Greetings

We hope you enjoyed a fantastic holiday season with your families and friends! As 2012 comes to a close, we reflect on all that we are thankful for in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations: a fantastic Executive Committee who give so much of their time to the UMass Medical School community; a bright and driven student body who will continue to advance the UMMS reputation; and parents, alumni and friends who support our mission.

We would also like to introduce Anastasia Grady, the new director of Alumni and Parent Relations. Anastasia will work closely with the Parent Executive Committee to advance our mission and grow the parent program. Anastasia comes to UMMS from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where she planned national and international alumni events and reunions, and supported the WPI Alumni Association. If you would like to meet Anastasia or become involved in a volunteer capacity, please email her at anastasia.grady@umassmed.edu or call 508-856-1593.

We wish you all the best in the New Year!

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations

Dr. Mai-Lan Rogoff, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Announces Retirement

After nearly three decades of dedicated service to UMass Medical School, Mai-Lan Rogoff, MD, will retire from her role as associate dean for Student Affairs in June 2013. Serving in this role since 1994, Dr. Rogoff has been a steady presence for medical students from their first day and throughout their education, as well as their careers.

Since joining UMMS in 1983, Dr. Rogoff has been a celebrated teacher, thoughtful educational innovator and nationally recognized leader in psychiatry education, receiving a number of awards. As a leader in education at UMMS, Dr. Rogoff founded the Second-Year Oath Ceremony and established the Optional Enrichment Electives. For nearly twenty years, Dr. Rogoff developed Student Affairs into a home for all medical students and a place they could count on to meet their needs. Dr. Rogoff is emblematic of the student-centered focus that is a hallmark of the UMMS educational experience.

We are fortunate that Dr. Rogoff will continue through the end of the academic year, allowing sufficient time to conduct a national search for an outstanding successor.
A note from Dr. Mai-Lan Rogoff

“As you may have heard from your sons and daughters by now, I will be retiring as associate dean for Student Affairs in June of 2013. It’s been a very special time for me, serving students in this role for almost 20 years. As you may imagine, this was not an easy decision, and I will very much miss such close everyday involvement with your sons and daughters as they pursue their medical careers. It has been both a joy and a privilege to get to know so many of your sons and daughters and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to help steward so many talented students into medical careers.

I plan to continue my current teaching of medical students and residents as a part-time faculty member in the Psychiatry Department, so I am not totally retiring. I will still be around campus, still on email and still available for questions. While I will sincerely miss working with UMMS students as associate dean, I look forward very much to continuing to work with students as an educator.”

-Dr. Mai-Lan Rogoff

UMass Medicine Winter Ball a Cause for Celebration

Another year, another festive and successful Winter Ball fundraising event! On Friday, December 7, 2012, more than 350 members of the Central Massachusetts community gathered at Mechanics Hall in Worcester to celebrate—and support—the shared mission of UMass Medical School (UMMS) and UMass Memorial Medical Center.

As in years past, attendees participated in both live and silent auctions to raise funds for this vital academic medical center. “Having the enthusiastic support of so many leaders in our community is extraordinary and demonstrates clearly the value placed on these two dynamic organizations and the impact they have on our communities,” said R. Norman Peters, Esq., chair of the Winter Ball 2012 Steering Committee, who is also a member of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees and a member of the UMass Medicine Development Council.

Attendees also fervently supported this year’s fund-a-need project: establishing an endowed scholarship at UMMS named for John O’Brien, president and CEO of UMass Memorial Health Care, who will retire in early 2013.

“John O’Brien is a truly remarkable individual, someone who has long been an advocate for our community professionally, by providing quality health care for the people of our state, and personally, by supporting the academic goals of our young people,” said Mary DeFeudis, chair of the UMass Medicine Development Council, during the speaking program that evening. “His college education was made possible by the generosity of others. Therefore, he understands—all too well—the impact financial aid can have on students, enabling them to keep their focus where it should be: on learning.”
At the conclusion of a video describing the impact financial aid can have on future care givers and the future of medicine, Ms. DeFeudis announced that the scholarship would be named in honor of Mr. O'Brien to acknowledge his commitment for giving back.

UMMS Chancellor Michael F. Collins also acknowledged O'Brien's efforts. “From the time I joined the Medical School in 2007, he has been an outstanding colleague and a great collaborator, and together, we have been able to create an exciting and ambitious future for our academic health sciences system,” he said. “It has been a great privilege to work with John in this regard and, on behalf of the entire Medical School, I thank him for his partnership.”

The Hanover Insurance Group Foundation, the first-ever platinum sponsor of the Winter Ball, was acknowledged for its support of the event as were gold sponsors Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Crothall Healthcare, Morrison Management Specialists and Vital Emergency Medical Services in collaboration with MedStart Ambulance. (See the complete list of sponsors.) Overall the event was enjoyed by all and exceeded expectations.

“We are thrilled with turnout for this year’s Winter Ball, both in terms of attendance and monies raised,” said Peters. “It has been a great privilege to be a part of this outstanding effort.”

News from UMass Medical School

History of Medicine Enlightens as it Informs
Optional Enrichment Elective Views Medical Advances through History's Lens
Why would students training for a future at the cutting edge of health care want to look back in time? For those who understand that the history of medicine holds useful lessons for their profession, the History of Medicine elective at UMass Medical School is a valuable course selection. Read the complete story.

Department of Psychiatry Experts Respond to Newtown Tragedy
Faculty in the Department of Psychiatry offer information and expert advice to help parents, families and children deal with the trauma associated with the mass shooting on Friday, Dec. 14, in Newtown, Conn. Read the complete story.

News from Our Clinical Partner, UMass Memorial Health Care

UMass Memorial Employees Assist in Super Storm Sandy Efforts in NYC
Nine UMass Memorial Medical Center employees, through their involvement with the Disaster Medical Assistance Team known as DMAT MA-2, participated in relief efforts for New York City residents affected by Super Storm Sandy. These employees were part of team of 39 DMAT members who were deployed October 30 to assist the New York Office of Emergency Management. The team assisted with the care of more than 580 evacuees in a special needs shelter for 12 days. The evacuees were residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words …
About 20 photos from UMass Memorial Medical Center’s Quiet at Night Facebook album contest were selected by UMass Memorial Facebook fans and the Patient and Family Advisory Council of the Medical Center. The photos will be used to help the Medical Center promote the nationwide Silent Hospitals Help Healing (Shhh) campaign. Photos will be transformed into life-size displays and featured in the inpatient units on the Memorial Campus in Worcester to remind staff and visitors that our patients are resting. View album of winning photos. To learn more about our
Quiet at Night initiative, watch this video.

UMass Memorial Health Care is Central Massachusetts' largest not-for-profit health care delivery system, covering the complete health care continuum with UMass Memorial Medical Center, its academic medical center, member and affiliated community hospitals, freestanding primary care practices, ambulatory outpatient clinics, home health agencies, a rehabilitation group and mental health services. [www.umassmemorial.org](http://www.umassmemorial.org)

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