Message from the Associate Dean
The inaugural first year class has successfully completed their first year of medical education. Although we were apprehensive as we worked through significant issues related to the building not being ready, the faculty strike at the University of Windsor, the use of videoconference lectures and the availability of tutors, we need not have worried. Our students were fabulous and supportive of our efforts to deliver high quality medical education. Our outstanding staff ensured that the students and faculty were well supported. Our local physicians came forward and enthusiastically delivered the medical education program.

During the year, the Windsor Program was welcomed by the University of Windsor, by the medical community and by the community of Windsor-Essex. Our students were constantly surprised by the level of support shown to them. Thanks to all for a very successful first year and the further development of medical education in Windsor.

Province spending $4.2 million to finish 3rd floor of the medical education building
The province has committed $4.2 million in funding to finish the vacant third floor of the medical education building. These funds will cover the cost of construction as well as equipment for the labs and specialized rooms.

UWindsor President Alan Wildeman said the additional space will house research projects, especially for collaboration with the community and local hospitals.

Med School adds 14 Spots
The Windsor Program will add six first-year students this Fall and eight more next year for a first-year class of 38 by September 2010 as reported by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

The Windsor enrolment hike is part of the addition of 100 new first-year spaces at five medical schools across the province over the next three years.

Medical Campaign Update
Thirteen rooms within the Medical Education Building were named at a special donor’s reception July 7th with additional dedications taking place in the Fall.

The campaign moves forward as we continue to meet with Alumni, friends of the University, physicians and health care providers to discuss further opportunities.

For more information or to support this program, please contact: Mr. Mike Clark, Director of Development - University Advancement, mclark@uwindsor.ca or 519-253-3000 Ext. 3257 or online: http://www.uwindsor.ca/development

Message from the Assistant Dean
In SWOMEN Windsor, we are approaching the end of another successful year. July 21st will mark the date of our Annual Awards Night where we will be giving out awards for the Best Teachers as voted by our clerks, non-academic clerkship awards for Compassion and the Clerk who best represents and promotes the Windsor Program. We will also recognize exceptional people who have contributed to the development of our program. On September 1st, we will be welcoming a new group of clerks from London to begin their clerkship. This will be the last year for students coming from London for their clerkship. In 2010 the clerks will have already completed 2 years in Windsor.

Dr. Awuku has taken the role of Clerkship Coordinator while I will assume the role of Post-graduate Coordinator. I will still be the Assistant Dean of the Windsor Program. We now have Undergraduate (UGE) and Post-graduate (PGE) Academic Directors for most departments.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of our preceptors who have done such a great job. We have excellent feedback from our learners about their educational experience. We continue to strive to be the best clinical training program in Canada!

Toldo Foundation Gift Supports local Medical Students
The Toldo Foundation has established a $250,000 educational endowment to benefit Essex and Kent County students attending the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry – Windsor Program. The $250,000 Toldo Foundation Medical Excellence Scholarship will be matched by funds from the Ontario Trust for Student Support to provide scholarship money for qualified medical students who maintain a cumulative average of no less than A- or equivalent during their studies.

UWindsor president Alan Wildeman states “A scholarship aimed specifically at students from our region acknowledges the importance of encouraging local students to study and stay in Essex and Kent counties.”

Changing Roles and New Staff on Board
Dr. Raphael Cheung, Assistant Dean – Windsor Program and Post-graduate Coordinator SWOMEN
Dr. Christopher Leighton, Preclerkship & Transition Period Coordinator
Dr. Mark Awuku, Clerkship & Electives Coordinator
Ms. Sarah Beech, Ancillary Academic Staff—Anatomy
Ms. Kelly Ducharme, Undergraduate Curriculum Administrator
Ms. Christine Mackie, Preclinical Coordinator—Year 1
Paediatrics: Dr. L. Morgan (PGE) - Dr. M. Awuku (UGE)
OB/Gyn: Dr. G. Hasen (PGE) - Dr. B. Jasey (UGE)
Family Medicine: Dr. D. Ziter (PGE) - Dr. S. Horen (UGE)
Psychiatry: Dr. T. Doey (PGE) - Dr. C. Velehorschi (UGE)
General Surgery: Dr. A. Petrakos
Internal Medicine: Dr. O. Tarabain
Anaesthesia: Dr. E. Roberts
Emergency Medicine: Dr. A. Meriano/Dr. P. Bradford/Dr. D. Levy

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