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Fourth-year students take center stage during annual Match Day

This year, 259 IU School of Medicine soon-to-be graduates fared well on National Resident Match Day, March 18, a program that coordinates thousands of medical students' and U.S. hospital programs' preferences.

"The National Match Day program is a time to celebrate for fourth-year students," says Dennis Deal, director of Academic Records-Medical Student Affairs. "Finally, after all the hard work of medical school, students will find out where they will be and what they will be doing for the next 3 to 6 years of their lives.

"It also is a time for medical schools to reflect on the quality of their educational program. We're very happy that many of our graduates will be pursuing residency training here at IU and in the state, but we're also sending graduates to many very prestigious institutes throughout the country. Our students are very well received nationally. This speaks highly of the caliber of IU medical students and the training they receive here," Deal said.

The National Residency Matching Program, with the results released each year during the third week of March, is the main pathway by which most medical school graduates enter their residency training under the supervision of veteran physicians.

Students in the Class of 2006, who will receive their medical degrees on Mother's Day, May 14, accepted residency positions in 31 states, including Indiana. Among the Match Day highlights:

- 49 percent of the students will pursue at least part of their residencies within Indiana
- 91 students will be residents at IU Hospital, Riley Hospital, other Clarian Health facilities, Wishard Health Services and the Roudebush VA Medical Center.
- 43 percent of the IUSM graduates will enter primary-care programs, which includes internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, bstetrics/gynecology, primary and combined internal medicine-pediatrics

During their senior year, students apply and interview for their preferred residency positions throughout the nation; their selection is administered through the National Resident Matching Program of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Additional information the National Resident Matching Program can be found at www.nrmp.org.

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All invited to March 21 IUSM, Regenstrief life sciences announcement

Faculty, staff and students are invited to join leadership from IUSM, Regenstrief Institute and BioCrossroads for the announcement of the formation of a new life sciences venture made possible by a significant investment from a local organization. This new entity will help promote the region's reputation as a leader in predicting, preventing and treating disease.

The announcement and news conference will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 21, in the Mills Atrium of the Van Nuys Medical Science building. RSVPs should be sent to jroutt@biocrossroads.com.

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BioCrossroads names new board

IU President Adam Herbert, PhD, and Craig Brater, MD, IUSM dean and IU vice president, are among those named this week to the 2006 board of directors for BioCrossroads, Indiana's life sciences initiative. Representatives of the BioCrossroads board are senior leadership from the state's industry, academic and government sectors.

See www.biocrossroads.com/inthenews/2006%20Board%20release.doc for additional information.

For additional information about the March 22 event at IUPUI, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=470.

For more information about the Citizens' Health Care Working Group, see www.citizenshealthcare.gov/.

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Med student listserv

Announcements that may be of interest to IU medical students can be forwarded to ms-events-l@listserv.iupui.edu. Notices sent to the list by Friday are forwarded to the student body on Sunday as a single weekly events listing.

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Soni named to lead research effort in Bloomington

P. Sarita Soni, OD, has been named vice provost for research at Indiana University, Bloomington campus. She will oversee the research office, providing leadership in areas of research development, research administration and at centers and institutes on that campus.

Dr. Soni, a professor of optometry and vision science in the School of Optometry, has most recently served the university as associate vice president for research in the Office of Vice President for Research.

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Phlebotomists, other volunteers needed for Friends for Life

Medical and non-medical personnel are needed to volunteer at the second annual Friends for Life research project Saturday, April 22, during the Indianapolis Komen Race for the Cure on the IUPUI campus.

Last year, the 160 volunteers made it possible to collect 855 informed consents, questionnaires and blood samples from women in one day – an incredible success for breast cancer research at IUSM. This year, the goal is to collect blood from 1,500 women, who can be people who donated last year, new contributors, women with a history of breast cancer or those without a history or high risk for the disease.

Volunteers will receive a Friends for Life T-shirt, breakfast and lunch. Check out the Friends for Life web site for more information and photos of last year's event at medicine.iupui.edu/clinical/friends_for_life.htm. An online registration form for volunteers is available and can be found under the "Volunteer" link. Additional questions can be answered by contacting Suzanne Lemler, research nurse coordinator at 274-7841, or by email at sulemler@iupui.edu.

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Judges needed for international science fair

Volunteers are needed to judge the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis May 7-13. This event will attract 1,500 top science and technology high school students from all 50 states and 40 countries.

Also attending the event will be parents, student advisors, 1,200 judges and a panel of Nobel Laureates. Local K-12 students will visit the exhibits on designated days. The event offers an opportunity to highlight the science and technology programs at Indiana University and IUPUI.

Frank Witzmann, PhD, professor of cellular and integrative physiology, is the Medicine and Health category co-chair, and he is serving as the contact person in the School of Medicine. Dr. Witzmann can be reached at 278-5741, or fwitzman@iupui.edu.

About 50 faculty from IU and IUPUI have signed up to judge. Categories cover everything from behavioral and social sciences to zoology. Judges are needed in all the categories but particularly in space science, math and microbiology.

Volunteers will be accepted as late as May 7, but Dr. Witzmann said ideally organizers would prefer to have the judging lineup completed by Saturday, April 1.

Judges must be available for one and one-half days. Organizers are seeking 1,500 judges in 14 categories (135 judges are needed for medicine and health) who can commit Tuesday, May 9, from approximately 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 10.

Judges should have an MD, a PhD, or equivalent degree or they may have a master's degree and a minimum of 6 years professional experience. Individuals are asked to pick a primary category and a secondary category in which they would like to be assigned.

Information about the event and a form to volunteer as a judge can be found at www.intelisef2006.org.

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Town hall meeting on health care – March 22

Indiana residents are invited to participate in a national conversation on health care during a virtual town hall meeting Wednesday, March 22.

"What is Your Health Worth? A National Conversation on Health Care" is the theme of the discussion of the simultaneous public meetings at the Big Ten Conference schools and 11 other schools of public health around the

country.

Locally, residents can participate in the conversation at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center, room 132. The IUSM Department of Public Health and IUPUI are hosting the event from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The actual webcast will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This program will be moderated by Stephen Jay, MD, chairman of the Department of Public Health.

Hoosiers also can participate in the discussion as part of the “virtual” audience by logging on to www.umich.edu/healthmeeting.

The meeting is organized by the University of Michigan in conjunction with the national Citizens’ Health Care Working Group, a 15-member panel formed by Congress to find out what the public thinks about the accessibility, cost and quality of health care. That input will be used for policy recommendations to the federal government.

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End of life issues topic of Women’s Health lecture

David Orentlicher, MD, JD, Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law and co-director of the Center for Law and Health at the IU School of Law-Indianapolis, will speak about elder care law and end-of-life issues at the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health Noon Lecture Series. The presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

Lunch will be provided and CME credit is available. Reservations are not required.

For additional information, contact Tina Darling at 278-7253 or tdarling@iupui.edu, or see www.iupui.edu/~womenhlt/.

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Promotion and tenure workshops

Four informational workshops on promotion and tenure will be offered to the IUSM faculty on the following dates:

- Promotion & Tenure: General Overview
March 29 at noon to 1:30 p.m. in Fesler-Hurty Hall C
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence In Research
March 30 at 8 to 9:30 a.m. in Fesler Hall 319
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence In Service
April 13 at 8 to 9:30 a.m. in Fesler Hall 319
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence In Teaching
April 19 at noon to 1:30 p.m. in Fesler-Hurty Hall C

Brown bag lunches are recommended for the noon sessions. Sample dossiers will be available for review, as well as other helpful information. Please call Sherie Bornino at 278-7263 to make reservations.

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Gosling to speak at 'Reading at the Table'

Craig Gosling, former director of the IUSM Department of Medical Illustration, will be the guest speaker at the University Faculty Club's "Reading at the Table" luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. Gosling will share excerpts from his book "For the Love of Animals: Rhyme and Reason with Animals."

Following lunch, Gosling will sign copies of his book, which is available from JAGS IUPUI Bookstore.

Cost for lunch is \$10. Space is limited and reservations are required. For reservations, call 274-7014 or email facclub@iupui.edu by **Monday, March 27**.

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Science: What's Art Got To Do With It?

Ruth G. West is an artist and a scientist. Using these two seemingly unrelated disciplines, West explores how artistic practice and aesthetic experience can nurture scientific discovery in her presentation "Science: What's Art Got To do With It?" She will speak at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in the Informatics and Communication Technology Complex, room 152. For more information on her art, see www.insilicov1.org.

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Menopause, not the musical, is topic of Merritt Lecture

Nancy Fugate Woods, PhD, RN, dean of the University of Washington School of Nursing, will be the speaker at the sixth annual Doris H. Merritt, MD, Lectureship in Women's Health April 25-26.

On Tuesday, April 25, Dr. Woods will present "Menopause: From the USPHS Task Force to the SWAN Study" from noon to 1 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Tina Darling at tdarling@iupui.edu, or 278-7253.

Dr. Woods will speak Wednesday morning at Medicine Grand Rounds from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on "Menopause: What we are learning about the Menopausal Transition."

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AAMC examines basic science departments

The organization of basic science departments in U.S. medical schools has been in a continuing state of transition in recent years, according to new data analysis from the AAMC. Medical schools are restructuring their basic science departments by consolidating the number of traditional departments and adding new departments to reflect scientific complexity and opportunity, as well as the changing nature of interdisciplinary biomedical research.

A new issue of "AAMC Analysis in Brief" shows that the number of traditional discipline-based departments decreased from 2000-2004, but the overall number of departments has remained steady. See www.aamc.org/data/aib for more information.

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Diploma frame sale

Graduation is only two months away, so students may want to take advantage of a diploma frame sale Monday, April

3, or Thursday, April 13, in University College. A wide variety of frames will be available at a 10 percent discount from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on those days. The frames also are available on a daily basis at the IUPUI Jags Bookstore.

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This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. Co-hosts of this week's program are David Crabb, MD, and Kathy Miller, MD.

This week's discussions will include Stephen Jay, MD, chairman of the IU Department of Public Health, who will talk about the intent of the March 22 program called a "What is Your Health Care Worth? A National Conversation on Health Care" and its sponsor the Citizen's Health Care Working Group.

Charles Clark, MD, joins the program to talk about the diabetes epidemic in Indiana and the impact of obesity on children. Dr. Clark is a diabetologist who now serves as associate dean for Continuing Medical Education at IUSM. March has been designated National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Talking about the importance of colon cancer screenings and a new study on colon cancer screening and prevention is IU nursing professor Susan Rawl, PhD, RN.

Frank Messina, MD, returns with another essay that will debunk a few seat belt myths. Dr. Messina is an associate professor of clinical emergency medicine at IUSM and is on the medical staff at Wishard Health Services. He also is an occasional co-host on *Sound Medicine*.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at soundmedicine.iu.edu/.

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Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

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- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

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- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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