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# The Oregon Health Sciences University ONEWS

## Commencement celebrates achievements, anniversary



Jed Sbitabata, graduating dentistry student, has enlivened the commencement ceremonies with his trumpet solo for the past two years. Flying in from Hawaii to witness his performance and graduation this year were his parents, sister and 18 of his close friends. He bid his 'aloha' to Portland en route to Honolulu where he hopes to set up practice.

Over a century after the School of Medicine began in a converted grocery store, the Oregon Health Sciences University conferred degrees on the 100th class of medical students in a commencement ceremony held Friday evening, June 10.

The new physicians were among the 354 students graduating from the OHSU schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Nursing.

The School of Medicine's 100th graduating class included 115 students, 86 of whom earned doctor of medicine degrees, eight of whom received doctor of philosophy degrees, one who earned a master of science degree, and 20 of whom earned bachelor of science de-

grees in medical technology.

Among the 94 graduates from the School of Dentistry, 63 earned doctor of dental medical degrees, two earned master of science degrees, 13 earned postdoctoral specialty certificates, and 16 earned bachelor of science degrees in dental hygiene.

The School of Nursing graduated 145 students. Bachelor of science degrees were awarded to 90 students at the Portland campus and 18 students enrolled in the program at Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande. Four master of nursing degrees and 33 master of science degrees were awarded to graduate students.

The commencement address was

presented by Dr. Julius R. Krevans, chancellor of the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Krevans is a distinguished physician and educator who has played an important role in developing public policy in medical education and the health sciences, as well as in the advancement of biomedical research.

In his speech, Dr. Krevans reminded this new generation of health professionals that research and compassion must be firmly bonded — neither hindering nor conflicting with the other. "The most grievous sin is to be ignorant of the science which would allow the profession to provide the very best help to the patient," said Dr. Krevans. "There is no need to make a choice between

science and compassion. The patient needs both."

### Distinguished Service Awards

OHSU Interim President David Witter presented OHSU's highest honor, the **Distinguished Service Award**, to Dr. Kenneth Swan, A.W. 'Bill' Sweet, and the Oregon State Elks Association. Noted Witter, "Two men and one organization are being honored because they care about the future, and the education, research, and patient care programs of the University." Each of the recipients has made a major contribution to the development of regional eye treatment and research center for the OHSU.

Swan, a 1936 OHSU graduate, was the school's first full-time faculty member. He was instrumental in the development of the Elks Children's Eye Clinic at the OHSU.

A professor of ophthalmology and former chairman of the department, Swan has received every major award in American ophthalmology. "Dr. Kenneth C. Swan has an international reputation as both a clinician and a researcher. Through his research, some of the ophthalmology drugs and vehicles used every day in American ophthalmology were developed," explained Witter.

Sweet is chairman of the board of Western Bank in Coos Bay and is secretary of the OHSU Foundation Board of Trustees and campaign steering committee chairman for the OHSU's new regional eye center. Commented Witter, "Mr. Sweet has quietly and diligently accomplished the goal of establishing the only free-standing academic ocular research center north of San Francisco and west of St. Louis."

The Oregon State Elks Association has been a supporter of the OHSU's Department of Ophthalmology for 40 years, contributing more than \$3.5 million to

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## Excellence in teaching hailed by colleagues and students

### University Teaching Awards

Commencement means robed-and-tasseled students walking to a podium to receive their hard-earned degrees. At the OHSU, commencement also offers the university and its students the opportunity to honor the teachers who helped make that long walk to the podium a reality.

Two faculty members from each school were honored with the University Award for Excellence in Teaching during the June 10 commencement ceremony.

The award was established to recognize the fundamental reason for the ex-

istence of the OHSU, to acknowledge the importance of the educational mission, and to express appreciation to the entire faculty.

As the university's Interim President David Witter noted in presenting the awards, "Day after day, the faculties of the three schools of the Oregon Health Sciences University provide their students with instruction, guidance and leadership of the highest quality. The dedication to teaching is the hallmark of academic life on Marquam Hill."

The recipients of the award from the School of Dentistry were **Murray H. Bartley, D.M.D., Ph.D.**, and **Arthur C. Brown, Ph.D.**

Dr. Bartley is highly regarded as a clinician and diagnostician and has gained a national reputation for excellence. As a professor and chairman of the department of pathology in the School of Dentistry, Dr. Bartley has participated in the development and teaching of the 33 course offerings given by the department to graduate, dental and dental hygiene students. He has been responsible for the initiation of several major educational programs including courses in systemic diseases, basic disease processes, and more recently evaluation of medically compromised patients in the dental environment.

Dr. Brown has been recognized on

numerous occasions as an outstanding teacher of the School of Dentistry. As a professor of physiology and pharmacology and associate dean for academic affairs, Dr. Brown is noted for his ability to simultaneously lecture and draw multi-colored pictures on the chalkboard. He has previously won seven teaching awards, including two from the University of Washington. He is an active researcher and has published widely, particularly on the mechanisms of pain.

The recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award from the School of Medicine are **Anthony E. Gallo, Jr., M.D.**, and **Edward J. Keenan, Ph.D.**

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# Graduating student award winners ponder past and future

This year's top student award winners recently took some time out to ponder where they've been and where they're going.

Susan S. Wolfard, winner of the School of Medicine's Gold-Headed Cane Award, didn't decide that she wanted to study medicine until she was 30 years old. At the time, she was a nurse, interested in seeking new challenges. Eight years later, Wolfard is headed for the University of Maryland, where she plans to specialize in cardiology or some other area of internal medicine.

"One of the very special things about going to medical school at OHSU has been the one-on-one teaching experiences I have had with my professors. That has meant a lot to me. I've also enjoyed the unique comradery which existed among the students in my class."

Ron Tribble, winner of four awards given in the School of Dentistry, didn't decide to study dentistry until he was well into a career as an auto mechanic. "All of a sudden, I decided that I didn't want to be under a hood for the rest of my life, so I traded in my wrench for some dental tools," Tribble commented.

He goes on to note that "the school's been very good. I've really enjoyed it!"

Tribble is on his way to Coos Bay where he will be a partner in an established dental practice. He is looking forward to having a quiet lifestyle in which he is able to devote substantial time to

older people in need of restorative dental work.

Alicia Super, recipient of the undergraduate Dean's Award in the School of Nursing, said of her years in school at OHSU, "I've learned a mountain of information!"

The mother of two children, ages 8 and 10, Super was a purchasing agent in a hospital when she decided to study nursing. With diploma in hand, she has already started working as an oncology nurse. Eventually, Super hopes to get a master's degree in nursing.

Another recipient of the undergraduate Dean's Award is Russel A. Hunt, a graduate of the School of Nursing's outreach campus at Eastern Oregon State



College in LaGrande. A former firefighter for the Forestry Department, he had also worked as a real estate broker, boat builder, fiberglass repairman, professional scuba diver and Navy musician.

A friend suggested he look into nursing as a career, and that's just what Hunt decided to do. Attending the OHSU School of Nursing has been a real eye-opener for Hunt.

"My heroes have come to be women. All my teachers, who were women, were all really interested in improving nursing. They were extremely intelligent, involved and feminine. This changed my view of women and the world," Hunt commented. In the fall, Hunt hopes to enroll in the master's program in psychiatric nursing at OHSU, and eventually would like to work as a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Unlike many other award winners, Jill Daniels, recipient of the graduate Dean's Award from the School of Nursing, always knew what she wanted to do with her life. "I always wanted to be a nurse . . . even when I was a child," she commented.

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Top student award winners pictured from top are Susan Wolfard, medicine; M. Alicia Super and Jill Daniels (right), nursing; Lori Ramey (right) (with Margaret Ryan, chairwoman, dental hygiene), dental hygiene; Ron Tribble (right) (with Donald Adams, chairman, periodontology), dentistry.



## Reflections of yesterday, School of Medicine celebrates centennial

If Felix Callahan could visit OHSU today, he wouldn't believe his eyes!

One hundred years ago, he and seven other men became the first students to graduate from the University of Oregon Medical School.

Back then, Callahan and his classmates studied medicine in the school's only building — a two-room converted grocery store at 23rd and Marshall streets in northwest Portland. The lec-

ture room was on the ground floor and a dissecting room was found on the floor above.

Yet, despite the humble beginnings of the School of Medicine, Callahan and his classmates went on to become some of Oregon's first and best physicians.

Today, the 100th graduating class of the School of Medicine has been fortunate to have at its disposal state-of-the-art facilities, and a faculty which has grown in size from eight part-time volunteer instructors during Callahan's day to more than 500 today.

In 1988, there were more than 2000 students, residents and trainees attending the Oregon Health Sciences University, of which the School of Medicine is a part. Today, the campus is a 26-building academic health complex.

To commemorate the centennial of the School of Medicine, a pill-shaped time capsule was buried near the Basic Sciences Building, with items inside representing today's medical accomplishments. The time capsule will be opened in 100 years by the students of the 200th graduating class.

The University of Oregon Medical School was started over a century ago with just a \$1,000 loan, made possible by a note signed by the school's faculty. But growth was just around the corner.

By the early 1900s, one of the medical school's founders, Dr. Kenneth J. Mackenzie, led a drive to move the school away from the city's noise and grime. He persuaded the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company to donate several acres on Marquam Hill as the

site for the medical school.

The first graduating class on the Hill included 50 students, mostly ex-military men.

Even though the faculty of the mid-1920s wrote "our medical school is known and will be known by the research that comes from it," medical textbooks were still stored in a locked room the size of a closet. And the janitor kept the key.

That soon changed.

Under the leadership of Dean David Baird, the medical school's top priority was soon realized: to create a teaching hospital where educational and research activities were integrated with patient care.

Construction continued through the years, highlighted by the 1972 completion of the seven-story Basic Science building which houses research facilities that made the days of Felix Callahan a distant memory.

Today, the medical school has grown into a \$200 million complex that includes not only a School of Medicine, but Schools of Dentistry and Nursing; four clinical units — University Hospital, Doernbecher Children's Hospital, University Clinics (medical and dental), Child Development and Rehabilitation Center, and a new research unit — the Vollum Institute for Advanced Biomedical Research.

The past century has indeed been witness to dramatic physical changes for OHSU. But many other things have changed over the year as well.

For example, in order to gain

admission into the class of 1888, Felix Callahan and his classmates had to demonstrate a knowledge of "common English" which included writing, spelling, grammar, geography and arithmetic.

Students in the class of 1888 faced much tougher tests. Greg Adams, president of this June's graduating class, needed at least three years of pre-medical undergraduate studies, high medical admissions test scores and proof of good moral character.

A century ago, Felix Callahan's training lasted two years and included at least "two full courses of lectures and at least one course of practical anatomy."

His modern-day counterpart, Greg Adams, studied an entire array of subjects ranging from medical genetics to ethics to immunology to microbiology to radiographic diagnosis.

One hundred years ago, Callahan and his classmates barely had exposure to a microscope. Adams and his fourth-year classmates learned and operated high-technology equipment worth millions of dollars.

One hundred years ago, the student population was all male. Today's medical school classes range from 20 percent to nearly 50 percent female.

During the past century, more than 5,600 medical students have followed in Callahan's footsteps and graduated from Oregon's only medical school . . .

. . . a school which, one century later, continues to graduate outstanding physicians. If he were here today, Felix Callahan would be so proud of what he would see.

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# Achievers recognized for compassion as well as skill

Outstanding students from the schools of Dentistry, Medicine and Nursing were honored in June as part of graduation ceremonies.

## School of Dentistry

The School of Dentistry Alumni Association Award in memory of Stephen P. Peglow was given to graduating dental student **David C. Hoaglin**. He was chosen by his fellow classmates and the faculty, who found him to possess the qualities most desirable in a dentist, including integrity, humility, compassion,

skill, sensitivity to patient needs and dedication to service. Stephen Peglow, who died in 1978, was an exemplary student and student body president of his graduating class in 1977.

Graduating dental hygiene student **Lori B. Ramey** was given the School of Dentistry Alumni Association Award, which recognizes a student with outstanding scholastic achievement, human relations and professional attitude. Ms. Ramey also received the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association Award.

Additional awards given in the School

of Dentistry include the Academy of Dental Materials Sciences Award, the Alpha Omega Scholarship Award, the Theodore Koppanyi Award in Physiology-Pharmacology, and the American Academy of Periodontology Award, all given to **Ron F. Tribble**; the Academy of General Dentistry Award, the American Association of Women Dentists Award, and the Chris Kelly Fixed Prosthodontics Award, all given to **Marcia J. Aplin-Scott**; the American Academy of Oral Pathology Award and the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Award in Memory of Bernadette Scully, both given to **Judith K. Messura**; the Academy of General Dentistry Award, given to **Mark E. Jensen**; the American Association of Endodontics and Larry Sorum Memorial Award, given to **Douglas J. Luiten**; the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award in Memory of John Jarabak, given to **William D. Weber**; the American Society of Dentistry for Children Award, given to **Scot E. Burgess**; the D.A.U. Teacher Award given to **Marianne Daly** and **Derek H. Ichimura**; the International College of Dentists Award, given to **Susan M. Karagianes**; and the Oregon Society of Periodontists Award, given to **Mark N.F. Reaksecker**.

Also honored in the Department of Dental Hygiene was **Karen D. Kelly**, who was given the Physiology and Pharmacology Department Award. Dental Hygiene Department Awards were given to **Paula D. Ahrndt** and **Cathie M. McNeil**.

## School of Medicine

The School of Medicine presented its Gold-Headed Cane Award to **Susan S. Wolfard**. The winner of this award is chosen by fellow students and faculty members in recognition of compassionate devotion and effective service to the sick, with the conviction that the award's holder will forever epitomize and uphold the traditions of the true physician.

Other awards given in the School of Medicine included the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Award, given to **C. Sherry Parsons**; the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citations, given to **Carol A. Lisensky** and **Kimette M. Marta**; the Isiyaku EuroAmerican Publisher Award, given to **Irving Shen**; the Lange

Medical Publication Award, given to **William E. Ellinwood** and **Susan S. Wolfard**; the Lemmon Award, given to **Robert D. Law**; the Merck Manual Awards, given to **Todd R. Quier** and **Sylvia A. Smith**; the Northwest Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Award, given to **John D. Dryden**; the Upjohn Award, given to **Paul J. Haddeland**; and the Key Bank Special Recognition Award, given to **Mark V. Hart**.

The Medical Technology Program in the School of Medicine awarded its Scholastic Achievement Award to **Dee Ann Hackett**; and the Exemplary Performance Award to **Lisa A. Klippstein**.

## School of Nursing

The Dean's Award in the School of Nursing went to undergraduate students **M. Alicia Super** and **Russel A. Hunt** and to graduate student **Jill A. Daniels**. The Dean's Award honors the students who have excelled in scholarship as evidenced by an outstanding paper written during the program of study.

Additional undergraduate awards in the School of Nursing include the Golden Lamp Award, given to **Dian M. Hanken**, **Carol A. Hilger** and **Nina S. White**; the Elnora Thomson Award, given to **Rebecca L. Adgers**, **Marika A. Horvath** and **Karen S. Rasmussen**; the Dorothy L. Johnson Memorial Award, given to **Denise E. Biehn**, **Margaret J. Mitchell** and **Kristine M. Wehe**; the Henrietta Doltz Puhaty Award, given to **Bonney L. Classen**, **Barbara A. Dempsey** and **Kirsten A. Sorenson**; the Jean E. Boyle Award, given to **Laurene R. Gemachlich**, **Danna L. Jennings** and **Kathleen E. Murray**; the Transcultural Nursing Award, given to **Naomi Horiuchi**; the Rural Nursing Award, given to **C. Eugene Williams**; the Eastern Oregon Nurse Executive Council Award for Outstanding Student, given to **Marlene J. SanFilippo**; and the Sigma Theta Tau Award, given to **Russel A. Hunt**.

Other graduate awards in the School of Nursing include the Dorothy L. Johnson Memorial Award and the Jean E. Boyle Award, given to **Salomeja M. Garolis**; the Transcultural Nursing Award and the Key Bank of Oregon Special Recognition Award, given to **Lydia Metje**; and the Sigma Theta Tau Award, given to **Katrina E. Davis**.



As the chapter closes on the recent years of study and work at the OHSU, graduates enjoy a little fun and frolic with family and friends.



## Students consider the new challenges ahead

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**Daniels** worked as a critical care nurse before coming to OHSU for graduate school. In the past, she has also taught college courses in community health nursing.

Married to a physician, **Daniels** is "looking forward to taking the summer off and relaxing, and doing some of the things I've really been wanting to do around the house." But, when autumn rolls around, she plans to go back to

work. "I love teaching. It's very inspiring to me. I hope to continue teaching, if I can find a job!"

**Lori Ramey**, winner of the School of Dentistry Alumni Association Award, found the dental hygiene program at OHSU "extremely challenging. Our class scored very high on the national board exam. We'll all be very prepared when we get out into the work force." Before entering the program at OHSU, Ramey had worked in a bank.

After she takes her boards in Washington and Oregon, Ramey plans to go backpacking with her family and then make a decision about where to practice.

Each of these graduating award winners had great praise for the various academic programs at OHSU. Although sad to be leaving friends behind, they were very excited about graduating and moving on to the new challenges ahead.



# Commencement ushers out 354 graduates

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its program over the years. The Elks' visual committee sponsors preschool visual screening programs, eye injury prevention poster contests, and purchases eyeglasses for the needy.

During the ceremony, two faculty members from each school were honored with the **University Award for Excellence in Teaching**, which is given in recognition of the importance of the educational mission and to express appreciation to the entire faculty. (See story, page 1 "Excellence in teaching hailed".)

James C. Peterson, president, Oregon State Board of Higher Education; and Brian Booth, chairman, OHSU Foundation Board of Trustees; joined the

platform party.

Faculty marshals at commencement included representatives from all three schools. Representing the School of Dentistry were David L. Gunberg, Ph.D., Sherry L. Lemon, M.S., Kuo Kwa Lu, Ph.D., and Louis G. Terkla, D.M.D. Faculty marshals from the School of Medicine included Howard W. Davis, Ph.D., Karen E. Deveney, M.D., Edward J. Keenan, Ph.D. and Chris P.S. Williams, M.D. Representing the School of Nursing were Marie Scott Brown, Ph.D., Marsha Heims, M.S., Jane Kirschling, D.N.Sc., and Meredith McCord, M.S.

Music for the commencement ceremony was provided by organist James Welty, baritone David Jimerson and trumpeter Jed Shitabata.



Distinguished Service Award winners pictured (left to right) are A. W. Sweet, Dr. Kenneth Swan, and Don Stephens, accepting the award for the Oregon State Elks Association.

## Awards acknowledge importance of educational mission

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Dr. Gallo is a professor of surgery and chief of pediatric neurosurgery. He has been honored by the OHSU School of Medicine on eleven different occasions in recognition of his outstanding teaching. His commitment to the school's educational programs can be seen through his service as assistant dean for curriculum and as chairman of the curriculum committee, a position he has held for seven years. His interests are in medical education and medical ethics.

Dr. Keenan, an associate professor of pharmacology, surgery and medicine, joined the faculty of the School of Medicine in 1977. He has been active in immunoassay and hormone receptor research, has published in scientific journals and has lectured widely. In making the nomination for this award, Dean Kendall wrote, "Two years ago, Dr. Keenan assumed the role of pathophysiology coordinator. He has performed in an outstanding fashion and continues to demonstrate personal excellence in teaching and role modeling for students in the School of Medicine." In 1986, Dr. Keenan was honored by the School of Medicine students for exceptional achievement in teaching in basic science.

The recipients of the award from the School of Nursing are **Deborah K. Fisher, M.N.**, and **Sheila McFarland Kodadek, Ph.D.**

Fisher is an instructor in adult health and illness. In nominating her for the award, students wrote, "Debbie Fisher's compassion and caring created a learning environment that was stimulating and led to successful accomplishments for the students. She displayed insight into our worries and concerns as new nursing students and provided reassurance, encouragement and support that will be well remembered as making our success possible. She has shown respect for students and fostered creative thinking and problem solving."

Dr. Kodadek is an associate professor of family nursing. She is an active researcher and has presented papers at a number of professional meetings and continuing education programs. In nominating her, graduate students in the School of Nursing wrote, "Dr. Kodadek consistently strives to provide innovative approaches to teaching. She has great understanding of the material she teaches. She is caring, flexible and treats students with respect."

### Students Honor Mentors

Graduating students from each school also presented awards to faculty members for demonstrating excellence in teaching.

Students from the School of Dentistry named **LeGrand H. Woolley, D.D.S., M.S.**, professor of oral pathology, as Outstanding Didactic Instructor (full-time); and **Susan W. Tolle, M.D.**, associate professor of oral pathology, as Outstanding Didactic Instructor (part-

time). This is the third time Dr. Tolle has been honored with this award.

The award for Outstanding Clinical Instructor (full-time) was presented to **Robert A. Todd, D.M.D.**, assistant professor of removable prosthodontics.

Two faculty members were named as Outstanding Clinical Instructor (part-time): **Dale R. Barker, D.D.S.**, assistant professor of endodontology; and **James S. Tinkle, D.M.D.**, assistant professor of endodontology. This is the second consecutive year that Dr. Tinkle has received this award.

In the School of Medicine, the J. David Bristow Award, which recognizes the faculty member who best exemplifies the ideals of the true physician, went to **Walter J. McDonald, M.D.**, professor of medicine, OHSU, and chief of medical service, VAMC. This is the fourth consecutive year that Dr. McDonald has won this award, and the 16th time since

1974 that he has been honored with a teaching award from OHSU.

The Allan J. Hill Jr. Teaching Awards were bestowed on **Thomas L. Richards, Ph.D.**, for teaching excellence in basic science; and to **Anthony E. Gal-**



**lo, Jr., M.D.**, for exemplary teaching in clinical science. (Dr. Gallo is also a 1988 recipient of a University Excellence in Teaching Award.)

The David W.E. Baird Award, recognizing excellence in a junior faculty member, was awarded to **Thomas R. Hatch, M.D.**, assistant professor of surgery, OHSU, and chief of urology, VAMC.

**Paul Amstutz, M.D.**, chief resident in neurosurgery, was honored with the Howard P. Lewis Award for outstanding teaching by a senior resident. **Kathleen Doyle, M.D.**, now a resident in obstetrics and gynecology, was presented with the John S. Miller Award for outstanding

Recipients of this year's university awards for excellence in teaching are: School of Dentistry — Drs. Arthur Brown (top), Murray Bartley (counterclockwise); School of Nursing — Dr. Sheila Kodadek, Deborah Fisher (not pictured); School of Medicine — Drs. Anthony Gallo, Edward Keenan.



teaching by an intern.

Two winners of the 1986 University Excellence in Teaching Awards were given top honors this year by the students of the School of Nursing. **Meredith McCord, M.S.**, assistant professor of adult health and illness, and **Virginia Tilden, D.N.Sc.**, associate professor of mental health nursing, were chosen as faculty award winners from the OHSU campus. A third faculty member, **Rita Short Monahan, Ed.D.**, assistant professor of adult health and illness, won the teaching honors at the School of Nursing outreach campus at Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande.

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