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College Masters Named at Paul L. Foster School of Medicine

Three College Masters are set to begin work with the College System at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine at El Paso.

Kathryn McMahon, Ph.D., Quentin Eichbaum, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., and Gordon Woods, M.D., were appointed college masters under the College System, a unique and defining attribute of the new school of medicine, according to Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D., founding dean of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine. “They represent the best of the best in undergraduate medical education,” he said.

College masters are the leaders of special learning communities called ‘colleges.’ Each college has two masters--an M.D., and a Ph.D. The college system promotes active faculty-student interactions in an atmosphere that promotes intellectual inquiry and models the ideals of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine. “Our student physicians will be trained in an atmosphere that is knowledgeable, skillful, dutiful and altruistic,” said Dr. de la Rosa.

Dr. McMahon, Ph.D., presently professor of pharmacology in the department of medical education, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, is a veteran of medical education at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. She is internationally recognized in medical education as a leader in innovative curriculum design and implementation. Dr. McMahon holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry from North Dakota State University. She received her postdoctoral training at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and at the Chicago Medical School.

Dr. Eichbaum received his M.D. and Masters of Public Health (MPH) both from Harvard Medical School. He is a graduate of the Harvard-MIT Health Science Technology medical program with experience in medical science and public health. Dr. Eichbaum completed his Ph.D. postdoctoral training at Children’s Hospital at Harvard Medical School in Boston, and did his residency and fellowship training at Massachusetts General Hospital where he was chief resident and the Henry Grove Rasmussen Fellow in transfusion medicine. He completed a fellowship in Medical Ethics at Harvard and won the Beecher Prize in Medical Ethics. He also holds an MFA degree and has won awards for his writing.

Dr. Woods received his M.D. at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and was chief resident at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Prior to coming to El Paso, Dr. Woods was associate professor and society director in internal medicine, University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. He holds a master of health professions education from University of Illinois, Chicago School of Medicine. In addition, he was awarded a Harvard Macy Fellowship for Physician Educators.

“These exceptional faculty are an essential part of the growing faculty in medical education at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine. The school is well prepared to welcome the entering class of first year undergraduate students this summer,” said Dr. de la Rosa.