Dear Baylor Alumnus,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Robert Lefkowitz, who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2012, will be the speaker on Tuesday, May 29, for commencement ceremonies for the School of Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Baylor's Dr. Alice McPherson, the world's first full-time woman vitreoretinal specialist, also will be honored. It is also fitting we pay tribute to two heroes from Hurricane Harvey, Houston Texans star J.J. Watt and Dr. David Persse, Houston Emergency Medical Services Director. A link to this story is provided below as are articles of recent interest from Baylor research and discoveries.

I would like to invite you to join the alumni of Rice University and University of Houston on an upcoming cruise to Malta, Sicily, Isle of Capri, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii and Rome. Alumni cruises are popular because of travel with contemporaries and others with similar interests. If you sign up by March 8, 2018, you will get a special early booking rate.

You are always welcome to contact me at president@bcm.edu with your questions and comments.

Paul Klotman, M.D.
President & CEO
Executive Dean

J.J. Watt among those to receive honorary degrees from Baylor

Houston Texans star J.J. Watt and Houston Emergency Medical Services Director Dr. David Persse will receive honorary degrees from Baylor College of Medicine at commencement ceremonies in May. Both played major roles in serving the community after Hurricane Harvey.

Also receiving honorary degrees will be the College’s commencement speaker, Nobel Laureate Dr. Robert Lefkowitz and Dr. Alice McPherson, professor of ophthalmology at Baylor and one of the foremost retina specialists in the world.

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Baylor seeks more alumni volunteers to mentor students after Match Day

The Resident-Alumni Connection Program provides graduating School of Medicine students with M.D. alumni contacts in the location where they match for internship or residency. Baylor College of Medicine alumni serve as friendly faces and professional resources to help their young colleagues navigate the challenging first years of their residencies, often in new and unfamiliar communities.

Following Match Day, March 16, 2018, Alumni Relations will determine relevant connections between participating students and alumni in the cities or states where they match. Students appreciate a smoother transition with mentor help.

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$8.5 million awarded for study of neurocircuitry of depression

Two Baylor College of Medicine physicians have been awarded a grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, a part of the National Institutes of Health BRAIN Initiative. Dr. Sameer Sheth, associate professor of neurosurgery at Baylor, and Dr. Wayne Goodman, professor and chair of the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor, are co-principal investigators on the research that will investigate brain networks that could be responsible for treatment-resistant depression (TRD), and how the use of deep brain stimulation can be used to treat the disorder.

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Save $2,000 by booking early for Baylor cruise to Ancient Empires

Early registration is still available for a joint cruise to the Ancient Empires on Sept. 20-28, 2018. Baylor alums will join Rice University and University of Houston graduates for a trip to Malta, Sicily, Isle of Capri, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii and Rome. Reserve by March 8, 2018, and save $2,000 per couple.

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The goal of the BRAIN Initiative was to create a deeper understanding of brain disorders and diseases while developing new technology.
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Paul Klotman, M.D., FACS, lcomes you to another Alumni NewsLink.