

COMMENT AND PERSPECTIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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*Here is my latest message in the ongoing series giving perspective on relevant topics to promote communication and stimulate dialogue between the College of Medicine Dean's office and faculty.*



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## Connecting with our Alumni

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The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine has an illustrious history and has graduated a distinguished group of alumni. Recognizing our alumni and partnering with them to ensure that our three missions are carried out at the highest level should be a goal for all of our current programs and faculty. In fact, there is much more that all of us can do to maintain contact and engage alumni.

Starting Thursday, April 10 and continuing through Saturday, April 12, is Reunion Weekend for our College of Medicine. There will be presentations and tours on Friday, April 11, as well as a celebration of five-year alumni anniversary groups that evening. It is a time when each reunion class can celebrate together and/or renew friendships. It is always enjoyable to welcome back those who graduated 50 years ago and, in particular, to honor them.

We will also take time Friday night to honor three Distinguished Alumni Award winners: **Arthur Evans, MD (Med '74)**, **Sheldon Greenfield, MD (Med '64)** and **Clarice Reid, MD (Med '59)**. Their names will be added to the Distinguished Alumni wall across from the Winkler Center for the History of the Health Professions.

Our recognition of accomplished alumni doesn't end with Alumni Weekend. On Memorial Day weekend, and as a part of our Honors Day festivities, we will be awarding our annual Daniel Drake medals. In the last two years, three alumni have been honored with this very special recog-

nition. Two years ago Dr. Greenfield, nationally recognized as a pioneer in health services research and quality improvement initiatives, was a Drake awardee. Last year, **Robert Rakel, MD (Med '58)**, the founding chair of three departments of family medicine and the editor of the "Textbook of Family Medicine," and **Taylor Asbury, MD (Med '49)**, who established UC's ophthalmology residency program, were honored as Drake medalists.

This year two additional alumni will receive Drake Medals. **John O' Shea, MD (Med '78)**, head of the National Institutes of Health's Intramural Program of Molecular Immunology and scientific director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, and **Richard Steketee, MD (Med '76)**, science director for the Malaria Control Program at PATH CDC, will be honored with medals at the awards dinner to be held Sunday, May 25.

Our Honors Day speaker for Sunday, May 25, will be **Scott Rauch, MD (Med '87)**. Dr. Rauch is the CEO, chair and psychiatrist-in-chief of the McLean Hospital, the internationally known facility in Boston for psychiatric care.

### Getting Involved

You may be aware that we have an Alumni Council that meets regularly and identifies our Distinguished Alumni on an annual basis. The Alumni Council also participates in planning alumni weekend and **Jeff Lekson, MD (Med '89)**, associ-



*In 1985, the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of its founder, pioneering physician **Daniel Drake** (above). As part of that celebration, the college created a new award—the Daniel Drake Medal—to honor its distinguished living faculty and alumni.*

*Nominations for the Daniel Drake Medal—considered the highest honor bestowed by the college—are based on outstanding or unique contributions to medical education, scholarship or research.*

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ate professor of internal medicine and the current president of the Alumni Council, is handing off leadership responsibilities to **Sabrina Leach, MD (Med '90)**, assistant professor of emergency medicine. There is also an Alumni Advisory Council for the Dean, headed by **Frank Woodside, MD (Med '73)**, and **William Monnig, MD (Med '69)**. This group has been influential in helping the College of Medicine plan and initiate a campaign to raise dollars for student scholarships.

Please consider how you personally—or your program or department—can be active in engaging and activating our alumni. They are a wonderful source of advice and advocacy, and many have provided philanthropic support for our College of Medicine programs.

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## Reunion Weekend 2014

Please consider attending some or all of these events. Registration and pricing can be found online at [med.uc.edu/alumni](http://med.uc.edu/alumni).

*Events are held at the College of Medicine unless otherwise noted.*

Thursday, April 10	Friday, April 11 (continued)	Saturday, April 12
<b>Cecil Striker Society Lecture</b> <i>“John Shaw Billings and the Medical College of Ohio: Shaping Twentieth Century Medicine”</i> 4 p.m. Reception 5 p.m. Lecture	<b>Highlight: UC Heart, Lung and Vascular Institute</b> Richard Becker, MD, Director and Physician-in-Chief 1 to 1:30 p.m. <b>Winkler Center for the History of the Health Professions Tour</b> 1:30 to 2 p.m. <b>Class Parties</b> Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza 6:30 to 11 p.m. 6:30 p.m. <i>Alumni Reception</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Distinguished Alumni Award Presentation &amp; Recognition Ceremony</i> 8 p.m. <i>Private Class Parties/ Dinner</i>	<b>Breakfast</b> Kingsgate Marriott 8 to 9 a.m. <b>Estate and Planned Giving Seminar</b> Kingsgate Marriott 9 to 9:45 a.m. <b>Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center Tour</b> <i>Bus transportation provided from Kingsgate Marriott to Cincinnati Children’s</i> 10 to 11:30 a.m. <b>Academic Health Center Alumni Luncheon with President Ono</b> Kingsgate Marriott Noon to 2 p.m. <b>Cincinnati Reds Game</b> Great American Ballpark 1:10 p.m. <b>Alumni Reception</b> Christian Moerlein Lager House 5 p.m. <i>Reception</i> 7 to 10:30 p.m. <i>Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar</i>
<b>Friday, April 11</b> <b>Breakfast</b> 8 to 9 a.m. <b>Dean’s Report/ College Update</b> 8:30 to 9 a.m. <b>Student Experience Presentation</b> 9 to 9:30 a.m. <b>Walking College Tours</b> 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. <b>Lunch</b> 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. <b>Medical Alumni Association Outstanding Student Award Presentation</b> 12:45 to 1 p.m.		

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