Dr. Wendell Erwin
Appointed to BCM Board

The Alumni Association Executive Committee submitted Wendell D. Erwin, M.D., class of 1966, as their nominee to serve on the Baylor Board. Dr. Erwin was unanimously elected at the March meeting to serve as the alumni representative on the Baylor Board of Trustees.

As a past President of the BCM Alumni Association, he is an ideal choice. Dr. Erwin is a former Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Pediatrics at Baylor, served as Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Texas Children’s Hospital and was Acting Chief of Staff at Shriner’s Hospital for Children in Houston.

As an alumnus of the College, he will provide the Board with a unique view of our education, research and patient care missions.

U.S. News & World Report Ranks
Baylor 22nd

In the U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools ranking, Baylor College of Medicine is ranked number 22 among research-intensive medical schools and ranked number 28 among top medical schools in primary care. In 2010, BCM ranked number 24 among research-intensive medical schools and number 33 in the primary care category.

The U.S. News rankings are based on medical student GPA and MCAT scores, student selectivity, faculty to student ratio, NIH funding for the medical school and grant dollars per investigator, as well as a reputational component from surveys of medical school deans, deans of academic affairs, heads of internal medicine, and directors of admissions.

The Baylor pediatrics program was ranked number 6 among all pediatric programs. This is a clear indication of the outstanding faculty in the Baylor Department of Pediatrics and our strong partnerships with Texas Children’s Hospital and the Harris County Hospital District, where our faculty care for pediatric patients and our students and residents train.

Our School of Allied Health also made great advances in the

Texas Medical Schools Ranked in the U.S. News 2011-2012 Survey

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BAYLOR...By the Numbers

170
Number of BCM medical students who participated in Match Day

48
Number of medical students who matched with BCM for residency

86
Number of students who will be entering primary care residency programs

31
Number of students who presented results of their research track year at the 11th Annual James K. Alexander Medical Student Research Symposium

$15.9 million
Amount BCM researchers received in the latest round of grants announced by the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas

U.S. Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)

99% of Baylor students passed

244 – Baylor students mean score compared to U.S. & Canadian students’ mean score of 222

188 – Minimum passing score for U.S. & Canadian students
Baylor students did extremely well in the National Residency Matching Program this year. Of the 170 BCM students in this year’s Match, 86 are entering primary care residency programs in the fields of family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, medicine/pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology or emergency medicine. This represents more than 50% of the students participating in the Baylor Match.

We are very pleased to have 48 students (28%) who matched with residency programs at BCM. Twenty-two percent will go to other Texas residency programs and 50% will go to outstanding programs throughout the country including Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Stanford, UCSF, University of Miami, Washington University-St. Louis, and Vanderbilt.

Baylor Student Recipient of AMA Leadership Award

Bhavika Kaul, a second-year medical student at Baylor College of Medicine, has been named a recipient of the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation’s 2011 Leadership Award. This award provides medical students, residents/fellows and early career physicians from around the country with special training to develop their skills as future leaders in organized medicine and community affairs.

Bhavika was one of only 24 medical students in the nation to receive a leadership award which recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding non-clinical leadership skills in advocacy, community service and education. She plans to pursue a career in public health advocacy.

While an undergraduate at Rice University, Bhavika conducted research at the James A. Baker Institute for Public Policy and helped organize conferences on topics ranging from science education to global health. She has volunteered abroad extensively, working with refugees in India and, most recently, with disadvantaged children in Argentina as a Loewenstern Fellow.

Last year, as an Albert Schweitzer Fellow, she established a rotating mobile clinic program in partnership with Catholic Charities and Texas Children’s Hospital to bring health care to Burmese refugees in Houston. Now, as part of Baylor’s Underserved Communities Track, she volunteers at the HOMES clinic, a multi-disciplinary, student-run free clinic for the homeless of Houston. Bhavika is a class officer and a member of the medical school’s admissions committee.