



Kai Pittman, LEFT, celebrates her match news with her mother, Paulette. Kai received her first choice and will train in family medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

# MATCH DAY 2006

This year's UB Match Day festivities took place on March 16 at D'Arcy McGee's Irish Pub in downtown Buffalo, where students, their families, friends and faculty gathered to celebrate.

The results were announced by Charles Severin, MD '97, PhD, interim associate dean for medical education and admissions. "After reviewing the residency programs that our fourth-year students were offered this year, it is very clear that they were able to secure outstanding residencies in very competitive programs," says Severin.

"The success of our students not only impacts their postgraduate training but also indirectly affects our recruitment of incoming students," he adds. "During every interview day this past academic year, at least one prospective first-year student asked about our fourth-year students' success rate in securing competitive residencies. Based on the performance of our seniors, these prospective candidates were impressed as well."

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Anthony Hans absorbs the news that he received his first choice and will be training in anesthesiology at the University of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital.

Jenna Fredette gets a big hug from her proud dad upon learning that she received her first choice to train in emergency medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.





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Clyde Collins pictured here with his mother, Catherine Collins, PhD, faculty member in the UB Department of Women's Studies. Clyde is heading to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, where he will train in internal medicine.

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A happy Nicole Scouras learns she will complete a preliminary year in medicine at UB and then train in anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Matthew Mack, RIGHT, pictured with David Holmes, MD, clinical assistant professor of family medicine, will train in family medicine at the University of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital.



# School of Medicine

## COMMENCEMENT AND HONORS CONVOCATION

### Addressing Health Disparities

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER RUBENS J. PAMIES, MD '86

THE 160TH COMMENCEMENT for the School of Medicine took place on May 5th at the Center for the Arts on the North Campus. The commencement address was delivered by Rubens J. Pamies, MD '86, vice chancellor of academic affairs and dean for graduate studies for the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).

Prior to joining UNMC, Pamies was professor and chair of the department of internal medicine at Meharry Medical College and professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

A native of New York City, Pamies has been involved in academic medicine for 16 years. From 1989 to 1992, he served at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa, where he held the position of director and founder of the minority affairs division.

In 1992, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, to join the medical staff of Mount Sinai Medical Center as chief of the division of general internal medicine and as assistant professor at Case Western University School of Medicine. At Case Western, he was named associate dean for academic programs in 1994, associate professor in 1995 and associate dean for student affairs in 1996.

In 2005, Pamies and former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher coedited a book titled *Multi-Cultural Medicine and Health Disparities* (McGraw-Hill).



Pamies

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM DR. PAMIES' ADDRESS:

*I'd like to thank Dean Morin and the rest of the University at Buffalo administration for inviting me to address the graduating class of 2006. It is a wonderful honor.*

*Being invited back to your alma mater to give a commencement address is the ultimate compliment that a graduate can receive, I believe.*

*With your medical education here in Buffalo, you've been given a great start to be the best. . . . You've been equipped with basic knowledge and clinical experience that match the education received by any other medical student in the country.*

*My path over the past couple of decades has led me to become a leader in addressing the issue of health disparities, which is another challenge that you face today. It's no secret that minorities are not receiving optimal health care and that they experience worse outcomes than non-minorities. You must ask yourself why this is happening and how you, as a physician, can prevent it from continuing.*

*This past year, Hurricane Katrina exposed the impact of health disparities in our country and it exposed our health-care system. We have a health-care system that doesn't adequately deal with the poor in this country. That's why some developing countries have a better infant-mortality rate than we do. We don't deal adequately with those people who are minorities and are poor. Hopefully, you will contribute to a health-care system that in the future will serve all people equally.*

*In New Orleans, 52 percent of the people had no insurance and 32 percent were on Medicaid, so a lot of people didn't have good access to health care. In addition, factors such as limited physical activity, poor nutrition, negative environmental factors, and inadequate lifestyle choices all contribute to poor health. For example, in Harlem, 25 percent of the children are now asthmatic. In the United States, asthma, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and obesity are reaching epidemic proportions. These conditions are highly prevalent in our minority populations and are likely to worsen health disparities. We must act now to narrow this gap.*

*We also must sacrifice to ensure that all Americans are insured. Currently, 40 million Americans can't afford health insurance. You must ask yourself what you are willing to give up so that everyone can have coverage.*

*Fewer than 5 percent of the practicing physicians in our country are African American, an ethnic group that comprises 12 to 14 percent of our population. This is inadequate, and we must support programs that address this.*

*In 2008, health-care accessibility and payment will be among the top issues of the presidential elections. The naysayers will say that our system is broken and that nothing can be done to prevent a meltdown. Certainly, every profession has its challenges and health-care delivery is not different. I do believe that with good ideas and leadership from those within the medical community, we can meet our challenges.*

*Today, I challenge all of you to be part of that solution, to do your very best every day. I'm very confident that with the quality of education that you have received at Buffalo, each and every one of you has the potential to make a significant impact on these challenges. If you become part of the solution, you'll be able to look back on your career and be proud. **BP***

### HONORS CONVOCATION



Olufunmilayo Odunuga, MD '06, LEFT, receiving the Hans J. Lowenstein Award in Obstetrics from Mandeep Brar, MD.



Sergio Hernandez, MD '06, LEFT, recipient of the Gilbert M. Beck Memorial Prize in Psychiatry, the Dr. James Goldinger Curriculum Leadership Award (co-recipient with Michael Christopher Hawryschuk, MD '06), and the Humanism in Medicine Award; George Watson, MD '06, CENTER, recipient of the David K. Miller Prize in Medicine, Bernard H. Smith Memorial Award in Clinical Neurology, and the Dr. Thomas J. Guttuso Award in Ophthalmology; and Micah Watts, MD '06, RIGHT, recipient of the Dr. George Alker Award for excellence in radiology.

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**BELOW, LEFT,** is Alla Tauber, MD '06, receiving the Lieberman Award in Anesthesiology from Mark Lema, MD, chair and professor of anesthesiology; **BELOW RIGHT,** is interim dean Frederick C. Morin, III, **LEFT,** congratulating Sergio Hernandez, MD '06, upon receiving one of his three awards (see previous page).



# Biomedical Sciences

## COMMENCEMENT

**ABOVE:** Proud graduate Katie Edwards, PhD, being hooded by Anthony Campagnari, PhD, professor of microbiology and immunology. **RIGHT:** Patricia Yen Bee Ng, MS, being hooded by Kate Rittenhouse-Olson, PhD, associate professor and director of the Biotechnology Program.

**THE UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE** Biomedical Sciences Commencement took place on May 11th at the Center for the Arts on the North Campus.

This year, 41 PhD, 31 master's and 155 baccalaureate candidates were eligible for degrees.

The commencement address was delivered by Richard Hanson, PhD, Leonard & Jean Skeggs Professor of Biochemistry in the Department of Biochemistry, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Degrees were conferred by UB President John B. Simpson, PhD.

Candidates completed work in the following School of Medicine and Biomedical Science departments or programs: biochemistry, biochemical pharmacology, biotechnical and clinical laboratory sciences, microbiology and immunology, neurosciences, nuclear medicine technology, medical technology, pathology and anatomical sciences, pharmacology and toxicology, physiology and biophysics, biomedical sciences. Also included were the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Graduate Division programs in cancer pathology and prevention, molecular pharmacology and cancer therapeutics, immunology, molecular and cellular biology, molecular and cellular biophysics and biochemistry, natural sciences.



**ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT:** Drs. Jim Olson and Mary Anne Rokitka congratulating Dr. Vijay Swamy, **STANDING FAR RIGHT,** on his retirement from 39 years of service in the Biochemical Pharmacology Program. **BELOW RIGHT:** Arpit Patel congratulated by Elpida Crawford for receiving his BS degree in nuclear medicine technology.

