is the founder and medical director of St. Luke's Clinic, which provides free medical care to thousands of working poor and homeless in Las Cruces, New Mexico since 1991. He is also involved in humanitarian projects in Mexico and Thailand. Dr. Ting designed and published the first low-cost pragmatic asthma tool known as MSAGR © (Multi-colored Simplified Asthma Guidelines Reminder) for clinicians in the trenches to improve their

adherence to asthma guidelines.

In collaboration with various individuals, clinics, hospitals and organizations, over one million complementary MSAGR © have been disseminated globally.

"Through their committed efforts in advancing health care in their communities, these men and women have shown tremendous potential for being part of the next generation of medical leaders," said Linda B. Ford, M.D., president of the AMA Foundation. "Whether the issues are political or social, I am confident that these talented people will provide solid leadership in the interest of improving health care delivery in our country."

## TTUHSC El Paso Faculty Presented Dean's Awards

Three Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso faculty were recognized during the Texas Tech University HSC Dean's Faculty Appreciation and Awards Convocation held recently.

The Dean's Clinical Science Teaching Award was presented to **Robert W. Vera, M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The Dean's Educational Innovation Award was presented to **Hoi Ho, M.D.**, Assistant Dean for Faculty Development and Professor of Internal Medicine.

**Raymond Bagg, M.D.**, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, received the Dean's Distinguished Service Award.

## Researcher Invited to Speak at Cancer Symposium in Indonesia

**Gudmundur Thordarson, Ph.D.**, associate professor, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso Department of Pathology, was invited to present at the Second Annual National Cancer Symposium "Recent Management of Cancer: Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment" in Jakarta, Indonesia recently.

Dr. Thordarson presented two lectures: "Hormonal Regulation of Breast Cancer Development and Progression", and a plenary lecture entitled "Parity and Breast Cancer Prevention." On the same trip, Dr. Thordarson was also invited to present a lecture at a conference to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. That seminar was entitled, "The Role of the GH/IGF-I Axis in Mammary Carcinogenesis."

## Leadership Texas Introduced To Border Healthcare



**Tony Islas, M.D.**, Director of Community Partnership Clinics, and **Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D.**, Regional Dean of TTUHSC at El Paso, toured members of Leadership Texas around the valley clinics and outlying colonias.

## Researcher Presents at AACR in Washington, DC

**Raj Lakshamanaswamy, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the Dept. of Pathology, was invited to serve as an expert on the panel advising the Avon Foundation's Breast Cancer Crusade on issues regarding pregnancy and breast cancer in April in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Lakshamanaswamy also presented his research findings during the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research held April 1 - 5, also in D.C. and spoke at the 10th Biennial Symposium on "Minorities, Medically Underserved and Cancer", in Washington, D.C. later that month.



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