



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™  
at El Paso

# Viewbox

## Texas Tech University HSC Resident Awards

Fifty-seven Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center resident physicians graduated from residency training last Friday. The ceremony was held at the YISD Cultural Arts Center.

Awards were presented to residents and faculty in individual departments.

**Emergency Medicine** residents honored two faculty: **Brian Nelson, M.D.**, for his dedication, support and excellence as Program Director and recognized **Matthew Walsh, M.D.**, for his years of support and guidance as Chairman of the Emergency Medicine Department.

**The Department of Family Medicine** presented awards to the following residents: **Brandy Yeary, M.D.**, Chief Resident, Research Award; **Alberto Gonzalez, M.D.**, Chief Resident, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Resident Teacher Award; **Manuel Borrego, M.D.**, James Jett Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduating Family Medicine Resident.

Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement went to **Mauricio Castillo, M.D.**, (PGY-3), and **Alberto Gonzalez, M.D.**, (PGY-3).

Awards from residents to faculty and staff were: Faculty of the Year - **Ulysses Urquidi, M.D.**; Exemplary Teacher of the Year - **Lorenzo Aragon, M.D.**; Most Supportive Faculty - Mary Spalding, M.D.; CMA of the Year - **Cecilia Diaz**; Administrative Staff of the Year - **John Walls, PA**; Administrative Staff of the Year - **Diane Camp**.

The Department of OB/GYN honored **Carla Ann Martinez, M.D.**, with the following awards: Administrative Chief Resident Award, Highest ASCCP (Colpo) Score, and Best Research Presentation.

The Best Laparoscopic Surgeon and Best Research Presentation Award went to **Mario Nutis, M.D.**

**Malena Sample, M.D.**, received the Academic Chief Award.

In the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, the "Raymond J. Bagg, M.D. Award for Excellence in Residency Training" went to **Michael S. Todd, M.D.**

The Department of Surgery presented **Alfredo Santillan, M.D.**, the "Steve H. Dougherty, M.D. Excellence in Academics Award," for achieving the highest senior-level exam ABSITE score.

The "Steve H. Dougherty, M.D., Excellence in Academics Award" for achieving the junior-level exam ABSITE score went to **Eric Payne, M.D.**

**Randy Garza, M.D.**, received the "Edward C. Saltzstein M.D. Intern of the Year Award" for his hard work and dedication during this 2005-2006 academic year.

## International Night for Faculty and Spouses

The Faculty Spouse Organization invites all Texas Tech University HSC faculty and their families to attend International Night at the home of Dr. Manuel and Betty Schydlower., Friday, June 23 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Guests are asked to bring a favorite main dish, salad, side dish or dessert.

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### Book Fair

Texas Tech Employees Activities Committee (EAC) is sponsoring a book fair on Thursday, July 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday July 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the lobby of the HSC Building.

For more information, contact Volunteer Services, 545-6840.

**Texas Tech University HSC  
Selects DSS, Inc.  
to Implement VistA**

Document Storage Systems, Inc. (DSS) announced that Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso has selected them for campus wide implementation of the VistA Electronic Health Record (EHR).

"We're elated that Texas Tech has chosen us," said Mark Byers, President of DSS. "This is our first major vxVistA customer outside of the Veterans Health Administration and we're looking forward to building a great relationship with them as we have with the VHA."

The contract calls for an Alpha site clinic to be live and running the basic features of the EHR software within 8 months. Other project milestones include three additional months to go live with basic features in all El Paso clinics, and an additional 9 months to go live with advanced features, including multi-formulary capabilities at all of their over 20 clinics providing EHR functionality to 300 plus providers and students.

DSS, Inc - The VistA Experts, is the leading developer of integrated software packages for the Veterans Health Administration's VistA system. After working exclusively with the VHA for more than a decade, DSS is now offering vxVistA to health care delivery systems of all sizes, both domestic and international.

To RSVP or to get directions, please contact Ana Rodriguez in Faculty Services, 783-6235, or [ana.rodriguez@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:ana.rodriguez@ttuhsc.edu).

**Borderlands HCOP Summer Research Program**

Fourteen El Paso students are gaining first-hand experience with research scientists across the city. The students are participants in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Borderlands Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) Summer Research Program.

The students, from the Silva Magnet School for Health Professions and the Chapin Engineering Magnet School, completed a research elective course during the school year. Under the Texas Tech Borderlands HCOP Summer research program, the students are building practical research experience. They work with research scientists from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health and the Texas A&M University El Paso Research and Extension Center.

In addition to their work locally, the students will spend a week at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Lubbock working with graduate students and learning about graduate programs in biomedical sciences.

The students are working on research ranging from DNA fluorescence in mammary tumors to soil salinity effects on landscape plants to obesity and hypertension studies.

The summer program will conclude July 14 with a research day featuring the students' presentation of scientific posters on their work.

The Texas Tech Borderlands HCOP is funded through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. The program is under the direction of Jim Hastings, associate director, Texas Tech Office of Border Health and the Borderlands HCOP; and Ricardo Acevedo, science faculty member from the Silva Magnet School for Health Professions.

Texas Tech researchers serving as mentors are Daniel Terreros, M.D. Rajkumar Lakshmanaswamy, Ph.D., and Gudmundur Thordarson, Ph.D., all of the Department of Pathology.