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UCLA Medical Alumni Association Announces its 2014 Alumnus of the Year



Neil H. Parker, M.D., share his reflections at the Class of 2014 Senior Send-off

Neil H. Parker, M.D. (RES '75, FEL '78), senior associate dean, Student Affairs (1995-2014) and Graduate Medical Education (1985-2014) and Admissions Committee chair (1995-2014) has been named the Medical Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year for 2014. Dr. Parker has been a member of 40 David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA committees. Over the past two decades, he has served on 10 UC systemwide committees and task forces, including the Graduate Medical Education Committee and University-wide Health Planning Committee, where he served as chair for a decade. He has dedicated his career to enhancing the education of UCLA medical students, residents and postdoctoral fellows. More than 15,000 of UCLA's medical alumni have benefitted from his rare blend of compassion, humor, passion and intelligence.

At the MAA Board of Directors spring board meeting, Mark Morocco, M.D., was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his two years of service as president and the 2014-15 slate of officers was unanimously approved.

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UCLA Medical Alumni Association Honors Graduating Seniors

Annually, the MAA honors graduating seniors with a \$500 award. This year, four recipients were recognized at the Class of 2014 Senior Send-off, an event hosted by MAA.

The **Aesculapian Award** is awarded each year to a graduating medical student who exemplifies outstanding class leadership. This year, there were two outstanding recipients.



SARAH BRUNELLI YOUNG

Prior to attending medical school, Sarah pursued her interests in global health by completing a Master of Science in Global Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine. In medical school, her leadership roles have included serving as president of the UCLA American Medical Women's Association; class vice president for three years and chair of the Medical Student Council Budget Committee. Sarah also volunteered and then led the UCLA Mobile Clinic Project providing medical care to the homeless twice a month. Enthusiasm is hallmark. Integrity is her trademark. Sarah matched at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Pediatrics.



CHRISTOPHER PATRICK HOUTBY REDGATE

Prior to attending medical school, Christopher earned a master's degree from UC San Diego and actively volunteered in an impressive array of leadership and community service accomplishments. In medical school, he has been an outstanding leader; Christopher was elected the past three years as class president and served this year as student body president. He coordinated the Global Health selective and Emergency Medicine Interest Group and founded the UCLA Mentoring Program for 1st to 4th year students. Christopher is a gifted young man who is destined to become a first-rate physician, as well as a leader in his community. He matched at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Emergency Medicine.

The **William G. Figueroa, M.D. Award** is awarded each year to a graduating medical student who has a demonstrated dedicated service to the medically underserved and at the same time, strong academic achievement.



ERICA RENEE DAVENPORT

Erica matriculated from the University of California at Berkeley where she earned her undergraduate degree and completed a post-graduate program. In medical school, she continued her passion for health disparities and cultural considerations in the fields of medicine on and off campus. Erica assisted with Synergy health fairs, as well as fundraisers and toy drives for Project Santa Claus. She has excellent leadership skills and has served as the Co-President of the Student National Medical Association and Director of Publicity for the annual DGSOM Healthcare Symposium. Erica's initiative and compassion led to co-developing two programs: the 1st Annual Multi-cultural Awareness Week which is in its 4th year and Project Beauty through the Albert Schweitzer

Fellowship program. Erica matched at USC in Ob/Gyn.

The **Edward A. Langdon, M.D. Award** is awarded each year to a graduating medical student who demonstrates compassion and humanitarian qualities. Dr. Langdon was former Dean of Student Affairs. He passed away in 2010.



DEVAN JAGANATH

Devan is well-regarded by all he works with for his deep fund of knowledge, professionalism and clinical acumen. As a medical student, Devan promoted health locally and internationally. At UCLA, he founded a program in which medical and public health students teach undergraduates about sexually transmitted infections. As an NIH Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholar, he investigated HIV and childhood Tuberculosis in Uganda. He then went to Johns Hopkins School of Public Health as a Sommer Scholar, having the opportunity to promote nutrition and childhood development in rural Bangladesh. And Devan just returned from Thailand, where he completed a Hubert Fellowship with the CDC, working on a blood stream infection

surveillance program. His achievements at UCLA, the NIH, Johns Hopkins and the CDC, are truly remarkable. Unfortunately, there isn't time to name them all. Devan matched in Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital.