

## The Commonwealth Medical College Points of Pride

ANNUAL REPORT 2009



- First new allopathic medical school in Pennsylvania since 1963
- TCMC serves sixteen counties in NEPA with clinical campuses in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport
- The TCMC curriculum places special emphasis on the importance of communication with patients and with teamwork among healthcare professionals
- 34% of physicians in NEPA are age 55 or older and therefore likely to retire in the next ten to fifteen years but by 2030 it is projected that TCMC will provide 425 physicians to NEPA
- TCMC has over 500 clinical faculty members at our three campuses
- TCMC currently has 30 researchers conducting work in the areas of cancer, aging, infectious diseases, diabetes, neurodegenerative diseases and women's health



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### *The countdown is over!*

On August 9th of this year, sixty-five aspiring and enthusiastic men and women matriculated as our inaugural class of medical students. While this marks a milestone in the history of the College, it also marks the realization of the dreams and aspirations of our community. Let me tell you a few things about the class:

1. 1,291 applications were received for the TCMC Charter Class
2. The Class of 2013 is comprised of 65 students (42 men and 23 women)
3. Pennsylvania residents make up 75% of the class
4. 18 of the PA residents are from the TCMC regional counties with 8 from Lackawanna County, 8 from Luzerne County, 1 from Schuylkill County and 1 from Wyoming County
5. The average undergraduate GPA is 3.5 with an average MCAT score of 30
6. 13 additional students are currently enrolled in our Masters of Biomedical Sciences program

It is likely that you will have a chance to meet one of our students in the future as they start to work with their clinical mentors and volunteer in our communities. You will get a chance to see what they do every day as they work to improve the future of health care in northeastern Pennsylvania.

None of the things that we have accomplished to date would be possible without the support and generosity of our friends listed in this annual report. Please join them by making a contribution to TCMC today. By making a contribution, you too can change the future of northeastern Pennsylvania!

Sincerely,

Robert M. D'Alessandri, MD  
*President and Dean*



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"Jeanne has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus and Fibromyalgia. It is a struggle every day to deal with a chronic illness and it becomes extremely difficult to find quality resources without traveling great distances. We are very encouraged by the idea of not only training quality health care professionals locally, but also retaining the resources locally as well. We feel strongly that The Commonwealth Medical College is going to touch many lives within our community in a very positive way."

Donors: Brian and Jeanne Scandle-Sunbury, PA - NRG Controls North, Inc.



"I chose TCMC because of the values of the school and the spirit of the individuals that helped create it. For the past six years I have served in the Army National Guard and completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan just before applying to medical school. I returned from war with a renewed sense of duty, dedication, and honor. I strive to bring that sense to my future profession as a physician. As a student at TCMC, I know that I am surrounded by individuals who hold these same values in high regard. The school is founded on the principle of serving the community and that is something very important to me."

Manraj Parmar-Clarks Summit, PA, "TCMC Class of 2013"



"We are absolutely excited about the creation and development of TCMC. We both believe in the importance of higher education in our community. Having this medical school means that our best and brightest will not have to leave for medical training and that also means they are likely to stay here to practice!"

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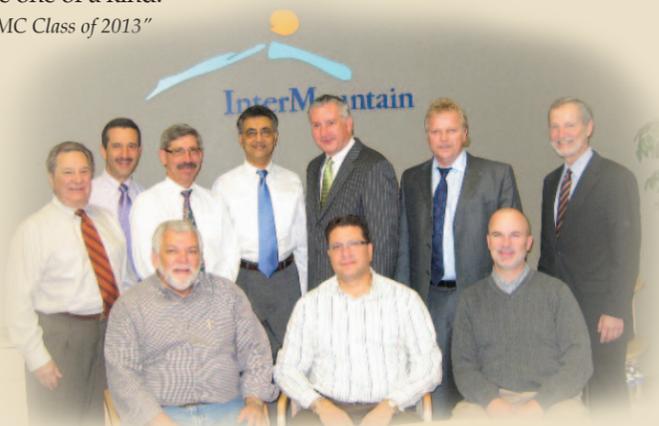


"The decision to attend TCMC was not a difficult one by any means. Having grown up in Scranton my whole life, I knew how important a new medical school was going to be for the area and I wanted to be a part of that. When I met all of the staff and some faculty during my interview, their excitement was so contagious and it was apparent how much they cared about their incoming students. Not only was the environment so welcoming, but the faculty was outstanding and the curriculum was going to be one of a kind."

Melissa Rader-Scranton, PA, "TCMC Class of 2013"

"Running a multi-specialty medical practice has become increasingly complicated and challenging. We felt that TCMC would not only be a community partner on physician recruitment, but also in other areas of interest to our practice and the patients we serve."

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"In the summer of 2007, I was granted the opportunity to participate in Dr. Lear Von Koch's MD premedical summer externship program. I was placed in the unique situation to meet many physicians and other dedicated health care professionals, who work in the Scranton area. Because of these experiences, I gained significant insight into the medical system of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The innovative curriculum at The Commonwealth Medical College places special emphasis on community-based medicine and serving the needs of this region. As a life-long resident of NEPA, I believe it to be both an honor and a privilege to be a member of the inaugural class of The Commonwealth Medical College."

Rob Corey-Pittston, PA, "TCMC Class of 2013"



"TCMC Inaugural Class of 2013"

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