

## Dean's Newsletter

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#### **The Match 2005**

Until recently it seemed that the annual Internship Match was in jeopardy due to a lawsuit regarding the anti-trust nature of the Match. I am happy to say this is no longer an issue. On Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM Pacific Coast time – and synchronized by time zone - letters were delivered to the 14,700 graduating medical students across the nation who participated in this year's National Resident Matching Program. The letters informed them of where they "matched." Notably, there were 24,012 positions available this year, of which 22,221 were filled by graduating seniors as well as graduates of osteopathic medical schools, foreign medical graduates, and individuals who had taken time off after medical school or who are changing to a different specialty. Approximately 25,300 individuals participated in the match.

At Stanford some 65 students participated in the 2005 Match - a relatively smaller number of students than usual. Of note, current forecasts suggest that next year's graduating class could be nearly twice that number! Our 2005 graduating medical students chose a broad range of specialty programs. Eight will pursue training in Internal Medicine and seven in Pediatrics. The next most common selections by Stanford students include: Dermatology (6 students), Psychiatry (6), Radiology (6), General Surgery (5), Anesthesia (4), Emergency Medicine (4), Family Practice (4), Orthopedic Surgery (4), Obstetrics/Gynecology (3), Ophthalmology (2), Radiation Oncology (2), Otolaryngology (1), Neurology (1), Neurosurgery (1), and Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation (1). In a number of specialties (e.g., anesthesia, radiology, surgical subspecialties), students must do a transitional year in medicine or surgery before beginning their destination specialty program.

On a national basis, certain trends in specialty selection continued this year. Some of these mirror our student selections. For example, the increase in students applying in psychiatry has continued for the past several years. So too have student interests in dermatology, emergency medicine, and orthopedic surgery. Interestingly, approximately 20% of students nationally choose Internal Medicine.

Also of interest is the fact that nearly a third of our graduating medical students will remain at Stanford programs for the residency – an affirmation of the excellence of our graduate medical training programs as well as our students. Thanks to the Stanford

Medical Alumni Association, students, family and friends celebrated this important milestone at the Tenth Annual Match Day Celebration on Thursday evening at the Stanford Faculty Club. As always it was a special event and I want to thank the SMAA for hosting it.

I also want to thank the graduating class for their wonderful participation in this year's Medical Student Gift Challenge. Remarkably, more than 93% of students participated in this gift. This level of support is truly outstanding, and. I want to express my deep appreciation and admiration to everyone in the graduating class.

Following is the list of our graduating students and the programs to which they "Matched." Please join me in extending our congratulations and best wishes to this year's graduating medical school class.

### ***2005 Match Results for Graduating Students***

<b>Agredano, Yolanda Zamora</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Psychiatry
<b>Ali, Unzila A.</b>	Yale-New Haven Hosp-CT	Obstetrics-Gynecology
<b>Alvarado, Rosalinda</b>	Rush University Medical Center-IL	General Surgery
<b>Anandasabapathy, Niroshana</b>	Mt Sinai Hospital-NY NYU School Of Medicine-NY	Medicine-Preliminary Dermatology
<b>Austin, Jennifer Maria</b>	Brigham & Womens Hosp-MA	Internal Medicine
<b>Bein, Sarah Ruth</b>	UCLA Neuropsych Inst-CA	Psychiatry
<b>Bermudez, Dustin Miguel</b>	Hosp of the Univ of PA	General Surgery
<b>Cano, Richard Paul</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Surgery-Preliminary
<b>Chang, Johanna Chi</b>	UC San Diego -CA	Pediatrics
<b>Chevez, Shari Garcia</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Pediatrics
<b>Cho, Raymond Jaihyun</b>	Santa Clara Valley MC-CA UC San Francisco-CA	Transitional Dermatology
<b>Coon, Valerie Catherine</b>	U Utah Affil Hospitals-UT	Neurological Surgery
<b>Cotter, Brooke Megan</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Internal Medicine
<b>Czaban, Brenda Lora</b>	U Colorado SOM-Denver-CO	Psychiatry
<b>Fleischman, Ross Joseph</b>	Oregon Health & Science Univ-OR	Emergency Medicine
<b>Ghanouni, Pejman</b>	Santa Clara Valley MC-CA Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Transitional Radiology-Diagnostic
<b>Gubens, Matthew Alfred</b>	UC San Francisco-CA	Internal Medicine
<b>Haus, Brian Michael</b>	Massachusetts Gen Hosp-MA	Harvard Combined Ortho

<b>Hiroshima, David</b>	O'Connor Hospital-CA	Fam Practice/San Jose
<b>Hsu, Christopher Posien</b>	Santa Clara Valley MC-CA UCLA Medical Center-CA	Transitional Radiology-Diagnostic
<b>Hsu, Gloria Pu-Ye</b>	Rhode Island Hosp/Brown U-RI	General Surgery
<b>Hsu, Phillip TzuKang</b>	U Wisconsin Hosp/Clinics-WI	Medicine/Dermatology
<b>Huang, Kathie Pei</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Medicine-Preliminary Dermatology
<b>Jun, Peter</b>	Santa Clara Valley MC-CA UC San Francisco-CA	Transitional Radiology-Diagnostic
<b>Karanjia, Navaz P.</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA UC Los Angeles-CA	Medicine-Preliminary Neurology
<b>Kim, Karen Chunguhn</b>	Case Western/U Hosps Cleveland-OH	Internal Medicine
<b>King, Angela Goffredo</b>	Oregon Health & Science Univ-OR	Internal Medicine
<b>Kirilcuk, Natalie Nina</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	General Surgery
<b>Kohrt, Holbrook Edwin</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Internal Medicine
<b>Kulkarni, Vedant Ashok</b>	UC San Diego Med Ctr-CA	Orthopaedic Surgery
<b>Kwan, Sharon Wing-Yi</b>	Santa Clara Valley MC-CA UC San Francisco-CA	Transitional Radiology-Diagnostic
<b>Langen, Elizabeth Suzanne</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Obstetrics-Gynecology
<b>Lau, Gary Kaman</b>	UC San Diego Med Ctr-CA Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Medicine-Preliminary Anesthesiology
<b>Lebl, Darren Richard</b>	Massachusetts Gen Hosp-MA	Harvard Combined Ortho
<b>Lee, Arthur Ta-Tzu</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Orthopaedic Surgery
<b>Lehman, Trang Diem</b>	Vanderbilt Univ Med-TN	Anesthesiology
<b>Leng, Theodore</b>	Huntington Memorial-CA U Miami/Bascom Palmer-FL	Medicine-Preliminary Ophthalmology
<b>Levin, Cheryl Lynn</b>	Alameda Co Med Ctr-CA U Minnesota Med School-MN	Transitional Dermatology
<b>Lombardi, Lorinna Hiu-Leong</b>	Alameda Co Med Ctr-CA Oregon HSU-OR	Transitional Ophthalmology
<b>Long, Eliza Eugenie</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	General Surgery
<b>Marsico, Nicole Denise</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Pediatrics
<b>Matin, Mina</b>	UC San Francisco-CA	Family Practice
<b>McAllister, Josephine Chu</b>	St Barnabas Med Ctr-NJ	Transitional

	Massachusetts Gen Hosp-MA	Dermatology
<b>McIntire, Jennifer Jones</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Medicine-Preliminary Radiation-Oncology
<b>Meites, Elissa May</b>	UC San Francisco-CA	Family Practice
<b>Ngo, Jessica Dong-Shen</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Emergency Medicine
<b>Nguyen, John Hanh</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Trans/Anes Santa Clara Anesthesiology
<b>Nguyen, Rosalyn Thuyhong</b>	Scripps Mercy Hosp-CA Harvard/Spaulding-MA	Transitional Phys Medicine & Rehab
<b>Ochoa, Ruth Irene</b>	Alameda Co Med Ctr-CA	Emergency Medicine
<b>Philp, Julie Christine</b>	LSU SOM-New Orleans-LA	Pediatrics
<b>Po, Julia</b>	Memorial Sloan-Kettering-NY NYU School Of Medicine-NY	Transitional Radiology-Diagnostic
<b>Pomrehn, Andrea S.</b>	Massachusetts Gen Hosp-MA	Internal Medicine
<b>Ratanasopa, Sarah Queen</b>	Oregon Health & Science Univ-OR	Pediatrics
<b>Rohan, Felisha Christine</b>	U New Mexico SOM-NM	Family Practice
<b>Ryan, William Russell</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Surg-Prelim/Otolaryn Otolaryngology
<b>Schultz, Miriam Naomi</b>	NYU School Of Medicine-NY	Psychiatry
<b>Siedhoff, Matthew Thomas</b>	NYU School Of Medicine-NY	Obstetrics-Gynecology
<b>Sohal, Vikaas Singh</b>	Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Psychiatry/Research
<b>Sohoni, Aparajita</b>	Alameda Co Med Ctr-CA	Emergency Medicine
<b>Taira, Al Vincent</b>	St Marys Medical Ctr-CA U Washington Affil Hosps-WA	Medicine-Preliminary Radiation-Oncology
<b>Wang, Cynthia S.</b>	U Colorado SOM-Denver-CO	Psychiatry
<b>Wang, David Stephen</b>	Scripps Mercy Hosp-CA Stanford Univ Progs-CA	Transitional Radiology-Diagnostic
<b>Yu, Grace Peace</b>	Childrens Hosp-Phila-PA	Pediatrics
<b>Yu, Margaret Katie</b>	Northwestern McGaw/NMH/VA-IL	Internal Medicine
<b>Zambrano, Adriana Edith</b>	Childrens Hosp-Oakland-CA	Pediatrics

In addition to the Match for our graduating Stanford Medical students, Match Day is equally important for our post-graduate training programs at Stanford Hospital and at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Our various specialty disciplines offer some 151 internship slots that attract students from Stanford as well as other leading programs. As

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with our medical students, each of these discipline-based residencies also had wonderful success in recruiting their top choices. The diversity of offerings and number of programs is listed below:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Number Accepted</b>	<b>Number of Stanford Students</b>
<i>Anesthesia</i>	17	3
<i>Dermatology</i>	5	2
<i>Emergency Medicine</i>	10	1
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	28	2
<i>Medicine (Preliminary)</i>	9	3
<i>Neurology</i>	5	1
<i>Neurological Surgery</i>	2	0
<i>Obstetrics-Gynecology</i>	4	1
<i>Orthopedic Surgery</i>	4	1
<i>Pathology</i>	6	0
<i>Clinical Pathology</i>	1	0
<i>Pediatrics</i>	20	2
<i>Physical Medicine &amp; Rehabilitation</i>	5	0
<i>Plastic Surgery</i>	3	0
<i>Psychiatry</i>	8	1
<i>Psychiatry/Research</i>	1	1
<i>Radiology-Diagnostic</i>	7	2
<i>Radiation Oncology</i>	3	1
<i>General Surgery</i>	6	2
<i>Surgery (Preliminary)</i>	4	1
<i>Surgery Preliminary/ORL</i>	3	1
<i>Urology</i>	3	0
<i>Transitional/Anesthesia at SCVMC</i>	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>25</b>

Congratulations to our various Program Directors and Training Programs for an excellent match – and also to the many students who will be joining the Stanford family in June/July from around the nation for graduate medical education.

### **A Need to Engage and Improve**

Even as we extol the accomplishments of our students and graduate medical training programs it is important also to acknowledge more sobering data that was presented to the Medical School Faculty Senate on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>. These data were regarding the performance of our students in the Clinical Performance Examination and on the evaluation of our first and fourth quarter course evaluations. More specifically, I am not pleased with the Clinical Performance results that evaluate the history taking and physical examination skills of our students. It seems clear that we need

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to improve both as an institution in emphasizing these skills. A problem that has been clearly identified is the difficulty in getting faculty to engage and teach physical exam and history taking skills. Certainly I recognize that identifying experienced faculty to teach has become more challenging due to the time constraints on faculty. But the consequences are too serious to ignore. We must do better. I want to call this matter to the attention our faculty and implore each person to participate more fully in bedside teaching. We will be talking about this issue more broadly and identifying a remediation plan that will be discussed in the near future.

Also at the March 16<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting, Dr. David Fetterman described a new evaluation system that provides a helpful way to review the positive and negative evaluation of courses – remediation plans to be put in place rapidly. Overall, courses in the new curriculum are receiving excellent reviews, with a few exceptions that are being addressed by the Committee on Courses and Curriculum, the Office of Medical Education and the relevant departments. Importantly the evaluation system provides a more analytic assessment of why a course is doing well or not and thus permits the ability to develop plans for improvement. While it is important to acknowledge that a number of the evaluated courses were well received, it is equally important to note that all the course leaders are eager to find ways to improve their offerings. Feedback is enormously important in guiding change and improvement, and we are certainly committed to both.

## **Commonwealth Reflections**

On March 9<sup>th</sup> I had the opportunity to speak at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, where I addressed an array of challenges facing American Medicine in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. One of the ironies in our current situation is that, at the same time as scientific insights and innovations are becoming increasingly abundant and promising, our health care system is becoming increasingly dysfunctional. Some of my comments were reported in the latest issue of the Stanford Report (<http://news-service.stanford.edu/news/2005/march16/med-pizzo-031605.html>) and I will not repeat them here. However, I did want to note that, while I have commented in various settings on my view that a radical change, such as a single payer system, is needed, I am also intrigued by a proposal developed by Ezekiel Emmanuel and Victor Fuchs that is built on health care vouchers. Their proposal will be published as a Sounding Board article in the March 24<sup>th</sup> issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, which that will be available later this week. I would certainly encourage you to review their article.

## **Events**

- ***Appreciation to Dr. Bruce Reitz:*** On March 8<sup>th</sup> we had the opportunity to honor and thank Dr. Bruce Reitz, Norman E. Shumway Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, for his extraordinary contributions as a surgeon, innovator, faculty leader and, for the past 12 years, Chair of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Reitz has established a remarkable record of accomplishment and excellence and has done so with humility and dignity that is nonpareil. I want to thank Dr. Reitz again for all that he has done for Stanford to date and to wish him well on his well deserved sabbatical. We certainly will look forward to welcoming him back to the

Stanford community when he returns both renewed and ready to take on new challenges!

- ***A New Era of Psychiatry***: On Monday evening March 7<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Alan Schatzberg, Kenneth T Norris, Jr. Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, and his colleagues hosted an exciting program on the new breakthroughs occurring in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of psychiatric disorders. Important topics included bi-polar disorders; depression; schizophrenia; stress, health and integrative medicine; and women's wellness, menopause and hormones. The evening consisted of faculty presentations as well as informal discussion groups with members of the community. It was enormously well received. I want to also thank the faculty who helped to make this event so successful.