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Message from the Dean



Dear Friends,

In my first weeks here I have taken every opportunity to meet with community members, faculty, students, staff, and friends of TCMC throughout the region. It has been a pleasure. I have received an abundance of warm wishes, support, and insights that have reinforced my choice to come to northeastern Pennsylvania and lead the college into its next era of growth.

I am sincerely impressed at what the TCMC community has accomplished. There are now four classes of medical students; the current class of 69 students in the Masters of Biomedical Science program is the largest in its four-year history; and The Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME) has advanced TCMC to provisional accreditation and approved our expansion of class size to 100 students. The professional and academic achievements of our students, faculty, researchers and staff are remarkable and some are highlighted in the pages that follow.

I quickly came to appreciate the excitement for TCMC that is broadly shared across all portions of our large region. I look forward to collaborating with academic institutions, hospitals, physicians and healthcare facilities to develop partnerships and programs that will advance TCMC's academic programs.

On May 11, 2013, TCMC's charter class will be graduated at commencement ceremonies at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. It will be a great honor to hand out diplomas at this milestone event that will forever be part of TCMC's history. Our fourth-year medical students are completing their elective rotations as they are being invited for interviews in anticipation of their residency match in March. You can read in this issue about the experiences of students as they rotate through specialties.

As we approach a new year, I want to thank our donors, supporters, and friends of TCMC who have graciously welcomed me into this community. I look forward to working with you to advance the academic and economic success, and the quality of health care, of our region.

Best wishes for a great holiday.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Scheinman, MD

President and Dean

The Commonwealth Medical College

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CME Research Seminar

On Wednesday, October 24, Dr. Scheinman presented a CME presentation, "Hereditary Hypercalciuria Kidney Stones and Renal Failure, Unraveling the Mystery of Dent's Disease and its Two Genes" to more than 150 engaged attendees on his breakthrough research on the causes for inherited kidney disease and stones. As principal investigator, his research group first identified a disease now known as Dent's disease, a disorder of renal tubular function that leads to kidney stones and ultimately renal failure. The research findings have been published in foremost scientific journals and have led the way in finding new treatments for kidney disease, kidney stones and renal failure. A 1.0 AMA Category 1 Credit™ was awarded for attending.

Meet the president and dean

First day at TCMC:

September 10, 2012

Years experience:

30 years as faculty member at SUNY Upstate Medical University; 8 years serving as senior vice president and dean of the College of Medicine

Certifications:

Board-certified in internal medicine and nephrology

Awards:

Earned international prominence for research into the genetics of inherited kidney diseases and stones; received numerous awards including the SUNY Chancellor's Research Award; and was named to Best Doctors in America and Who's Who in America



Dr. Scheinman talks with community members during a reception.

Family: Wife Kelly; six children

Hometown: Woodbourne, NY

Residence: Clarks Summit, PA

► Learn more at www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/scheinman

On the Cover

Faculty, staff and students welcome Dr. Scheinman, TCMC's new president and dean. Photographed clockwise from bottom center: Steven J. Scheinman, MD, president and dean; Jill Berlin, MD2; Amanda McIver, administrative assistant, REACH-HEI Program; Hani Atamna, PhD, associate professor of neuroscience; Jill Taggart, regional education specialist, west campus; Terrence Wong, MBS Class of 2013; and Frank O'Brien, MD, clinical faculty member, south campus.

Curriculum News

TCMC and ESU Announce Collaborative MD-MPH Degree Programs

On October 1, officials from TCMC and East Stroudsburg University (ESU) signed an agreement to offer a dual MD (Doctor of Medicine) and MPH (Master of Public Health) degree program.

TCMC received a \$1.5 million federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) over five years, with a subcontract for ESU, to provide the funding for enhanced integration of public health and health care through a dual degree program and other health training programs between the two institutions.

The MD-MPH dual degree program combines the strengths of two highly specialized degree programs to train medical and health professionals who will help improve community and rural healthcare in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The HRSA grant will provide \$300,000 of funding over the next five years for the purpose of enriching the education of future physicians, researchers and public health professionals by enhanced integration and development of public health, medical education and primary care content, experiences, and research. Medical students will have the opportunity to complete either ESU's 18-credit public health certificate during their four year medical school curriculum or, they can earn



Participating in the announcement ceremony were, first row, from left: Dr. Marcia G. Welsh, president of ESU; Dr. Steven J. Scheinman, president and dean of TCMC. Second row, from left: Dr. Van Reidhead, provost and vice president for academic affairs, ESU; Dr. Marilyn J. Wells, vice provost and graduate dean, ESU; Dr. Alberto Cardelle, chair and professor of health studies, ESU; Dr. Steven Godin professor of health studies, ESU; Martin Raniowski, deputy secretary of health, planning and assessment, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Carol Fouad, 2011 graduate of ESU and current medical student, TCMC; Dr. Mark White, principal investigator and assistant professor of epidemiology, TCMC; Dr. Janet Townsend, founding chair of the department of family, community and rural health, TCMC; and Dr. Mushfiq R. Tarafder, assistant professor of epidemiology, TCMC.

ESU's 48-credit Master of Public Health (MPH) degree by devoting an extra year of training.

TCMC assistant professor of epidemiology Mark White, MD, MPH, is principal investigator for the grant. Co-directors of the joint training programs are Steven Godin, PhD, MPH, East Stroudsburg University and Olapeju Simoyan, MD, MPH, BDS, The Commonwealth Medical College. The program is scheduled to begin June 2013.

▶ For more information, visit online at www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/MDMPH

LCME
Update

Accreditation update - advancement to provisional status

In June, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) removed TCMC's probation and advanced the College to provisional accreditation status. In addition, after a site visit and review of an extensive database, institutional self-study, and the TCMC student survey, the LCME determined that resources are adequate to permit TCMC to expand the medical student class size to 100 students as scheduled in fall 2013.

▶ Read more about the LCME visit and advancement to provisional accreditation online at www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/lcme

Expanded Roles

TCMC now has four classes of medical students enrolled and learning full-time throughout TCMC's 16-county region. To accommodate the growth in the student body and manage the learning experience of 258 medical students, the faculty has also grown. Several members of the TCMC faculty, many of whom began as volunteer clinical faculty members, have accepted expanded roles within the College.

Margrit Shoemaker, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Western Region Clerkship Director, has also been named Education Director for Medicine. In her new role, Dr. Shoemaker's primary responsibility includes working with all three regional campuses to oversee all medicine clerkships. Dr. Shoemaker will continue in her role as Assistant Professor of Medicine and Regional Clerkship Director.



Thomas Martin, MD, Education Director and Professor of Pediatrics, has expanded his role in the Department of Family, Community, and Rural Health.

In his expanded role, Dr. Martin facilitates small group discussion in Systems 1 and Systems 2 and is also leading TCMC's efforts to enhance education related to children's health and illness. As a faculty leader, Dr. Martin has been instrumental in recruiting volunteer clinical faculty members who contribute to students' education as continuity mentors and preceptors in the third year Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship model.



Mario Cornacchione, DO, South Region Education Coordinator and Associate Professor of Family Medicine, has expanded his role in the Department of Family, Community, and Rural Health.

In his expanded role, Dr. Cornacchione is leading efforts to enhance curriculum related to the care of aging individuals and their families. He is also participating as a member of the core team for the course *Art and Practice of Medicine*.



Development News

High School Student Raises \$20,000 to Support Cancer Research at TCMC



A certificate was presented at a recent celebration: Bill McLaughlin, PhD, TCMC assistant professor of computational biology, George E. Clause III, and Dan Flynn, PhD, TCMC former associate dean for research and economic development.

George E. Clause, III, graduate of Lake Wallenpaupack High School Class of 2012, raised more than \$20,000 for TCMC's basic sciences department in support of cancer research. The funds were used to purchase information technology that advances cancer research in the discovery of new treatments for diseases.

In 2010, George created "Bookmarkers for a Cause" as his senior project in honor of a family friend who died of lung cancer. The two year project consisted of making colorful laminated bookmarks from old greeting cards he obtained from family, friends, and neighbors and then selling them to raise funds for cancer research. George's project was a huge success on all counts.

George began his undergraduate studies at Ithaca College this August and has plans to become a surgeon.

Golfers Hit the Links for Scholarships

Another sold out crowd attended the fourth annual TCMC golf tournament in September to support the scholarship fund. With perfect weather, 124 golfers attended the



TurnKey Electric's foursome finished the tournament on top with a score of 57. Winners include Michael Bower, Bill Fuhr, Jeff Shuman, and Richard Zerby.

captain-and-crew tournament, which raised nearly \$30,000 to support student scholarships. The Quandt Group was the presenting sponsor for the 2012 tournament.



TCMC supporters enjoy dinner after the fourth annual golf tournament.

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Annual Gala Attracts Nearly 400

The fourth annual TCMC Gala was held October 12, at The Woodlands Inn in Wilkes-Barre. Nearly 400 community members attended and danced the night away to the music of *Which Doctor?* and *Soul*. Hosted by Gala co-chairs Patti Lynett and Kathy Mihok, the event raised nearly \$100,000 to support student scholarships.



Above: Mrs. Patricia Kaiser, Dr. Ralph Kaiser, Stephanie Ferimer, MD4, Mrs. Pam Shenberger, Dr. Keith Shenberger, Anderson Okafor, MD2.

Left: Dr. Scheinman with Gala co-chairs Patti Lynett (left) and Kathy Mihok (right).

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Constitution Day

In celebration of Constitution Day, TCMC hosted guest speaker Sondra Myers, senior fellow at The University of Scranton and TCMC supporter. Ms. Myers has been a prominent advocate of interdependence principles and action locally and abroad. Her presentation was titled 'Declaring our Interdependence.'



TCMC president and dean Dr. Steven J. Scheinman, Sondra Myers, and Ida L. Castro, vice president of community engagement and equity.

Donor Profile

TCMC Supporters Share Their Story

Leo and Ann Moskovitz have been community pillars of the Lackawanna Valley for decades. Born and raised in Jermyrn, Mr. Moskovitz got his start in the business trade working in his father's general dry goods store while earning an associate's degree from the Lackawanna Business College, now Lackawanna College. Following college, Leo worked for the Hudson Coal Company as an accountant for 16 years. He recalled descending into the deep, dark mines, "with only the light on my head I had to take shorthand notes on what the superintendent reported to me as the safety conditions and work progress of the mines". After his work in the mines, Mr. Moskovitz began his career in banking that lasted for more than 40 years. He started as a teller for the First National Bank of Jermyrn in 1953; quickly moving to Vice President in 1955; to President in 1961, and retiring in 1993 at a lively age of 90. During his term as President, the bank grew from one location to four and its assets skyrocketed from \$4 million to nearly \$300 million. His greatest accomplishment in banking, however, came in the 1960s when Mr.

Moskovitz who was a constant advocate for women in the workplace, was the first banker in the region to employ a woman in a management position.

Constantly involved in his community, Mr. Moskovitz served as Chairman of the Board of the Pennsylvania State School for the Deaf and as councilman in Jermyrn Borough. His service has been recognized by numerous organizations and he has received several community awards including The Jason Miller Award for outstanding dedication to the development of the arts throughout northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Moskovitz also received an honorary doctorate degree in humane letters from The University of Scranton.

Mr. Moskovitz smiles as he recalled how he met his wife, Ann. "It was raining and I was walking

behind this woman in a white dress in a dirt parking lot. Then I saw her fall down into a big mud puddle- so I pulled her out of the mud!" he laughed.

"We have been together ever since, and our 43 years of marriage have been the best years of my life," Mrs. Moskovitz interjected.

Mrs. Moskovitz is a graduate of Temple University School of Pharmacy, went on to graduate studies at Ohio State University, and conducted research with CIBA Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey. She enjoyed more than a 30 year career in pharmacy at Moses Taylor Hospital and opened a number of pharmacies in the area including those in Allied Services and Mercy Hospital, now The Regional Hospital of Scranton. Her countless acts in the community include service on a number of boards including the Board of Regents at The University of Scranton, Mercy Health Partners (now The Regional Hospital of Scranton), Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic League Board, Allied Services, Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and United Way. Today, she remains active with the United Way of Lackawanna County with their annual

campaign and is currently serving as the President of the Friends of the Library Advisory Board, The University of Scranton. Also, Mrs. Moskovitz received an honorary doctorate of laws degree.

"We support the medical college because we feel it gives younger people who are interested in helping others help for themselves. Because of TCMC, students here in northeast Pennsylvania can achieve their dreams of a career in medicine right in their backyard! There is much to be proud of in our area, and the medical college is the latest and greatest!" remarked Ann.

Mr. Moskovitz added, "I am enjoying life at 108. Life has been good to us- we have been blessed in many ways. We are honored to help young people get to their goal."



Leo and Ann Moskovitz

"Because of TCMC, students here in northeast Pennsylvania can achieve their dreams of a career in medicine right in their backyard!"

- Ann Moskovitz

Giving to TCMC

Contributions from faculty, staff, parents, alumni, businesses and friends are instrumental in TCMC's mission of educating aspiring physicians and scientists. Such generosity creates opportunities for TCMC to constantly improve its educational programs and facilities to allow students to reach their full potential. TCMC appreciates all contributions that support our future growth and the community mission.

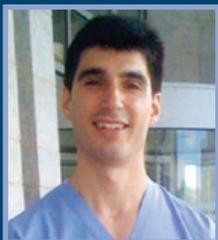
Ways to give to TCMC:

- Contribute to this year's Annual Campaign
- Create an endowed scholarship for unending support
- Add TCMC to your estate plans
- Make a permanent impression through a naming opportunity
- Support TCMC's special fundraising events

Remember, all gifts to TCMC are tax deductible, and don't forget to check if your employer has a Matching Gift Program!

For more information on giving to TCMC, please contact Nina C. Dei Tos, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at ndeitos@tcmedc.org or (570) 504-9619.

Adam Klein, MD4, maneuvers the da Vinci robot during an away elective.



Joe Marchese

Scranton native Joe Marchese, MD4, on his first day of an orthopedic surgery rotation at Fletcher Allen Medical Center at University of Vermont.

Read What Our Charter Class is Doing Now

TCMC's inaugural class balances inpatient rotations, local and away electives, and residency preparation, in anticipation of the first Medical Degree Program graduation.



Adam Klein
Hometown: Huntingdon Valley, PA
Regional Campus: Wilkes-Barre
Career Path Pursuing: Urology

Upon completion of their third year clinical rotations following the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) Model, MD4 students started their fourth year curriculum this past summer rotating through internal medicine, emergency medicine, critical care, and several sub-internships in a specialty of interest following physicians and patients in the inpatient setting. Students spend several weeks in specialty blocks rotating in hospitals locally and regionally with TCMC's clinical partner hospitals throughout the 16-country region. In addition, medical students have the option to spend up to 16 weeks in away electives learning various specialties and subspecialties from acclaimed programs throughout the nation and world.

We've asked two fourth-year medical students to reflect on their four years of medical school, applying to residency programs, the anxiety of Match Day and the anticipation of their first graduation.

Fourth Year Electives

When Adam Klein, MD4, returned from his community week during the first year of medical school, he knew he wanted to pursue a career in urology. Throughout his education, he's spent time exploring various aspects of the specialty. During his third year, Adam worked with Jackie Castanzo, regional manager for TCMC's south campus, to fill his 'white space' with more urology and nephrology procedures in the operating room. Preparing for his fourth year, he front-loaded his schedule with additional subspecialty electives related to his chosen profession.

When determining where to study for his fourth year rotations, Adam selected programs where his first, second, and third year clinical preceptors had trained. He spent a month of intense training at Thomas Jefferson University - Jefferson Medical College, followed by several weeks at West Virginia University.

"It's been great to work alongside other fourth-year students from more traditional programs. Most of us have compared really well with fourth-year students on their 'home turf,'" Adam commented.

"I'm more confident working with physicians because of the third year experience. It's given me better interpersonal skills when working with physicians and dealing with patients," said Adam.

Radhika Patnam, MD4, came to TCMC wanting to pursue obstetrics and gynecology. After nearly four years of study, everything she has experienced so far has reemphasized her passion for OB/GYN.

The flexibility and away electives helped Radhika get to focus on what she wanted to get out of her fourth year. She commented, "I spent the first few months doing OB/GYN, getting ready for residency, and really experiencing every avenue, including maternal fetal medicine. The fourth year makes sure that you like what you want to do and understand all potential career paths."



Radhika Patnam
Hometown: Uniontown, PA
Regional Campus: Scranton
Career Path Pursuing: OB/GYN

The Match

Each year, the National Resident Matching Program provides the mechanism for matching applicants to residency programs according to the preferences expressed by both parties on their individualized rank order lists. TCMC's medical students will join nearly 16,000 fourth-year medical students and 20,000 independent students to compete for 26,000 open residency spaces across the nation.

The culmination of the event is at noon, on Friday, March 15, 2013. It will be TCMC's first ever Match Day. During The Match, students will learn where they've matched for a residency program and where they'll spend the next several years practicing and learning.

Radhika, who is hoping to match in OB/GYN, explains that anxiety is high but at this point in the year, she has completed her residency application and preparation and is now focusing on the remainder of fourth year. "The stress is slowly starting to come off. Part of being a new school is that we don't know what our standing is but I'm an optimist. I've applied to all of the residency programs in Philadelphia."

Adam, who is hoping to match in urology, will learn of his residency match in January due to guidelines and requirements that select residents before the traditional March timeline. "The closest programs are in Danville and Philadelphia. I'll be honored to go anywhere in the country. I felt that way about medical school and it was wonderful."

Excitement of First MD Graduation

TCMC's first MD graduates will receive their diplomas on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. The inaugural class of medical students will join 97 alumni to date, who have graduated from the MBS Program.

When asked about the excitement and impact of the first MD graduation, Adam responded, "It's a huge deal. There are a lot of people out there rooting us on. Its modest roots so it's a celebration for us certainly but for the community in its entirety."

Radhika, who is excited for graduation, commented, "Hopefully we gave back to the community as much as the community gave us. From hospitals, restaurants, social groups, and societies, everybody gave so much. Hopefully, we'll come back and do good things."

Prepared for Residency

"I feel knowledge-base wise that I'm very prepared," said Radhika. "Our program really teaches us to be a doctor so I'm prepared for that. During the third year, we really got to see what it's like to be a doctor and it was such an asset to us. Unlike our peers, I don't think we'll be shocked at how a doctor works because we've really learned what life inside the primary care doctor office is like."

Student Success and Commitment to Community Service



The MD Class of 2016

Class of 2016 Receive White Coats

Seventy two first-year medical students received their white coats at the traditional White Coat Ceremony in August. Dr. Henry Yeager, a local nephrologist and critical care specialist, provided the inspirational keynote address to the Class of 2016 and remarked that the call to serve others is great and reminded them that no call is higher than taking care of another human being.

Dr. Yeager advised the students to explore their medical practice options because, "there is an avenue for all types of medicine with the knowledge you will gain here at TCMC." He also reminded students that with all the scientific knowledge they will acquire in the next four years that "there is still room for art in the practice of medicine."



Brianna Shinn, MD1, of Clarks Summit embraces a classmate following the ceremony.



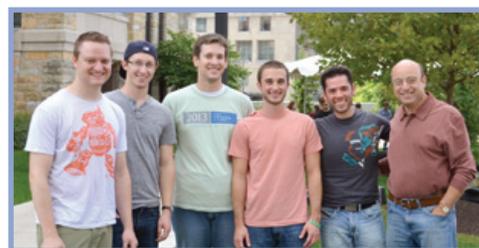
Alexa Fiffick, MBS Class of 2013, and "Spiderman" test the bounce house before children arrive.

Safety Day for Autism

Members of the MBS Class of 2013 and MD Class of 2016 participated in the biennial Safety Day sponsored by the 'Parents Loving Children Through Autism Organization' at the Dunmore Community Center in September. Students hosted tables to entertain and educate children. Additional photos are online at www.facebook.com/TCMCnepa.

TCMC Band Competes

TCMC's house band, Stevie J. and the Shine Men competed in the first College Battle of the Bands hosted by Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture on Saturday, September 15. The band faced tough competition from Baptist Bible College, Johnson College, Keystone College, Lackawanna College, Marywood University, and The University of Scranton.



Band members John Madsen, David Louis, Michael Gabriel, John Kotula and Mark Ayzenberg pose with president and dean Steven J. Scheinman, MD.

Medical Student Awarded Prestigious Research Scholarship



Sarah Nystrom, MPH, MD4, and internal medicine preceptor and mentor, **Robin W. Hampton, MD, PhD**, of Susquehanna Health were awarded the prestigious Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) Medical Student Research scholarship. The \$2,000 scholarship award will support their research project that involves characterizing populations at risk for infection with *Aerococcus urinae*, an emerging pathogen.

Ms. Nystrom is a member of TCMC's charter class (2013) and completed her third year of clinical study at the west regional campus in Williamsport, PA. Dr. Hampton is an infectious disease specialist at Susquehanna Health in Williamsport, an assistant professor of medicine, and TCMC's regional education coordinator for internal medicine, west campus.

Student Awards

Thomas Churilla, MD4, was awarded the Physicians of Tomorrow Award from the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation. Mr. Churilla was one of eighteen fourth-year outstanding medical students across the nation who received a \$10,000 scholarship to defray medical school expenses.



Tom has been recognized previously for his research in a clinical study conducted by Northeast Radiation Oncology Center (NROC) on Vitamin D deficiency in cancer patients. He presented the abstract at the national meeting of ASTRO (the American Society for Radiation Oncology) in Miami in October 2011.

Runners Took the Streets of Scranton in Annual Turkey Trot

Nearly 300 runners and walkers participated in the third annual Turkey Trot: 5K Walk/Run on November 3. The yearly race winds through the streets of Scranton and ends at TCMC's Medical Sciences Building. In addition to the 5K, the day also featured a Tiny Tot Trot for youths, face painting, basket raffles, and more.

The student-run event is a highlight of the fall season and benefits Friends of the Poor's annual Thanksgiving dinner. In addition, a food and clothing drive was held to collect warm winter clothing and canned goods.



This year, a truckload of clothing and food donations and nearly \$2,000 was raised to support Friends of the Poor.

▶ For a list of race winners and additional pictures, please visit www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/turkeytrot or www.facebook.com/TCMCnepa

Alan Johnson, MD3, was awarded the Medical Student Professionalism and Service Award from the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). Mr. Johnson was one of sixteen students across the country who received the award and was recognized at ACEP's annual Scientific Assembly in October.



Each year, the ACEP recognizes students who intend to pursue a career in emergency medicine and provide outstanding care to patients in a manner that exemplifies professionalism and a humanistic approach to patients, their families, and fellow health care workers. The award is presented to student leaders who display committed, active service within medical organizations and the community. Mr. Johnson founded the Emergency Medicine Interest Group at TCMC.

Steamtown Health Fair



Participants take part in a yoga demonstration during the first Steamtown Health Fair.

TCMC students recently teamed with Scranton Primary Health Care Center to host the first Steamtown Health Fair in support of Corps Community Days, hosted each year by the National Health Service Corps. The family-friendly event showcased more than forty local vendors that provided free health services and information for members of the local community. The health fair's theme was 'Healthier Patients. Stronger Communities.' and raised awareness of the importance of primary health care.

▶ For additional photos from the event, visit www.facebook.com/TCMCnepa

Carly Elston, MD3, was elected to the board of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Ms. Elston was elected during the annual meeting in October 2012, and will serve a one-year term as the Medical Student Trustee. She will represent the student voice on the board, which is comprised of eleven physician members from across the state.



Faculty & Staff Awards & Achievements

Hani Atamna, PhD, TCMC associate professor of neuroscience, has been invited to present at the second Jena HHDP symposium at the Institute of Photonic Technologies in Jena, Germany in May 2013.

Raj Kumar, PhD, TCMC professor of biochemistry, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Northeastern Pennsylvania Technology Institute. The grant is to develop an application for training NEPA undergraduates in science, technology, engineering, and/or math to prepare them for graduate studies and careers in biological sciences.

Jun Ling, PhD, TCMC assistant professor of research, has also been named director of research compliance.

Michael F. Moore, MD, FACS, FACCWS, TCMC clinical faculty member, has been named President Elect for the American Board of Wound Medicine and Surgery. He has also been named Chair Elect to American College of Clinical Wound Specialists and was appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board for Alliqua, Inc.

Richard O'Brien, MD, FACEP, received the 2012 Communications Lifetime Achievement Award by the American College of Emergency Physicians at the Leadership and Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. An emergency room physician at Moses Taylor Hospital, Dr. O'Brien is a clinical faculty member, associate professor of medicine, and faculty advisor to the Emergency Medicine Interest Group at TCMC.

Karen Arscott, DO, MSc, recently authored a chapter for the textbook *Managing Geriatric Health Services*, which is scheduled for release in January 2013. The chapter is titled "Interdisciplinary Case Studies." Dr. Arscott was also a panelist with 'Friends of Cancer Research' which was presented at The Brookings Institute in November as part of the Friends-Brookings Conference on Clinical Cancer Research.

New Appointments

Linda Berardi-Demo, EdD, has been named associate dean for admissions and student affairs. Dr. Berardi-Demo oversees all aspects of the medical student experience including student recruitment and admissions, student affairs, financial aid programs, student counseling services, career development, student events, and the residency application process. She earned her doctorate in higher education administration and a masters degree in public administration from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Berardi-Demo joins TCMC from the University of Pittsburgh School of Education where she previously served as assistant dean of operations and enrollment management.



Michael Ferraro, MD, has been named associate dean for the regional campus development, south campus. Dr. Ferraro oversees all aspects of the medical student educational and clinical experiences as they train throughout Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon, Columbia and Montour counties. Dr. Ferraro graduated from Wilkes University, earned his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College, and completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, MA. Dr. Ferraro is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology.



Vincent Jay Vanston, MD, has been named associate professor of medicine. He teaches in several courses, facilitates small-group learning, and oversees students' community quality improvement projects. Dr. Vanston is a graduate of Lehigh University and Temple University School of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at Abington Memorial Hospital and served as chief resident. A graduate of Harvard University Palliative



Care Education and Practice Program, Dr. Vanston teaches and presents nationally on palliative care. He is board certified in internal medicine and palliative care.

Karen Arscott, DO, MSc, has been named associate professor of medicine. Dr. Arscott is working with first, second and third-year MD students to facilitate small-group learning. She is a graduate of Marywood University and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is an accomplished educator and administrator, having most recently directed Marywood University's Physician Assistant Program. Dr. Arscott has been instrumental in founding the interprofessional education collaborative with TCMC and multiple other area institutions.



F. Dennis Dawgert, MD, has been named associate professor of pediatrics and **Lori Shipsky, MD**, has been named assistant professor of pediatrics. Both physicians have joined the faculty as part-time clinical educators to enhance the training of medical students in the health and care of children.

Dr. Dawgert is a graduate of The University of Scranton, received his medical degree from Saint Louis University School of Medicine, and completed his residency in pediatrics at Saint Louis University Group Hospitals, Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital for Children.



Dr. Shipsky is a graduate of The University of Scranton, received her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, and completed her residency in pediatrics at Goryeb Children's Hospital. Dr. Shipsky also completed additional training in pediatric critical care medicine.



Faculty Promotions

Jennifer Joyce, MD, education director and clinical professor of family medicine, has also been named vice chair of the Department of Family, Community, and Rural Health. In her new role, Dr. Joyce is leading a team of clinical educators to further develop the courses Patient Centered Medicine and Art and Practice of Medicine. Dr. Joyce received her medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine and completed her residency in family medicine at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Prior to joining TCMC in 2010, Dr. Joyce served with the Indian Health Service in South Dakota and as faculty at University of Kentucky.



New Appointments

Mary Lawhon Triano, CRNP,

MSN, has been named assistant professor of family medicine. Ms. Triano is working with several educational teams for curriculum development. She is also contributing to learning and assessment activities for communication skills, physical examination, and clinical decision making and is working to develop curriculum in end-of-life care. Ms. Triano earned her bachelor's degree in nursing and criminal justice and her master's degree in nursing from The University of Scranton. She completed Harvard Medical School's Program in Palliative Care Education and Practice in 2011 and is certified by the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses.



Meaghan Godwin, MA,

has been named instructor of family medicine. She is responsible for curriculum development and learning activities related to human



development, ethical and moral development of health professions students, biomedical ethics, critical thinking/models of decision making and community engagement. Ms. Godwin earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy from King's College, her master's degree in theology from The University of Scranton, and is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in human development at Marywood University. Ms. Godwin previously served as a full time philosophy instructor at Marywood University and an adjunct faculty lecturer at Marywood University, Misericordia University, and King's College.

Karen Baker,

has been named Director of Office of Sponsored Programs. In her role she is responsible for research grant administration, grant preparation including writing, editing, and budgeting, and program compliance. Ms. Baker has nearly fifteen years experience in educational grant management and most recently served as director of academic grants at King's College.



Faculty & Staff Awards & Achievements

Olapeju Simoyan, MD, MPH, BDS, is the recipient of the 2012 Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship award, which is awarded each year by the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) to a junior faculty member who has demonstrated leadership in efforts to eliminate inequities in medical education and health care. Dr. Simoyan was recognized for her contributions to developing TCMC's collaborative public health program with East Stroudsburg University and her work in developing curricula related to oral and mental health. In addition to this award, Dr. Simoyan recently served as a Fulbright Specialist in Lagos, Nigeria, where she collaborated with Nigerian colleagues in presenting a workshop on child and adolescent mental health and consulted with senior medical education leaders at the College of Medicine University of Lagos about further contributions to the medical college's curriculum.

Linda Thomas-Hemak, MD, FACP, FAAP, TCMC board member, received the 2012 Outstanding Community Partner Award from Maternal and Family Health Services, Inc. This award is in recognition of her work in northeastern Pennsylvania to create essential partnerships that connect people to programs and services, improve access to care, and build a stronger, healthier community.

Janet Townsend, MD, Chair of the Department of Family, Community and Rural Health, has been selected by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Foundation as a Bishop Fellow for the 2012-2013 academic year. The Bishop Fellowship Program was inaugurated in 2000 to prepare senior family medicine faculty to assume positions of greater responsibility in academic medicine and health care leadership. Dr. Townsend's fellowship will focus on effective models of community campus partnerships that improve health, especially those that address social determinants of health. Arthur Kaufman, MD, Vice President for Community Health at University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center will serve as Dr. Townsend's primary fellowship mentor.

Vincent J. Vanston, MD, FAAHPM, and **Shubhra M. Shetty, MD**, upgraded UNIPAC 7: Caring for Patients with HIV/AIDS. The series is used as a foundation for training in palliative medicine.

Seen and heard on the airwaves

Watch Us on PALive!

TCMC faculty, staff and students have been regular guests on WBRE-TV's hour-long community show covering northeast and north central Pennsylvania.

▶ Watch these recent video clips in the video library at www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/Videolibrary

- Updates on our charter class with Dr. Valerie Weber and Joseph Marchese, MD4
- Dr. Scheinman, TCMC's new president and dean
- Gala 2012, Patti Lynett and Kathy Mihok, co-chairs

WVIA Call the Doctor

Dr. Vincent J. Vanston appeared on WVIA's *Call the Doctor* on Tuesday, November 27. He participated in the panel discussion titled "Important facts about hospice care."

TCMC is Social Media Savvy

TCMC was named a Top Social Media Savvy Medical School by *PreMedLife Magazine*. The ranking places TCMC among top medical schools including University of Michigan, Case Western Reserve University, Ohio State, and Stanford University, among others. The listing can be seen in the September/October publication.

Support TCMC

Host a speaker at your next event - TCMC faculty and staff are available for presentations through the Speakers' Bureau.

- ▶ Learn more at www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/SpeakersBureau

Volunteer to mentor a student - the Regional Campus Teams are always looking for physicians and healthcare executives to mentor students.

- ▶ Learn more at www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/vcf

Become a Family Centered Experience participant - families welcome students into their homes to discuss their health care journeys.

- ▶ Learn more at www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/family

Save the Date

Obesity Symposium

Saturday, April 6 at 7:30am

TCMC Lobby and Auditorium

For more information email cme@tmedc.org

Commencement 2013

Saturday, May 11 at 10am

Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza

MATCH Day

Friday, March 15 at 12pm

TCMC Lobby and Auditorium

Founders Society Celebration Brunch

Saturday, March 16 at Time TBD

TCMC Lobby

Quick Facts

- 72: medical students in the Class of 2016
- 69: students in the MBS Class of 2013
- 4,094: applications received to date for MD Class of 2017
- 12,333: volunteer service hours logged
- 53: completed Community Health Research Projects (CHRs)
- 32: completed Quality Improvement Community Collaborative (QuICCs) projects
- \$11.5 million: federal grant dollars received
- 203: participants currently enrolled in REACH-HEI programs