Message from the Associate Dean

We have now moved into the Medical Education Building on the campus of the University of Windsor. Our students, staff and faculty are all appreciating the excellent facilities offered by our new accommodation including a spacious administrative suite, faculty offices, lecture theatres, labs, small-group tutorial rooms, clinical skills suite and student study and lounge space.

Our staff has made the transition to the new facility as comfortable as possible for the students and both staff and students are to be congratulated in performing at an outstanding level under difficult circumstances. The University of Windsor, the medical community and the community in general can now see that their hard work over the past several years has been rewarded with the opening of the Medical Education Building and the presence of the inaugural first-year medical class. We are anticipating continued success, building on the excellent performance of the Windsor program so far.

White Coat Ceremony and Arrival in Windsor

On August 27 the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry welcomed its newest classes through the annual White Coat Ceremony. It was the first White Coat ceremony to welcome students to the new Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry - Windsor Program. On August 29 the students arrived in Windsor for an orientation event that acquainted them with the campus, staff, faculty and resources.

The University of Windsor and distinguished guests welcomed the 24 future doctors during the University of Windsor Welcome event on September 9th.

Faculty, staff and students occupied the new medical education facility in early October. In addition to state-of-the-art teaching facilities, visiting physicians have access to dedicated parking adjacent to the building. The official Grand Opening took place on November 7. The ribbon-cutting was attended by students, university officials from both Western and Windsor, community members and government leaders.

Message from the Assistant Dean

Congratulations to the recipients of the Southern Ambassadors’ SWomen Windsor Clerkship Awards for the Class of 2009. The generosity of the Southern Ambassadors’ Association in supporting the clerkship award program is to be commended.

After 4 years as Academic Director for Psychiatry, Dr. Leonardo Cor-tese is stepping down to take on new administrative duties at Windsor Regional Hospital. I would like to thank him for his significant contribution to the undergraduate teaching program. Dr. Corina Velehor-schi has assumed the role of AD in Psychiatry for the Undergraduate Program. I would like to welcome new Education Coordinators: Linda Wright, Christine Mackie and Christine Gignac.

We continue to do well, according to the performance of our clerks and their feedback, as we strive to offer the best Clerkship experience in Canada!

Mark Awuku named First Windsor Program Scholar and Green Shield Canada Fellow

Dr. Mark Awuku, a Scholar in the Windsor Program and Academic Director for Undergraduate Paediatrics has set up his office in the Medical Education Building. Dr. Awuku is available to counsel students on academic matters and to offer supplementary clinical skills sessions on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Mark will be developing research projects in medical education and participating in curriculum development as a member of the Curriculum Committee.

Café Scientifique Connects London and Windsor

A special two-evening event took place in November. On Nov 5 Dr. Siyaram Pandey [University of Windsor] and Dr. Michael Lehman [University of Western Ontario] explored brain disease while Dr. Glenn Bauman [University of Western Ontario] and Dr. Lisa Porter [University of Windsor] hosted discussion on a cancer-free future on Nov 12.

Windsor Program Governance Committee

The University of Windsor and the University of Western Ontario have established the Windsor Program Governance Committee. The committee will oversee implementation and ongoing matters as they relate to the Western/Windsor expansion of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. The committee is chaired by Dr. Carol Herbert, Dean of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and is comprised of the following members: Prof. N. Gold, Provost and VP-Academic; Prof. B. Mazzer, Special Advisor; T. Scott, Associate Dean, Windsor Program; Dr. M. Kaspichinsky, Dean, Faculty of Science; Dr. L. Patrick, Assoc. Dean, Faculty of Nursing; Dr. B. Boucher, Dean, Faculty of Human Kinetics; Dr. Fred J. Longstaffe, Provost & VP-Academic (UWO); Dr. Michael Lehman, Dept of Anatomy Chair (UWO); Cindy Servos, Assoc. Director, Finance (UWO); Connie Zrin, Director, Human Resources (UWO).
What our Student’s have to Say...

Genni Morera says, “If there’s one word to sum up my medical school experience so far, its: Flash. Somewhere in between signing in and proceeding into the lecture hall for the White Coat Ceremony in London, a woman whom I had never met smiled and said, ‘Oh, you’re one of us!’ as she snapped a photo.

The next few months passed with many memorable moments, making us feel like local celebrities. Yet the newspapers do not reveal how humble and unassuming my classmates are, despite their numerous talents and accomplishments. Our first four months have passed so quickly and I am privileged to be a part of the Windsor Class of 2012. The administrative and teaching staff are incredibly supportive and have become our ‘med school parents.’ The local medical community has been especially welcoming and offering of their time. Each one of them, along with the rest of the Windsor community, has gone the extra mile to make us feel welcome and special.

The medical education building is accommodating to our every learning need, and yet their remains much to be said about the local community and our personal favorite pastime: sampling the diverse Windsor cuisine. Our class ‘Supper Club’ has had the pleasure of exploring everything from Little Italy to Japanese cuisine and have been impressed with each and every eatery we’ve tried. The diversity of restaurants in such a multicultural city is a definite perk.

I know I speak for all of us when I say that we are honoured to be among the Windsor 24. I am eager for the memories to come and to see my favourite 23 classmates become my favourite colleagues.”

Windsor Regional Hospital Continues to Support Medical Education

Windsor Regional Hospital promises to provide Outstanding Care—No Exceptions!

The Windsor medical students have experienced that outstanding level of commitment first-hand when President and CEO David Musjy opened the doors and invited the future doctors to study onsite while University of Windsor faculty were walking the picket lines back in mid-September.

The experience was a rewarding and enriching one for the new medical students who were able to share the same space as their physician instructors and learn in a real clinical environment—the very environment they one day hope to be a part of.

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry—Windsor Program Class of 2012 extend their heartfelt gratitude to David Musjy and the faculty and staff at WRH for their incredible hospitality.

Elder Care Sessions Introduce First-Year Students to the Many Facets of Aging

Dr. Chris Leighton wants his students to appreciate how health care for older persons requires a different approach so he helped organize an Elder-Care session that brought the students to Windsor Regional Hospital campuses and the Sandwich Community Health Centre to ‘walk in their shoes’, literally.

Through simulated disability sessions, the students learned first-hand how challenging the pursuit of health care can be for elderly patients. Meds 2012 student Michael Connelly had this to say about the experience: “Elder care is going to become more and more important in the coming years as our population ages. It is something that I had not had much exposure to before medical school and I feel lucky to have had such an enriching experience so early in my medical education. The elder care day definitely gave me insight into the challenges that our senior citizens face on a daily basis and how their health care needs to be adapted to ensure they receive the best treatment.”

Admissions Interviews—Class of 2013

Interviews to select the 2013 medical class will be held in London on two weekends—March 7th and 8th and March 28th-29th. The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry is seeking interviewers from the Windsor community to take part in these interviews. Please contact Mr. Michael Farquhar, Admission & Student Affairs Coordinator, if you are interested in participating (by email to: mfarquha@uwindsor.ca or by telephone: 519-561-1411).

Windsor Program Faculty Development

June 13, 2008—Dr. Terri Paul led an introductory PCCM Workshop that looked at methods for teaching to small groups

June 26, 2008—Dr. Peter Flanagan conducted a PCCIA Workshop for new small group facilitators

June 24 2008—Dr. Leighton, Year One Course Coordinator, held a faculty development session for Year 1 course coordinators

October 21 2008—Dr. Scott led the first Windsor Program Year 1 Course Coordinator’s Meeting

October 23 2008—Dr. Sheila Horen conducted a session on Primary Physical Skills

March 11, 2009—UME Retreat in Windsor will focus on communica-

tion and team-building and September 2010 when the SWOMEN Clerkship will become part of the Windsor Program

Spring 2009 Faculty Development Mini Fellowship Fund—Up to $5000

Guidelines and the application: www.schulich.uwo.ca/education/ erru/facdev/MiniFellowshipGuidelines.pdf

Application Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2009

Coming Events

Admissions Interviews—March 7th & 8th, 28th & 29th, 2009

UME Retreat in Windsor—March 11, 2009

Accreditation Site Visit—April 20—22, 2009