



Bruin M.D. Summer 2013 Class Notes

Carlos Ayala, M.D. '99 – On May 31, 2013, Lieutenant Colonel Carlos Ayala, M.D. '99, who served a total of 29 years, 20 of which were active duty, retired from the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy in a ceremony at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. He received a letter of appreciation from President Barack Obama for his commitment and service to America. Ayala's military career included deployments in Afghanistan, Cuba, Germany and Puerto Rico. During his decades of duty, he received 20 awards and decorations, including Meritorious Service, Joint Service Commendation Medals, the National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars.

Dr. Ayala opened Ayala ENT & Facial Plastic Surgery and joined Vincent Honrubia, M.D.'90, and Dynio Honrubia, M.D.'96, at Doctors Hospital at Renaissance in McAllen, Texas, the largest physician-owned facility in the nation. Dr. Vincent Honrubia was one of the initial founders of Doctors Hospital. For more information on Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, visit <http://www.dhr-rgv.com/About-Us.aspx>.

Donald A. Adams '50, M.A. '51, M.D.'55 passed away on May 27, four days before his 87th birthday, due to complications from prolonged illnesses. He was born in Hollywood, Calif. and lived in West Los Angeles throughout his life. He attended Santa Monica High School where he played varsity basketball and graduated in 1944. Two days later Adams joined the Navy, where he served his country for two years. After serving in the military, he attended UCLA. Adams entered the first class of the new UCLA School of Medicine and had the unique distinction of being the first graduate from the medical school in 1955. He had a private practice specializing in internal medicine and nephrology in West LA for more than 31 years. During this time, Adams was active in many medical associations including CMA, AMA, the Society of Internal Medicine and the National Kidney Foundation. He served as chief of staff at Santa Monica UCLA Hospital and received numerous awards, including the Professional Achievement Award from the UCLA Medical Association in 1996.