BCM rises in *U.S. News* ranking

*U.S. News & World Report* has released its annual list of top graduate schools in business, education, engineering, law, medicine, and social sciences and humanities. I am pleased to announce that BCM is ranked number 21 among research-intensive medical schools, placing BCM in the top 15 percent of all medical schools. In 2010, BCM ranked number 22 among research-intensive medical schools.

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.

Our pediatrics program is ranked number 6 among all pediatric programs. This is a clear indication of the outstanding faculty in the BCM Department of Pediatrics and our strong partnership with Texas Children’s Hospital, where our faculty care for pediatric patients and our students and residents train.

*U.S. News & World Report* did not conduct new surveys for the biomedical sciences, nurse anesthesia and physician assistant programs. Nationally the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences is ranked 26th, the School of Allied Health nurse anesthesia program is ranked 5th and the physician assistant program is ranked 6th.

Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend 2012

Alumni register at Reunion 2012

Alumni Association Award recipients

This year’s Reunion Weekend was a great success. Events were held at BCM’s main campus and Hotel ZaZa. It was a pleasure to see those of you who attended the weekend’s events. Below is a list of award recipients who were honored at the Reunion Gala Luncheon & Award Presentations.

2012 Award Recipients

**Distinguished Faculty Award**
Carl E. Fasser, PA
Salih J. Wakil, Ph.D.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
C. Eugene Carlton, Jr., M.D. ’55
Jimmy F. Howell, M.D. ’57

**Special Recognition**
Martha Ann & Harold M. Selzman, M.D. ’62

**Humanitarian Award**
M. Cathleen Schanzer, M.D. ◊
George Peach Taylor, Jr., M.D. ’78

**Distinguished Service Award**
Donald T. Donovan, M.D. ’76

◊ Resident Alumni  *Deceased*
New Master of Science program

Baylor College of Medicine’s Academic Council and Board of Trustees have approved the new Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics degree program through the School of Allied Health Sciences.

The program prepares professionals to find orthotic and prosthetic solutions for diminished function or altered appearance due to a congenital condition, body part loss, disease, or injury resulting in reduced capabilities or comfort in performing daily activities.

The need for providers of orthotic and prosthetic solutions is growing due to an increase in the aging population, the diabetes and obesity epidemics and veterans returning from war. The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education now requires a master’s degree for entry level orthotics and prosthetics certification. BCM’s program will be one of the first in the country and the second in Texas to offer this master’s degree.

The program is a natural extension of our existing programs training physician assistants and nurse anesthetists.

Expansion of allied health education offerings has been a high priority since I came to BCM. It represents a timely opportunity for us, considering the increasing need for these professionals.

The two-and-a-half year program will consist of one year of basic science education and will also include 18 months of pre-graduate residency training through BCM’s affiliated institutions. Students will also be required to complete a research project prior to graduation.

Jared Howell has been named the director of the program and Joshua B. Utay has been named the assistant director.

Graduates of the program, which will be accredited through the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education, will be eligible to sit for board exams sponsored by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics.

The new program will enroll its first group of students in July 2013 with an expected graduation date of December 2015.

Awardees

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School of Allied Health Sciences
Distinguished Alumnus Award
Debra A. Barber, CRNA, M.S. ‘92
Grace P. Landel, PA-C ’84

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Distinguished Alumnus Award
P. Michael Conn, Ph.D. ’76
Wylie W. Vale, Jr., Ph.D. ’68 *

Medical School Distinguished Alumnus Award
David L. Callender, M.D. ’84
Margaret K. Hostetter, M.D. ’75

Allied Health Sciences Young Alumnus Award
Maura N. Polansky, PA-C ’94

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Young Alumnus Award
David M. Eagleman, Ph.D. ’98

Medical School Young Alumnus Award
Brendan Lee, M.D., Ph.D. ◊

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