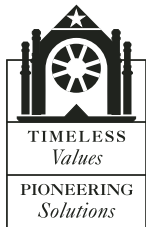


# IMPACT

## Kempner Fund to contribute \$1 million to campaign

By J. CHRISTIAN MESSA

The Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund, a Galveston-based family foundation, has pledged \$1 million to help kick off UTMB's \$250 million comprehensive campaign. This is



the largest single commitment to UTMB in the foundation's 58-year history.

"We've made this commitment because we value UTMB's research and its

place in our community," said Kempner Fund President Barbara Sasser, who received her doctorate in biochemistry from UTMB's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in 1983. "We hope that this leadership gift will also encourage others who care about Galveston to become involved."

"UTMB is a better institution thanks to the vision and enduring support of the Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund," said UTMB President John D. Stobo. "For more than five decades, the board has contributed to a wide range of academic, research and clinical programs, thereby enriching the lives of Galveston residents and advancing health care throughout the state and the nation.

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## LIVING THE DREAM

### *UTMB, community celebrate legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

By JENNIFER REYNOLDS-SANCHEZ

UTMB students and employees came together Friday, Jan. 16, with Galveston County community members to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The 18th annual celebration sponsored by the UTMB Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity included a luncheon and an evening reception and awards ceremony.

Hundreds attended the luncheon of Southern fare. Melvin Williams, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, welcomed guests and praised UTMB President Stobo for his efforts to maintain a multicultural campus.

Michael Jackson, director of St. Vincent's House, a comprehensive family community outreach center for Galveston's underserved populations, also welcomed guests and invited the community to attend the numerous festivities happening in Galveston in the following days to celebrate King's life.

Tamika White and Ashleigh Kennedy then gave a moving performance that included dancing, monologues and poetry about the struggles African Americans have experienced and overcome.

The grand finale of the event came when award-winning television and stage actor Charles Jackson performed a poignant interpretation of the speech King delivered after marching for three days from Selma to Montgomery, Alab., for equal rights in March 1965.

"The battle is in our hands. And we can



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Awards were presented the evening of Jan. 16, at the Central Cultural Center in Galveston. The awards recognize university employees and faculty who have made significant efforts to promote equality of all individuals without regard to race, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disabilities. The 2004 recipients, pictured from left to right, are Doug Matthews, Office of Community Outreach director of external affairs; Greg Samford, senior applications system analyst; Christine Comer, assistant vice president for public affairs; and Dr. Robert Tesh, professor of pathology.

answer with creative nonviolence the call to higher ground to which the new directions of our struggle summons us," Jackson recited. "The road ahead is not altogether a smooth one. There are no broad highways that lead us easily and inevitably to quick solutions. But we must keep going."

The celebration continued that evening at the Central Cultural Center in Galveston.

A large audience enjoyed hors d'oeuvres as keynote speaker George Wright, president of Prairie View A&M University, spoke

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## Timeless Values, Pioneering Solutions UTMB's Comprehensive Campaign

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"We're at the beginning of the campaign, and it's important for those closest to the institution to make pace-setting gifts and set an example for others in the communities we serve," Stobo said. "I'm deeply gratified that the board responded to our request for support with the largest gift in the Kempner Fund's history."

Founded in 1946 by descendants of Harris and Eliza Kempner, the Kempner Fund focuses its giving on health and human services, community development, education, and arts and historic preservation. More than 80 percent of its grants go to Galveston nonprofit organizations.

"Historically, the fund has always been focused on Galveston, and the connection of UTMB to Galveston is always there," said Houston obstetrician and gynecologist Peter Kempner Thompson. A graduate of UTMB's School of Medicine, Thompson is also the grandson of its first chairman of surgery, J.E. Thompson, and was a member of the Kempner Fund board at the time the record-setting commitment was made. "There are people in the community who need help, and one way to give them help is through better health care. UTMB is the perfect vehicle for that."

Not counting this most recent gift, the Kempner Fund has contributed more than \$5 million to UTMB, including endowments for scholarships and five named professorships and distinguished professorships in genetics, medical humanities, child psychiatry, cognitive rehabilitation and radiation oncology.

The fund has enriched educational programs both for UTMB students and for secondary school students and undergraduates considering careers in the health sciences. Among other educational programs, the fund's commitment has been demonstrated time and again through grants to UTMB's

schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences and Graduate Biomedical Sciences; the establishment of numerous lectureships; significant support for a summer undergraduate research program and summer science camps geared for Galveston-area students and teachers; and much more. The fund has also contributed to clinical programs that range from fighting breast cancer to making hospitalization less stressful for UTMB's youngest patients.

"Theirs is a rich legacy," said Stobo, who noted that members of the board are remarkable for the amount of time, energy and talent they personally contribute to the local community.

Of the nine voting board members, seven are Kempner family members. When the commitment to UTMB was made in December 2003, the board consisted of Sasser, Jack Currie, Peaches Kempner, I.H. "Denny" Kempner III, Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, Robert Lynch, Lyda Ann Thomas, Dr. Peter Thompson and Daniel Thorne. Three emeritus members, including community leader and former fund chair Leonora "Nonie" Thompson, are also active. Elaine Perachio has been the fund's executive director for the past 15 years.

"It's hard to imagine what Galveston would be like without the Kempner Fund," said Currie, a retired investment securities executive. "They're in every walk of life here." In addition to UTMB, the fund has provided leadership support to the Galveston Historical Foundation, the Grand 1894 Opera House, the Texas Seaport Museum and numerous social service charities.

But the relationship to the university has been especially close. Nonie Thompson is the daughter-in-law of UTMB's first chair of surgery, Harris L. "Shrub" Kempner Jr. contributed his time and effort as chair of the university's capital campaign during the 1990s and is co-chair of the present cam-

paign. He and his mother, Ruth Kempner, both serve on UTMB's Development Board, which he has chaired twice.

In fact, Kempner family members have personally contributed more than \$2 million to the university. Most recently, Randall T. Kempner and Harris L. "Branch" Kempner III, grandsons of Ruth Kempner, established a professorship in her honor in UTMB's Department of Radiation Oncology.

"I'm proud to be part of a family that's supporting UTMB," said Kempner Fund board member Lyda Ann Thomas, a Galveston civic leader now serving her sixth year on the city council.

She explained that she has been aware of the Kempner connection with the university since her childhood, when her grandparents, I.H. and Eliza Kempner, invited everyone from the university's president to medical and nursing students to the family's traditional Christmas party.

"The Sealy family and the Moody family have also given the university terrific support," she said. "We hope that other people in Galveston will step up and support UTMB as well."

The five-year comprehensive campaign, which officially began Sept. 1, 2003, focuses on four broad-based areas that are critical to public health: improving access to care; teaching the art and science of health care; infectious diseases, biodefense and vaccine development; and longevity, chronic conditions and neurological recovery. Campaign initiatives will benefit programs of excellence in all four UTMB schools; scholarships to support promising students; endowments to help attract and retain the best faculty; university-wide research; clinical care programs; and capital improvements to further the university's mission.



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# Alumnus establishes scholarship in Blocker program

*Blocker, UTMB's first president, cared for Dr. Harry Kelso's father, survivor of Texas City Disaster*

By J. CHRISTIAN MESSA

Eight-year-old Harry Kelso Jr. was taking a spelling test in his Texas City classroom the morning of April 16, 1947. His school was about a mile from the Texas City harbor, where a freighter loaded with explosive ammonium nitrate fertilizer was burning. The city's firefighters had been struggling to extinguish the blaze when the ship erupted into a mammoth fireball, creating a smoke column nearly 2,000 feet high.

More than 56 years later, Kelso, now a physician in Galveston, still does not remember the word he was trying to spell correctly when the blast from the exploding ship hammered his school. He can easily recall what happened afterward, however.

"The explosion blew a roller window shade off, and it landed in between two desks in front of me as I tried to get out," Kelso said. "The classroom's door was off its hinges."

When Kelso and the rest of his third-grade classmates ran outside, they heard pieces of shrapnel whizzing through the air and landing on the school playground. Kelso's father, meanwhile, had been gravely injured in the initial blast of what would become known as the Texas City Disaster, the worst industrial accident in U.S. history.

On nearby Galveston Island, Dr. Truman G. Blocker Jr. was performing surgery in a UTMB operating room when the *S.S. Grandcamp* exploded. Surgical instruments bounced on Blocker's tray. He ran to a win-

dow to witness a mushroom cloud rising above Texas City.

"Having a lot of information about the atomic bomb, I thought this was one and that World War III had started," Blocker once said in an interview.

Kelso's father, a Monsanto Chemical Plant engineer, was rushed to UTMB along with many other injured people. Harry Kelso Sr. had been watching the *Grandcamp* burn from his Monsanto office, about 300 yards from the ship. The explosion shattered his office window; he suffered severe facial lacerations and nearly lost his right arm as a result.

Blocker and his surgical team repaired the damage to the elder Kelso's face and arm.

"In later years, we could hardly see a [facial] scar," Dr. Kelso said. "It was very remarkable."

In gratitude for Blocker's work on his father, Kelso and his wife, Margaret, recently made a commitment to establish the Harry B. and Marie S. Kelso Endowed Blocker Scholarship at UTMB. The scholarship, named in memory of Kelso's parents, will benefit deserving students in the university's M.D./Ph.D. combined degree program. Graduates of the program will become leaders in advancing medicine, using their background in basic and clinical sciences to translate research results into clinical practice.

The Kelso's contribution was one of the

capstone commitments to the university's \$5 million Blocker Scholars Initiative, which solidified the academic infrastructure of the M.D./Ph.D. program. Kelso himself co-chaired efforts to raise funds for the initiative in the Galveston region.

Blocker, who in 1967 became the first UTMB chief executive to hold the title of president, was hailed as a model physician-scientist by his peers. The 1933 UTMB graduate translated the findings of his plastic surgery and burns care research and applied them when caring for his patients at the bedside. Blocker played a major role in the history of UTMB for almost 50 years until his death in 1984. He led UTMB from 1964 to 1974 and witnessed enormous growth at the university, both in building construction and new programs. Blocker was a brigadier general in the U.S. Army Reserve, as well as chairman of the Galveston College Board of Regents.

Kelso, a 1965 UTMB School of Medicine graduate, said the Kelso Endowed Blocker Scholarship seemed like a fitting way to pay homage to Blocker.

"Dr. Blocker played a significant role in my parents' lives and in my life, and we wanted to honor him," he said. "We felt it was an appropriate gift to make to the university."

Kelso recalled how, as a student, he learned much from attending Blocker's lectures. Blocker was also instrumental in securing a stipend for Kelso to study a year

abroad at the University of Hamburg.

Kelso, who now serves as vice president and medical director at American National Insurance Co., said he also wanted to establish the scholarship at UTMB to thank his alma mater.

"The university taught me how to make a living, but more so, how to be a physician," he said. "My family has been in Galveston for generations, and UTMB has been here as part of the health care delivery system to my family."

The Kelso family's ties to the academic health center run deep. Kelso's two sons, Jim and Craig, work at UTMB, and Jim was born on campus at John Sealy Hospital. Jim's wife, Becky, is presently interning at the university and will join its dermatology residency program next year. "We really are a UTMB family," Kelso said.

Harry Kelso remains heavily involved with UTMB. He is a founding member and former chair of the President's Cabinet, a volunteer organization that advances UTMB's mission by providing seed money for initiatives that improve the quality of life in the Galveston area. He is also a member of the UTMB Development Board, an organization that helps create fund-raising strategies for the university. Its members act as "ambassadors" for the academic health center, assisting in outreach efforts to alumni, patients and other supporters.

## Study indicates burned children deficient in vitamin D; supplements could help

By SEENA SIMON

Children with severe burns have a diminished capacity to make vitamin D and should receive vitamin D supplements to stop their bones from weakening, researchers here reported in a study published Jan. 24 in *The Lancet*.

UTMB Pediatrics Professor Dr. Gordon Klein, the lead author, discovered along with his colleagues that children with burns on more than 40 percent of their bodies don't make enough vitamin D on their own to produce strong bones.

Normally, human skin makes vitamin D, known as the "sunshine vitamin," through exposure to sunlight. But in burned children, even skin that's not burned cannot

make enough vitamin D, the study found.

"This phenomenon becomes worse with time, rather than better," Klein said.

Burn patients are known to suffer from a high incidence of bone fractures later in life. This research may explain why. Vitamin D, which helps bones absorb calcium, is crucial to the development of strong bones. Vitamin D deficiency can lead to osteomalacia (soft bones) or, in extreme cases, rickets, a disease of the young characterized by soft and deformed bones.

Children lose bone mass after being burned. Though their bone mass regenerates with time, new bone tissue in burned children isn't as dense as the bone tissue of children who haven't suffered burns.

The researchers studied skin biopsies of 12 children treated at Galveston's Shriners Burns Hospital, which treats children from throughout the world free of charge. Researchers tracked the patients' vitamin D levels for seven years. They found that burned children's skin becomes so inefficient at producing vitamin D that exposure to sunlight alone wouldn't produce enough vitamin D.

Vitamin D supplements should become part of burned children's therapy both during their treatment and after they are discharged from the hospital, Klein said.

Because the study was conducted at a children's burns hospital, researchers didn't have an opportunity to analyze vitamin D

levels in adult burn patients. Nevertheless, Klein said there was no reason to think the situation would be different for adult burn patients. Still, he said that more research is required to assess for sure whether burned adults' bodies experience similar inability to properly synthesize vitamin D from sunlight.

The study, "Synthesis of Vitamin D in Skin After Burns," appeared in the Jan. 24 issue of the British medical journal *The Lancet*. In addition to Klein, the study's co-authors are Tai Chen and Dr. Michael Holick, of Boston University Medical Center; Dr. Craig Langman and Heather Price, of Northwestern University; and Mario Celis and Dr. David Herndon of UTMB.

# Two faculty receive professorships for excellence

## *Endowments awarded to outstanding graduate school faculty each academic year*

By J. CHRISTIAN MESSA

Two faculty members in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences have been appointed to endowed professorships in recognition of their exemplary teaching.

Drs. Billy U. Philips Jr. and John Papaconstantinou were awarded the Dr. Leon Bromberg Professorship for Excellence in Teaching and the Mary and J. Palmer Saunders Professorship for Excellence in Teaching, respectively. Professorships and other endowments are permanently invested funds that support the research, educational or clinical interests of those appointed to the positions.

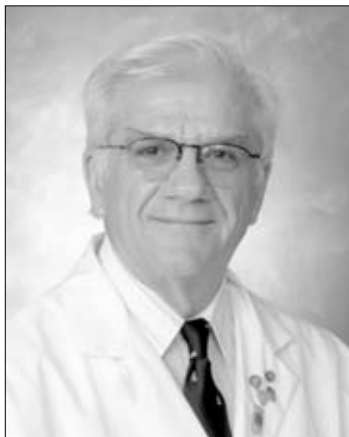
Dr. Cary W. Cooper, dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, said the professorships are well-deserved honors for Philips and Papaconstantinou.

"These are two of our most outstanding teachers," Cooper said. "Both are long-standing UTMB faculty members and are highly deserving of this recognition. Dr. Philips' nomination was strongly supported by graduate students who cited the excellence he brings to the classroom. Dr. Papaconstantinou has supervised a large number of our Ph.D. graduates who have gone on to highly successful careers in biomedical science and who remember him fondly for his close mentorship."

Philips, professor and director of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in UTMB's Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health, teaches graduate and medical students and physician residents about the causes of disease, as well as cancer prevention and control.

"I'm extremely honored to receive the Bromberg professorship," said Philips, who directs the department's graduate programs. "Teaching truly is a calling, and I'm flattered my peers on the faculty awards committee have selected me for this accolade in education. I hope to use this opportunity to encourage some of our senior graduate students to hone their own teaching skills and to learn more about Dr. Bromberg."

The Bromberg professorship was established by the Dr. Leon Bromberg Charitable Trust Fund and presented in honor of Dr. Truman G. Blocker Jr., the



Dr. John Papaconstantinou

first UTMB chief executive to hold the title of president. It is the second endowed position at UTMB created by the Galveston foundation, the first being a professorship in internal medicine.

Under the leadership of Charles G. Dibrell Jr., chair, and Judge C.G. "Trey" Dibrell III, trustee, the Bromberg Charitable Trust has been a significant contributor to UTMB. The Bromberg Trust has a primary mission of supporting medical and educational institutions. It was created by the will of Galvestonian Dr. Leon Bromberg, assistant professor of clinical medicine at UTMB from 1955 to 1969.

Papaconstantinou is a principal investigator and professor in the Department of Human Biological Chemistry and Genetics. He garnered the Saunders professorship for his work in training graduate students in his laboratory, mentoring postdoctoral fellows and developing courses at UTMB.

"I am proud and honored to have been chosen for this prestigious award," he said. "In the past 40 years, I mentored many students and postdoctoral fellows who have gone on to excellent careers. Recognition of this achievement by the Saunders professorship is also recognition of my students' achievements, and I will continue to strive for excellence in teaching. This award also has special meaning for me because I have known and



Dr. Billy U. Philips Jr.

befriended Dr. Saunders since 1979 when I first arrived at UTMB."

Dr. J. Palmer Saunders, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences dean emeritus who, with his wife, established the endowment bearing their names, was appointed the first full-time dean of the graduate school in 1974.

During his tenure, Saunders launched some of the school's most vital programs, including the Ph.D. program in neuroscience and the medical humanities, the Master of Medical Science Program and the M.D./Ph.D. Combined Degree Program. He also organized the university's Committee for Diversity in Graduate Education. Like the Bromberg endowment, the Saunders professorship is awarded to outstanding graduate school faculty each academic year.

The Bromberg professorship will support Philips' research in cancer prevention and control. His work is devoted to community-based participatory research to better understand how to help people avoid cancer and to better meet the nutritional needs of people with cancer.

Philips helped reestablish the "Commit to Quit" smoking cessation program at UTMB, and he founded the Cancer Nutrition Network for Texans, which was inspired by Philips' personal experiences in helping his father through a long battle with cancer.

Philips also founded the Cancer Teaching and Curriculum Enhancement in Undergraduate Medicine (CATCHUM) Project, a National Cancer Institute-funded consortium of eight medical schools in Texas that is dedicated to undergraduate medical education in cancer prevention. He is principal investigator and chairman of the consortium, which is the only one of its kind in the United States and a recognized model for collaborative education. Philips is chairman of the Cancer Control Coalition for Texas and was honored with the Gib Lewis Award for Excellence in Cancer Education in Texas by the Texas Legislature. Philips, who joined UTMB in 1973, is also associate education director for the UTMB Educational Cancer Center. The center coordinates a curriculum that teaches the university's medical students about cancer prevention and screening.

As the Bertha and Robert Bucksch Distinguished Professor of Aging, Papaconstantinou is researching the molecular biology and genetics of longevity and aging. His studies have revealed that aging can lead to the development of chronic inflammatory stress in the body.

Papaconstantinou's goal is to understand the processes behind age-related changes in gene regulation and signaling. These changes cause elderly people to experience chronic inflammation and an impaired ability to recover from such inflammatory stress.

Papaconstantinou, a senior fellow in UTMB's Sealy Center on Aging, is also exploring the genetics behind longevity. In a study involving mice, he has hypothesized that decreases in insulin signaling to cells lowers oxidative stress—the incremental damage caused to the human body by oxygen—and increases the body's resistance to the stress. Both traits are linked to longer lives.

In addition to his research, Papaconstantinou designed the Development of Advanced Genetics Course at UTMB, a class that studies heredity at the molecular level.

# CELEBRATING ★ SERVICE ★

UTMB will celebrate Employee Service Day on Feb. 19, when 591 employees will receive their service pins. Collectively, these recipients represent 7,480 years of service to the university and its mission. Pin recipients are those who have worked at UTMB five–40 years.

Pin recipients will be honored at a private breakfast. At 2 p.m. Feb. 19, the public is invited to watch as the honored employees receive their service pins in a ceremony in the Levin Hall Auditorium.

The university also will honor the 826 most recent GEM recipients, those employees who have been singled out by their peers for “Going the Extra Mile.”



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## EMPLOYEE SERVICE DAY



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30 years of service



**Dr. Malcolm Brodwick**  
30 years of service



**Enriqueta Delossantos**  
35 years of service



**Dr. Harvey Fishman**  
30 years of service



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30 years of service



**Esther Koleng**  
35 years of service



**Lillian McGrew**  
30 years of service



**Connie Nagel**  
30 years of service



**Bonnie Rhew**  
35 years of service



**Thelma Sanchez**  
30 years of service



**Punay Sombito**  
30 years of service



**Donald Stevens**  
30 years of service



**Patricia Trevisani**  
30 years of service



**Jacqueline Williams**  
30 years of service



**Linda Wyatt**  
30 years of service

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Jennifer Osteen  
Jonathan Patrick  
Roxie Patterson  
Kelly Patterson  
Deanna Perez  
Lori Perry  
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Beverley Presley  
Esther Puga  
Xiang Qi

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Charles Machner  
Katherine Machol  
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Ping Wu  
Zhao Wu  
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Nancy Bricker  
Debra Brisco  
Carol Carlson  
Linda Brown  
Michael Burke  
Carol Carlson  
Theresa Carrig  
Rosemary Carter  
Elizabeth Castillo  
Mario Celis  
Vimlarani Chopra  
Sylvia Cohen  
Richard Cornish  
Vernice Cotton  
Patricia Danysh  
Odessa Davis  
Susan Davis  
Archie Declouet  
Janie Diaz  
Aase Dillmann  
Theodore Dinklage  
Kristen Featherly  
Antonio Flores  
Irma Francois  
Thomas Galan  
Oscar Galvan

Dianna Gaona  
Theresa Garcia  
Alma Garza  
Mahendra Gohil  
Florentino Gonzalez  
Julie Griffice  
Yanping Gu  
Deatra Guidry  
Jo Hale  
Valerie Helms  
Rita Hernandez  
Larry Hinson  
Elizabeth Hinson  
Andrea Hopkins  
Jill Jahn  
Inez Janke  
Loretha Johnson  
Thomas Johnson  
Bertha Johnson  
Carolyn Jones  
Anita Kirby  
George Kramer  
Ken Kuykendall  
Kathy Lawrence  
Ernest Leal  
Lennee Sherburne  
Darlene Sifuentes  
Susan Stafford  
Deborah Stephens  
Edward Stout  
Kathleen Taylor  
Cindy Tholcken  
Deborah Tong

Anne Minesinger  
Susan Mitchell  
Sandra Moeller  
Dana Monford  
Tresea Moradi  
Mildred Mozara  
Natalie Nelson  
Carolyn Nelson-Becker  
Laura Nevarez  
Anthony Okorodudu  
Anita Padilla  
Larry Hinson  
Elizabeth Hinson  
Andrea Hopkins  
Jill Jahn  
Inez Janke  
Loretha Johnson  
Thomas Johnson  
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Cindy Tholcken  
Deborah Tong

Carroll Valdez  
Catherine Vanhook  
Jesse Varghese  
Oralia Vasquez  
Bobby Vincent  
Richard Wagner  
Phyllis Waters  
Vera Watson  
Gloria Williams  
Thomas Wood  
Penny Wrenn

### 20 Years

Richard Anderson  
Cheryl Armstrong  
Jeffrey Baker  
Nancy Bertolino  
Anthony Bliss  
Teresa Boulet  
Karen Campbell  
Henrietta Conley  
Kathryn Crawford  
Pamela Dawson  
Ronald Dyda  
Ann Elbert  
Donna Everling  
Richard Franklin  
Sandra Garvock  
Sonya Garza  
Anita Gonzales  
Pamela Green  
Becky Hansen

Harris Harr  
Charles Hayden  
David Heckendorn  
Mark Holden  
Michelle Hopkins  
Natalie Hyde  
Cecil Jackson  
Amelia Jimenea  
Ann John  
George Kaiser  
Thomas Kimbrough  
Karen Kinney  
Chengyie Lin  
Jessica Linton  
Joann Mahoney  
Lana Meunier  
Lucia Mock  
Massoud Motamedi  
Penny Munoz  
Camilla Myers  
Sandra Nallie  
Lorita Nellums  
Crina Nelson  
Jon Nilsestuen  
Kimberly Palkowetz  
Carolyn Parker  
Richard Patterson  
Mary Puccetti  
Yolanda Quintanilla  
Gipsy Quiroga  
Karen Rasmusson  
Belinda Reyes

Michelle Selvera  
Almeda Simpson  
Eulalia Stevens  
Shelley Stone  
Hymie Sukiennik  
Donna Turner  
Francisco Urbina  
Marilyn Weber  
Laura Williams  
Michael Williams  
Diane Williams  
Kathleen Zipprian

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Lillie Aleman  
Martha Ashton  
Mary Baer  
Lawrence Balmas  
Sheryl Bell  
Carolyn Black  
Camilla Myers  
Sandra Nallie  
Lorita Nellums  
Crina Nelson  
Jon Nilsestuen  
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Carolyn Parker  
Richard Patterson  
Mary Puccetti  
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Karen Rasmusson  
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Jonell Fields  
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Stephen Hays  
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Anne Jones  
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Mary Kanz  
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Mary Lyons  
Michael Malloy  
Eddy McClucas  
Earlene Miller  
Patricia Mirakian  
Belinda Nava  
Bruce Niebuhr  
Flordeliza Payne  
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Manuel Pedraza  
Rita Ramirez  
Lorrie Rico  
Rita Schaper  
Olivia Sharpe  
Steven Shelton  
James Smickley  
Anngail Smith  
Barbara Stevens  
Patricia Stovall  
Elisea Tesoro  
Paula Townley

Beverly Trimble  
Curtis Turner  
Eileen Whitley  
Cynthia Wright  
Celeste Ybarra

### 30 Years

Bruce Banks  
Patricia Blakeney  
Malcolm Brodwick  
Harvey Fishman  
Gregory Jones  
Lillian McGrew  
Connie Nagel  
Thelma Sanchez  
John Siller  
Luviminda Skyiepal  
Punay Sombito  
Donald Stevens  
Sandra Thomas  
Patricia Trevisani  
Jacqueline Williams  
Linda Wyatt  
Teresita Zomok

### 35 Years

Enriqueta Delossantos  
Esther Koleng  
Bonnie Rhew  
Patricia Toliver

### 40 Years

Mary McGaskey

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## GEM

The GEM recognition program is designed for employees, students and volunteers to acknowledge each other for professional behavior and for "Going the Extra Mile" in their daily activities. The list of people on these pages each received at least three GEM cards. Fifty names will be drawn at 2 p.m. Feb. 19 during the Employee Service Day celebration in Levin Hall. The winners will each receive unique UTMB-branded merchandise.

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Joe Aguilar  
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Jose Alcocer  
Audelio Alegria  
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Donna Alfred  
Tiffany Alfred  
Susan Aliego  
Dawn Almana  
Gina Almandarez  
Alison Alton  
Jennifer Anderson  
Jackie Anderson  
Blanca Anderson  
Jennifer Andrepont  
Angie Andres  
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Wendell Archie  
Cheryl Armstrong  
Debra Armstrong  
Angela Armstrong  
Cynthia Armstrong  
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Jackie Arvidson  
Sally Asher  
Ellen Austin  
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Charles Barrett  
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Daundee Bedard  
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Stephanie Bell  
Lisa Bellard  
Elizabeth Beltran  
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Odelia Benefield  
Joan Benham

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Vae Bland  
Valla Blasig  
Kisha Bledsoe  
Sandra Block  
Rob Bluhm  
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Le Ochia Bonilla  
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Philip Bordelon  
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John Boysen  
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Shelley Brown  
Anne Brown  
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Jolene Buford  
Janet Bullacher  
Melissa Bullock  
Munire Burak  
Linda Burke  
Lynn Burke  
John Burkholder  
Pamala Burns  
Fermina Bush  
Clarice Byrd  
Diana Campbell  
Cynthia Campbell  
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Debbie Carden  
Valerie Carmichael  
Nina Carnes  
Ann Caroline  
James Carr  
Shawn Carr  
Michelle Carter  
Sunny Carter  
Melonece Carter  
Tracy Carter-Lewis  
Lisa Castagna  
Darlene Castagnetta  
Elizabeth Castaneda  
Leo Castillo  
Rebecca Castro  
Ray Castro  
Kristen Catching  
Brendan Causer  
Gayla Ceccacci

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Shunda Cephus  
Ramona Cerda  
Amy Cermeno  
Omana Chacko  
Wan Yan Chan  
Ivy Chan  
Karen Chapman  
Brandi Chapman  
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Bobby Clack  
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Nina Carnes  
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Gayla Ceccacci

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Shannon Darcy  
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Penny Davis  
Linda Davis  
Brian Davis  
Loretta Davis  
Buddy Davis  
Jennifer Daw  
Joan Dean  
Don DeFoore  
Jerry DeLosSantos  
Steve DeVine  
Pam Devlin  
Mary DeWitt  
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Charles Dickerson  
Elizabeth Dillard  
Katy Dillon  
Marilyn Dinklage  
Jennifer Ditson  
Henrietta Doak  
Tracey Dobesh  
Laurie Dodgen  
Carol Dord  
Kathy Doreck  
Jenna Doreck  
Leah Dornak  
John Doss  
Jo Driskell  
Cynthia Drown  
Nancy Cumagan  
JoAnn Dunlap

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Alison Ehlig  
Karin Elder  
Leroy Ellis  
Barbara Eisenburg  
Cathy Elton  
Laurie Emanuel  
Gloria Enwere  
Emily Escamilla  
Patsy Esser  
Debbie Evans-Rogers  
Jessica Farhatt  
Kristen Featherly  
Kathy Ferguson  
Kimberly Fernandez  
Olivia Fernandez  
Tommy Fields, Jr.  
Geoffrey Fish  
Heather Flanagan  
Jessica Fleener  
Kathy Flesher  
Leona Florence  
Venita Florence  
Willie Fontenotte  
Philip Fox  
Theresa Frank  
Felicia Franklin  
Linda Franks  
Sandy Franks  
Amanda Fraser  
Paula Frazier  
Betty Frazier  
June Frazier  
Thomas Frost  
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Wade Garcia  
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Rose Garcia  
Thelma Garcia  
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Monique Garcia  
Darryl Gardner  
Tammy Garibay  
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Sonya Garza  
Rolanda Garza  
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David Geib  
Wesley Gel  
Robert Getso  
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Giovanna Giles  
Pam Gill  
Danielle Gillespie  
Beverly Gilley  
Doris Glanz  
Maggie Glaskox  
Rafaela Glenn  
Cindy Glenn  
Mandy Goliday  
Cesar Gomez  
Sofia Gomez  
Rosa Gomez  
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Hector Gonzales  
Ana Gonzales  
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Kayla Groth  
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Heather Harvey  
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Sandy Heath  
Jamie Helfeman  
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Patricia Henderson  
Sandra Henderson-  
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Sharon Henry  
Sharon Hensley  
David Hensley  
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Margaret Hernandez  
Santos Hernandez  
Sandy Hernandez  
Nancy Hernandez  
Rose Herrera  
Lisa Herrera  
Ofelia Herrera-Ramirez  
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Irene Highberg  
Kerrie Highley  
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Bea Hilton  
Larry Hinson  
Linda Hlauka  
Julie Hobbs  
Richard Hodges  
Jill Hof  
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Deborah Holley  
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Anne Howard  
Judy Howard  
Linda Hubbell  
Angee Huerta  
Sonia Huerta  
Catrena Hughes  
Carrie Hughes  
Edward Hunter  
Janet Hurst  
Deborah Isbell  
Sara Jackson  
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Hugh Jackson  
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Madeline Jensen  
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Barbara Jones  
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Jennifer Jones  
Tarauia Jones  
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Carol Jones  
Michael Jordan  
John Jorgenson  
Ray Jutz  
Susanne Kaboord  
Mary Karasek  
Kristin K-Bolton  
Randall Keef  
Jean Kelley  
Amy Kelm  
Jenny Kelton  
Jenny Kelton -Alexander  
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Kristin Kincaid-Bolton  
Patsy King- Bonnie  
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Daniel Kiuch  
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Kusum Koshy  
Barbara Krell-Wobipka  
Renee Krenek  
Patricia Kunkel  
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Lori Kusnerik  
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Lymarie Laboy  
Jamie Lacy  
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Jeff Landry  
Dona Lane  
Karen Langley  
Charlotte Larsen  
M'Linda Lasswell  
Mason Lawrence  
Esther Laws  
Lisa Lazare  
Reynaldo Lazarin  
Lisa Leal  
Sheri Leavitt

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Shelly Lee  
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Bridget Lewis-Clack  
Lillian Leyva  
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Betty Lieber  
Bobbie Liggins  
Donna Linscomb  
Ninel Listengarten  
Debbie Little  
Joanna Lloreda  
Michelle Lockwood  
Robbie Loftin  
Donna Lone  
Amber Long  
Cecilia Lopez  
Jesus Lopez  
Margaret Lopez  
Jose Lopez  
Lori Lopez  
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Gianna Luper  
Diane Lyons  
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Jacqueline Mac Issac  
Gary Madgett  
Sandy MaGee  
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Gregury Mapp  
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David Marshall  
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Michelle Martin  
Annie Martin  
Natasha Martinez  
Pollie Martinez  
Brenda Martinez  
Dora Martinez  
Annette Martinez  
Joe Martinez  
Paula Mason  
Lawrence Mason  
Donna Masters  
Magdalena Mata  
Sandra Matranga  
Mark Mayes  
Robert Maza  
Tim McBeth  
Jessica McCall  
Paul McCarthy  
Jane McCourt  
Roslyn McCray  
Kara McCrief  
Vickie McDowell  
Sam McElhanon

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Patricia McNeel  
Tracy McPhee  
Susan Meads-Leahy  
Connie Melecio  
Estefana Mendoza  
Iscla Mendoza  
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Sharon Metyko  
Gregg Meyer  
Carol Ann Micheletti  
June Middlebrooks  
Carol Miller  
Joe Miller  
Samantha Miller  
lanthia Mills  
Sue Minello  
Octaviano Miranda  
Rodheshyam Miryala  
Deepti Mishra  
June Misuokonis  
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Malcolm Moore  
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Shelly Parker  
Julie Parker  
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Maria Paz  
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Dolores Pena  
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Sunshine Perez  
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Julie Quiroga  
Diane Rac  
Mitchell Radicioni  
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Sofia Ramirez  
Sylvia Ramos  
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Valerie Reyes  
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Sherri Sutzter  
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Susan Taylor  
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Dolly Womble  
Aldrena Woods-Wingate  
Barbara Wooley  
Likita Wooten  
Marcella Worthy  
Keith Wright  
Elton Yancey  
Norsie Young  
Cheryl Young  
Cecilia Yuoh  
Enor Zamora  
Sylvia Zavala  
Mark Zepeda  
Sharon Zeringue  
Margaret Zimmerman  
Mary Zimmerman  
Kathleen Ziprian  
Mayra Zuniga

# Vicki Freeman to receive national Excellence in Education award

*Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department recognized by New York alliance as one of best programs in the country*

Dr. Vicki Freeman, chair of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, has been selected to receive the 2004 American Society for Clinical Pathology Associate Excellence in Education Award. The society presents this competitive and prestigious award annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding performance in teaching through work in the classroom or clinic, or through development of effective teaching methods and/or instructional materials. Working with a consortium of educators,

including her faculty, and with the full support of Dr. Charles Christiansen, dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences, Freeman was instrumental in developing an innovative, state-of-the-art Clinical Laboratory Sciences distance-learning program based at UTMB.

Funded through grant dollars, the WebCLS program provides distance education to underserved areas of Texas. It enables laboratory staff the advantage of furthering their professional clinical education while continuing to serve in their home

communities. The award will be presented in March at the society's 2004 conference in Atlanta.

For information about the WebCLS program, call (409) 772-3055.

In January, Freeman joined Wendy Arneson, adjunct assistant professor, in a visit to the Lab Alliance of Central New York in Liverpool, N.Y. They visited with Lonnie Stallcup, a training specialist there, and the first three New York students to participate in the collaboration. The Lab

Alliance of Central New York is starting a medical technologist training program to recruit people with Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry and biology. After investigating all clinical laboratory science programs available in the United States, the alliance selected UTMB's program to provide the didactics for the new program. Stallcup said UTMB's program was selected because of its "outstanding reputation and visionary leadership in the training of laboratory scientists."

## IN BRIEF

### Market Street closure to continue through mid-February

A part of Market Street on the south side, between Eighth Street and University Boulevard, closed Feb. 4 so that a telecommunications ductbank can be extended to Rebecca Sealy Hospital. Access to the Administration Building parking garage and Rebecca Sealy Hospital will not be affected.

The work should take approximately two weeks. For information about construction projects around campus, visit the UTMB Construction Information web site at [www.utmb.edu/construction/](http://www.utmb.edu/construction/).

### Current UT System benefits newsletter now online

UT System's Employee Group Insurance Office has published its Winter 2004 benefits newsletter *News About Your Benefits*. You can see the e-publication online at [www.utsystem.edu/egi/newsletter/jan2004.htm](http://www.utsystem.edu/egi/newsletter/jan2004.htm).

The next newsletter will be available in late spring and will include the information needed to enroll in or make changes to your benefits during the July 2004 annual enrollment period.

### Symposium to acknowledge work of Dr. E. Brad Thompson

The Department of Human Biological Chemistry and Genetics is hosting a symposium on March 12 titled "Signaling Life and Death—An acknowledgement of the contributions of E. Brad Thompson, M.D., to 40 years of progress in molecular endocrinology." The symposium, which will be in Levin Hall, will honor and celebrate Thompson's contributions to science and to



### 'Surgery in the Elderly Patient' symposium

Dr. Michael Warren, chief of the Division of Urology, presents a humorous and informative look at urologic surgery Jan. 27 in Levin Hall. Warren was one of eight doctors who presented at the Sealy Center on Aging and the Department of Surgery symposium on "Surgery in the Elderly Patient," which highlighted recent advances in patient management that help provide better outcomes for surgical procedures in elderly patients.

UTMB. Thompson is the retired chairman of Human Biological Chemistry and Genetics, a position he had for 19 years.

In addition to the department, the symposium is sponsored by the Office of the President, the Dean of Medicine's Office, the Graduate School of Biomedical Science Dean's Office, the Sealy Center for Molecular Science and the Sealy Center for Structural Biology.

### Nominations sought for annual Silent Angel Award

The UTMB Nurses Week Task Force is seeking nominations for the fourth annual Silent Angel Award. This award was created to honor a registered nurse whose compassion, caring and advocacy made a difference in the life or lives of a patient, family or friend.

Submit nominations, including name of nominee, a description of the nominee's contribution, and name of the nominator by April 9 to Susan Meads-Leahy at campus mail route 0518.

## OF NOTE

Dr. Kyriakos Markides, director of the division of sociomedical sciences, recently received a five-year extension on a National Institute on Aging grant to continue to study the health of 3,050 older Mexican Americans from five southwestern states. Markides has been principle investigator for the study since 1993, when the subjects were originally interviewed and examined in their homes to begin the Hispanic Established Population for the Epidemiologic Studies of the Elderly. Three follow-up interviews have since been conducted, allowing UTMB researchers to compile the nation's primary source of information about the health of Mexican Americans. With this recent extension, Markides will add 1,000 study subjects aged 75 and older.

The board of trustees of the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs (ASAIO) appointed Dr. Joseph B. Zwischenberger, professor of surgery and internal medicine, as editor of the *ASAIO Journal* for a five-year



### Students mark Chinese New Year

Vickie Mai, a junior in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Department, rolls the dice for a game of "Lucky Chess" to celebrate the Lunar New Year Jan. 22, as it is recognized in her homeland China. Students in the School of Allied Health Sciences met to enjoy the traditional "betting" game (mimicked here with play money) and to snack on Chinese and Vietnamese food, including lotus reed, candied ginger and sticky rice cake. The celebration was sponsored by the Multicultural Awareness Council, a student-initiated organization with a mission to educate, unite and honor UTMB students of all cultures. President Terry Agbara, a graduate student in physician assistant studies, says the group functions on donations that enable them to organize monthly events on campus.

term beginning January 2004. This bimonthly journal is in the forefront of artificial organ research and development. It features peer-reviewed articles of the highest quality that describe the research, development and application of biomaterials, the most recent advances in the design of artificial organ devices, and findings from initial testing.

*'Commit to Fit'*

## UTMB launches employee fitness campaign

*Editor's Note: This letter from President John D. Stobo originally was distributed via email and the Internet.*

It's a new year, one fresh and full of promise. I'm sure many of you have started this year with a set of resolutions, and some of those may relate to your health. You may have pledged to drop a few pounds, watch what you eat, manage your stress better, or get more exercise.

At UTMB, we want to help you succeed. We care about your health and the health of your family. We want to make 2004 a year of health and fitness for the UTMB community, and we're going to commit

time, energy and resources to make it happen. If you're willing to meet us halfway, UTMB will be here to help you.

The university has a solid foundation of employee wellness initiatives and programs already in place. You may already know or use some—perhaps you've participated in a health walk, visited the Alumni Field House, taken a smoking cessation class or joined one of the "Training for Life" sessions. We'll be building upon and communicating with you about these and other existing programs. We'll also be looking for and creating additional opportunities on campus and in the community

for you to get active and healthy.

Why the effort, especially at such a busy, exciting and challenging time in the university's history?

It's the right thing, for you personally and for us as an organization. Good health and fitness contribute significantly to the quality of your life. We want you to be happy and healthy—it's consistent with our objective of creating a caring environment at UTMB. We also know that even moderate exercise can yield dramatic improvements in health. A healthier work force is more productive, feels better, misses fewer days due to illness, and has a better

outlook on life. All of this translates to a more positive workplace. A more fit workforce may also provide employees an economic benefit, with better rates on our health insurance.

Watch for more information and news about our "Commit to Fit" initiative in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or ideas for us to consider related to employee wellness or health promotion, send it to us at [get.fit@utmb.edu](mailto:get.fit@utmb.edu). If you've made a resolution to get healthier in 2004, we'll be here to make this the year it comes true.

## Regional Maternal and Child Health Program names Honor Roll members

Mary Aceves  
Janet Aguilar  
Alma Alaniz  
Virginia Alaniz  
Amy Alfaro  
Thomas Allen  
Maria Almanza  
Gina Almendarez  
Carmen Altamirano  
Cynthia Anda  
Angleton Clerks  
Angleton Providers  
Angleton Staff  
Lynn Arena  
Melissa Arguijo  
Claudia Arriola  
Nansi Avila  
Stacy Ballance  
Erika Barcenas  
Celia Barrera  
Beaumont Staff  
Vicky Bedoya  
Julee Behrens  
Kathy Bennett  
Erica Bette  
Lekisha Betts  
Jan Billups  
Veronica Borbor  
Faye Bounds  
Tracie Boyd  
Valerie Bray  
Judith Briggs  
Vickie Broderick  
Amanda Brooks

Ray Buenrostro  
Aurelia Burciaga  
Keri Burk  
Susan Cain  
Nancy Cantu  
Rosemary Carter  
Erika Castro  
Luz Castro  
Belia Chacon  
Wanda Clamon  
Debra Clark  
Eugenie Clement  
Conroe Bioterrorism Team  
Conroe WIC Clerks  
Bea Coronado  
Joyce Crabtree  
Sarah Craig  
Angela Criswell  
Mary Cuellar  
Anna Cuevas  
Diane Danysh  
Abel Davila  
Gabriela De Leon  
Carmen Dias  
Charlye Dollins  
Esther Dominguez  
Elisabeth Engle  
Josie Escalera  
Juanita Escamilla  
Rebecca Ewah  
Graciela Falcao  
Elizabeth Flores  
Rudy Francisco

The UTMB Regional Maternal and Child Health Program had its annual conference in December where more than 400 employees gathered to focus on continuing education, accomplishments, and the Fish! Philosophy, which is a new concept to help bring life and energy to the workplace.

As part of the conference, employees and supervisors have the opportunity to recognize those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the provision of excellent customer service, safety or cost containment, and/or have exemplified the Principles of Service at work or in the community. These "Honor Roll" nominations are then compiled, bound and showcased at the conference so that everyone can read about their accomplishments.

These employees are the 2003 Regional Maternal and Child Health Program Honor Roll.

Aileen Franklin  
Julie Gallart  
Alba Galvez  
Dianna Gaona  
Guadalupe Garcia  
Isabel Garcia  
Nancy Garcia  
Nora Garcia  
Oralia Garcia  
Rosa Garcia  
Cynthia Garza  
Deana Gehring  
Alfredo Gei  
Tamara Glaze  
Carolyn Glenney  
Elizabeth Gloria  
Esther Godbold  
Katherine Golden-Beck

Helen Gonzales  
Mary Grear  
Velma Gutierrez  
Yolanda Gutierrez  
Norma Guzman  
Willie Jean Harden  
Lynn Harris  
Sandy Heath  
Lauren Hendricks  
Sheryl Henry  
Amy Hernandez  
Benita Hernandez  
Lupita Hernandez  
Patty Hill  
Leslie Huerta  
Beth Janda  
Kim Johnson  
Sandra Jones  
Sonia Jordan

Karleen Kizsee  
Debbie Koudela  
Lynette Laas  
Christina Lara  
Diana Ledwith  
Floy Lewis  
Janice Lewis  
Mary Lowe  
Yolanda Marrufo  
Adela Martinez  
Monica Martinez  
Eunice Martinex-Kitchen  
Juana Mata  
Rebecca Sue Mathis  
Debbie McCarthy  
Sharron McCloud  
Gloria McLean  
Almira Medina

Ronald Medina  
Idalia Mercado  
Veronica Mercado  
Anabelle Mier  
Tonja Mitscherling  
Kathy Moff  
Leslie Moore  
Patricia Morales  
Theresa Morales  
Yolanda Morin  
Patty Nami  
Priscilla Narvaez  
Belinda Nava  
Diane Neiberger  
Cynthia Nelson  
Dianna Neubauer  
Mary Jane Oatis  
Gloria Olivares  
Veronica Olivo

Marvelia Ortiz  
Rosa Ortiz  
Lisa Ott  
Linda Otto  
Lisa Pacheco  
PCP Clerks and  
Financial Counselors  
Sandy Peppers  
Deanna Daisy Perez  
Terry Perez  
Paula Pittman  
Lynette Pullen  
Brenda Ramagnoli  
Bianet Ramirez  
Maria Ramirez  
Sarah Rebuella  
Mary Reed  
Cathy Renteria  
Margaret Riddle  
Barbara Rideout  
Cotrina Roberts  
Kelly Roberts  
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Mary Ellen Wahlheim  
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Linda Walker  
Sharon Weber  
Lara Whidden  
Veronica Whitaker  
Karen Wilcox  
Roble Willamon  
Cristi Williams  
Stephanie Williams  
Toni Williams  
Cynthia Wimberly  
Charlotte Wollam  
Rosa Wollam  
Kathy Wurzlow  
Sonia Ysquierdo  
Patricia Zavala  
Margaret Zimmerle



Award-winning television and stage actor Charles Jackson performed an interpretation of the speech Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered after marching for three days from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., for equal rights in March 1965. The performance was part of the UTMB campus celebration of King's life on Jan. 16 in Levin Hall.

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about the true meaning of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

He recalled the excitement when King would visit Lexington, Ky., Wright's childhood hometown. He also remembered the confusion, anger and sadness he felt when he learned that King had been killed.

Wright said that soon after the civil rights leader's death, educational opportunities began to surface for African American students.

Through scholarship programs, Wright attended and received degrees from the University of Kentucky and Duke University. He credited King's legacy for those opportunities and encouraged the audience to support children and senior citizens.

"How do we continue the dream?" he asked. "Be advocates for the most vulnerable people in our society."

The evening concluded with the presentation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Awards by Williams. The awards recognize university employees and faculty who have made significant efforts to promote equality of all individuals without regard to race, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disabilities.

Candidates are nominated and the winners are chosen by a committee. The 2004 recipients are Christine Comer, assistant vice president for public affairs; Greg Samford, senior applications system analyst; Doug Matthews, Office

of Community Outreach director of external affairs; and Dr. Robert Tesh, professor of pathology.

Comer was nominated because of the compassion and respect she shows her staff. Nominator and administrative secretary Eva Tillmon described Comer as a "remarkable example of what equality and fair treatment really means."

Samford was nominated by psychiatry professor Dr. Charles E. Holzer III for "emulating the high standards of commitment demonstrated in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King" through his work with numerous community services.

Matthews was praised by Becky Walsdorf, executive director of community health promotions in the Office of Community Outreach, for his efforts to ensure on "both a professional and personal level that appropriate persons in Washington, D.C., and throughout the state are aware of Galveston and the community's needs."

Tesh was nominated by graduate student Elena Sbrana for his commitment to a multiethnic working environment.

"In his laboratory, you will find workers from Russia, South America, Europe—everywhere," Sbrana wrote. "With all this diversity, he managed to create a friendly and fast-paced work environment where differences in language or culture or race are not important anymore because everybody is working together towards a common goal."

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