LIVING CURA PERSONALIS: HEALING THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP, LOYALTY, AND SERVICE

Cura personalis...."care of the person," is a core value of Jesuit education. Jesuit colleges, universities, and professional schools seek to recognize their students' full individuality, developing the intellectual, aesthetic, moral, spiritual, affective, physical, and social. In this issue, we salute $A\Sigma N$ members living the values of their Jesuit education. Physician members personify the tenets of Alpha Sigma Nu in these ways:

- Scholarship a dedication to research excellence that improves patient outcomes
- Loyalty a dedication to Jesuit inspired excellence in teaching medical students
- Service a dedication to healing those with underserved medical needs

The Society recognizes just some of $A\Sigma N$ member physicians and their contributions to the advancement of medicine and patient care. Two $A\Sigma N$ Members who have served in the Global Medical Brigade, **Michael Ross** (Loyola Chicago '08) and **Geetha Sridharan** (St. Louis '09) are featured as well.



Dear Members

If there is any good from the economic turmoil of the past year, it is that it squarely presents the issue of what is essential -- for our families . . . for our communities . . . for our government . . . for ourselves. While perhaps initially raised in the context of "what can we live without," these questions lead us appropriately to ask ourselves what we value, what we accept as truth, and what is most effective, productive or useful in our lives. Our Jesuit education provides a framework for consideration of those questions:

This Ignatian worldview includes the following characteristic notes or emphases:

1) openness and enthusiasm toward the whole of God's richly diverse creation and for the human person as its crowning glory; 2) hopefulness and pragmatism in seeking graced solutions to life's challenges through creative use of all available gifts and resources, tempered by realism and compassion about the reality of human weakness; 3) sustained critical attention to motivations and choices based on the conviction that individuals, through the exercise of their freedom, exert a real influence on their world and one another for good or for evil; and 4) commitment to a life of growing integrity and increasing service to God and others after the Gospel model of Jesus Christ.

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These "characteristic notes" on the Ignatian worldview capture the essential – love of God and service to Him and one another. When considered in that context, the present economic difficulties are temporal challenges of life that we should strive to meet with hope, creativity, realism and compassion, conscious that the ultimate purpose is "the greater glory of God and our fellow man."

As I approach the end of my tenure as president, I can share with you that Alpha Sigma Nu embodies that view of the essential. While we honor academic excellence, we are the **Jesuit** honor society – placing service to others and loyalty to Jesuit values as essential elements of a purpose-driven life. To those ends, at the Triennial Conference this October, the Society's board, student, faculty, and alumni leaders will address the important questions of how can Alpha Sigma Nu facilitate and support:

- Our Chapters, students and alumni members in advancing the mission of their Jesuit institutions
- Our members in living $\Delta\Sigma N\text{'s}$ core Jesuit values in their student and adult lives

At the 2003 and 2006 Triennial Conferences, I was energized by the enthusiasm of our student leaders. This year, their energy is manifest even before we arrive in St. Louis. Our student Chapters have been increasingly engaged in service to others and dialogue with Jesuits on their campuses – and those efforts are bearing fruit in the Triennial planning as our students grapple with the Jesuit mission and the role they can play to advance it. Our Faculty Advisers, despite their full academic lives, are enthusiastically leading these students while examining ways they can do more in leading for mission. Our alumni have sought to act in the service of faith and the promotion of justice, seeking opportunities to examine, share and support their shared commitment to Jesuit values. I am confident the 2009 Triennial will be great success.

On behalf of the Board and staff of $A\Sigma N$, I want to thank once again those members who have supported Alpha Sigma Nu financially in this challenging economic year. Know that each and every gift is essential to our mission, and provides momentum as $A\Sigma N$ moves forward. If you have not yet given to $A\Sigma N$, please join with us and invest in...what is essential.

In closing, it has been a great privilege to serve as the Society's President for the last three years. My heartfelt thanks to my fellow Board members, our dedicated Faculty Advisers and the Chapter leaders – and particular thanks to our Executive Director Kate Gaertner, and Assistant Director Mary Wacker – for their constant support. With such engaged and committed leaders, the future of our Society is very bright indeed.

Sincerely yours,

David T. Ralston, Jr. Board President

SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. Peter Pronovost, MD, PhD (Fairfield '86), is Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he holds an additional appointment in the Department of Surgery. He is also Medical Director for the Center for Innovation in Quality Patient Care, which supports quality and safety efforts at the Johns Hopkins Hospitals.

His story is one of Scholarship in action. He saw hospital-acquired infections as a problem to address; in 2001, they affected 10% of all patients across the country, causing 90,000 deaths and costing millions. Line infections are caused when a needle and catheter are

inserted into a vein improperly, so he created a checklist to remind medical professionals of each necessary step. He instituted the checklist at Hopkins, and in its first year, there was a drop in the infection rate from 11 percent of patients to 0, saving hundreds of lives and a million dollars. Since then, the protocol has been adopted in Michigan, Rhode Island, the United Kingdom, and Spain. Dr. Pronovost looks forward to the implementation of the protocol in ten additional states as they join a federally funded cohort replicating his checklist system, researching, and reporting results.

Dr. Pronovost has published more than two hundred articles and chapters on patient safety, ICU care, quality health care, evidence-based medicine, and the measurement and evaluation of safety efforts. He is an adviser to the World Health Organizations' World Alliance for Patient Safety, and is leading WHO efforts to improve patient safety measurement, evaluation, and leadership capacity. He is working to develop a web-based ICU safety reporting system, methods for minimizing the incidence of aspiration pneumonia and acute lung injury in patients receiving ventilator assistance, and quality care measures for patients suffering from severe sepsis.

Dr. Pronovost was named one of the world's "most influential people" of 2008 by Time magazine. In September, 2008, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation awarded him a MacArthur Fellowship which he will use to develop The Checklist Maker, a software product allowing healthcare professionals to make checklists for many diverse applications.

LOYALTY

In his career in medicine, psychiatry and public service, **Joseph T. English, MD** (St. Joseph's '53), has personified the Alpha Sigma Nu tenet, Loyalty. Currently Associate Dean, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at New York Medical College, and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center in Manhattan, he has been called upon throughout his career to lead in extraordinary ways.

As a resident, he studied late adolescents and college students, and began to consider the impact of institutions such as St. Joseph's on social values. There was little history of cooperation between Church institutions and psychiatry in the 1960's. His research led to spending his third year of residency at the National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. English's resulting research was forwarded to Sargent Shriver, Director of the Peace Corps, who appointed him the first chief of psychiatry for the Peace Corps, working to effectively select, train and provide field support for all the volunteers.

Dr. English's service to his country continued as Director for Health Affairs, Office of Economic Opportunity, Executive Office of the President of the United States. In 1968, he was appointed Administrator of Health Services and Mental Health, the largest agency for health in the U.S. Later, he became the first president of the New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation, the nation's largest municipal hospital system. He left there for St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Centers. He is a former president of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. English led St. Vincent's Hospital's psychiatric response on September 11, 2001 as it is the closest hospital to Ground Zero. The staff had to adjust to treating the psychological needs of multiple populations including survivors, those looking for family and friends, and first responders. He and his staff cared for those learning about the loss of their loved ones. Since September 11, St. Vincent's has established programs that continue to care for those affected by the tragedy, including children attending neighborhood schools, workers returning to jobs in the area, and emergency personnel.

Dr. English served on the Alpha Sigma Nu Board of Directors from 1969-72.

SERVICE

Leo Lagasse, MD (Loyola Marymount '75), and his wife Ann, observed the plight of women in Africa first hand; the complete lack of gynecological care and the resulting cultural consequences were stunning. Upon his return home, he set out to take action. He co-founded Medicine for Humanity, a volunteer, nonprofit organization that brings surgical, medical, and gynecologic oncology care to women living in Third World countries. Today Medicine for Humanity teams work in the Philippines, South Africa, Mexico, Malawi, Mongolia, Nepal, Uzbekistan, Poland, Croatia, Costa Rica, Panama, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya, as well as on American Indian reservations in Arizona and South Dakota. Medical professionals participating in Medicine for Humanity from more than one hundred teaching hospitals in the United States achieve the following:

- Perform more than 200 surgeries a year
- Provide recurring on-site surgical training to doctors and nurses serving needy populations
- Implement the Global Medical Education (GME) program using internet based communications for delivery of current, much needed medical education content
- Assist clinics and hospitals in developing sustainable programs that address all aspects of women's health care
- Seek to lower maternal death rates and the incidence of urinary fistulas

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-Leo Lagasse, M.D.

More information about Medicine for Humanity can be found at http://medicineforhumanity.org.

SCHOLARSHIP



Joseph C. Alvernas, MD (Santa Clara '84), is Associate Professor in the Division of Hematology/Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation at the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center. As the Director, Quality Systems for Cellular Therapeutics, Hematology and Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation, he oversees quality assurance for the production and release of products that are manufactured as part of on-going gene therapy trials. He helped to create the City of Hope-Banner Bone Marrow Transplant Program, where he served from 1997-2008. Dr. Alvarnas was awarded the Timothy F. Beckett, Jr., Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching, Stanford University Medical Center in 1993. He is the co-lead investigator in a national AIDS lymphoma trial to open by the end of the year.

Garrett Brodeur, MD (St. Louis '71), is a Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and works at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He was Chief of the Oncology Division from 1998-2008, and is currently the Associate Chair for Research in Pediatrics. He is also Associate Director for Translational Medicine at Penn's Abramson Cancer Center. Dr. Brodeur has devoted his career to understanding the molecular causes of neuroblastoma, the most common and deadly solid tumor affecting children. He continues his efforts to discover the genes, proteins and pathways responsible for the initiation and progression of neuroblastomas, and to develop more effective, less toxic ways to treat this tumor.



Renee Bobrowski, MD (U. of Detroit Mercy '84), is Idaho's only female, board-certified perinatologist. Dr. Bobrowski lectures on thrombophilias in pregnancy.



Timothy Broderick, MD (Xavier '86), is Professor of Surgery and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Cincinnati. His research efforts focus on advanced laparoscopy, telemedicine, robotic surgery and robotic telesurgery. His expertise in advanced medical technology aids NASA and the U.S. military in improving medical care in hard to reach places, such as isolated towns, battlefields, and, eventually, in space. His awards include the David M. Hume Research Award from the Humera Surgical Society, the Young Investigator Award from SmithKline Beecham, the 2004 Space Medicine Branch Young Investigator Award Finalist (Aerospace Medical Association), the Best Technology award from the 2006 World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery/European Association of Endoscopy Surgery, and Honorary NASA Flight Surgeon.

Anne M. Comi, MD (Holy Cross '88), is Associate Professor in the Division of Neurology and Developmental Medicine at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and at Johns Hopkins Medicine. She is the Director of the Hunter Nelson Sturge-Weber Center at Kennedy Krieger Institute. Her clinical research is focused on improving the early diagnosis and treatment of brain involvement in Sturge-Weber syndrome. Her laboratory research work deals with the pathogenesis of Sturge-Weber syndrome and on developing better neuroprotective and neuroregenerative responses to brain injury resulting from impaired blood flow to the brain.

Thomas Gennarelli, MD (Loyola Chicago '68), is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Froedtert Hospital and the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Gennarelli serves as president of the International Neurotrauma Society, on the board of directors of the Coalition for American Trauma Care, and is past president of the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine. Dr. Gennarelli is currently co-principal investigator for a study of the biomechanics of neural and neurovascular injury funded by the Center of Injury Control, U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Gennarelli is co-director of the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin CIREN Center, a center of the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Dr. Gennarelli has a clinical practice in which he specializes in surgical treatment of brain tumors, pituitary tumors, visual disorders, vascular diseases of the brain and facial pain.

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W. Patrick Zeller, MD (Regis University '71), is the Director of the Diabetes Education Center at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He is a retired professor of Pediatrics and Physiology at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. He is an author of over 200 publications. Dr. Zeller lectures extensively and continues research and treatment of children with reproductive, bone, thyroid, diabetes, obesity, growth, pituitary and adrenal endocrine disorders.

LOYALTY

Ronald W. Busuttil, MD, PhD (Loyola New Orleans '67), is the Dumont Professor of Transplantation Surgery and Chief of the Division of Liver and Pancreas Transplant in the Department of Surgery at the UCLA School of Medicine. His career has encompassed the care of desperately ill patients, the training of medical students, residents, and surgical fellows, and scientific advancement in the field of transplantation surgery. Dr. Busuttil's training program in liver transplantation is currently recognized as the foremost in the world. He has trained both U.S. and international transplant surgeons. He has previously served as the Co-Chairman of the International Congress on Immuno-suppression and as President for the American Society of Transplant Surgeons. He is a recipient of the American Surgical Association's Medallion for Scientific Achievement.

Willard E. Fee, Jr., MD (U. of San Francisco '64), is professor of head and neck surgery at Stanford Cancer Center. He was appointed the Edward C. and Amy H. Sewall Professor of Otorhinolaryngology in 1995. Fee serves on the editorial board of many national and international medical journals and is past president of the California Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery Society and the American Society for Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Fee was honored in 2008 for the major role he has played in shaping the current department.

Matthew C. Gratton, MD (Rockhurst '74), is the chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine for the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and the Truman Medical Center. Dr. Gratton has been a member of the US Navy Reserve since 1975 and has served in several overseas locations. He has had four recalls to active duty, most recently serving as the Battalion Surgeon for the 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines during a 2005 deployment to Anbar Provence, Iraq. He was the Medical Director for MAST, the Kansas City, Missouri public utility model ambulance service and served as the EMS Medical Director for Kansas City.



Nancy Hardt, MD (Loyola Chicago '76), is a Professor of Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Florida College of Medicine and serves as the Senior Associate Dean for External Affairs. For four years, she directed the Institute for Women's Health at the University of Tennessee, focusing on projects to reduce infant mortality and to encourage minority students to pursue health careers. Most recently she was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow during which time she worked as a health legislative advisor for New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingaman and Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House. Dr. Hardt teaches Advocacy 101, where pediatric residents visit offices of elected officials and administrators at the Department of Health, Department of Education, and the Agency for Health Care Administration. She is currently developing Alachua County's Mobile Outreach Clinic.

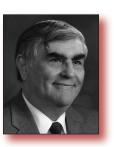
Raphael Longobardi, MD (Fordham '85), is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine and athletic injuries. He has authored various articles and presentations related to the shoulder. He has been active teaching at NYU School of Medicine as Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopedic Surgery. At Fordham, he is as a member of the Dean's Pre-Health Advisory Board. He has been a faculty mentor to the students of NYU School of Medicine for their Professionalism course; currently, he collaborates with Bergen Academies High School in Hackensack, NJ, mentoring students with a focus and interest in medicine. Due to his service and commitment to education, he has been named a member of NYU School of Medicine's Board of Governors. Dr. Longobardi provides care for numerous collegiate and professional sports teams, including the NY Islanders and the Florida Marlins.





Joseph Montella, MD (U. of Scranton '79), is Associate Professor of Obstetrics-Gynecology at Jefferson Medical College. Throughout his 20 year tenure at Jefferson, he has received numerous teaching awards at both local and national levels for his outstanding instruction of medical students and residents, and mentors those students pursuing a career in Ob-Gyn. Dr. Montella is one of three physicians overseeing the implementation of the Electronic Health Record with a focus on the education and training of physicians, thereby improving the delivery of health care to all populations, increasing patient satisfaction, and reducing medical errors. Dr. Montella is a Past-President of the American Urogynecologic Society whose mission is promoting education and research into pelvic floor disorders.

Salvatore Pizzo, MD, PhD (St. Joseph's '66), is the chair of the Department of Pathology at Duke University Medical Center and has supervised research at the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center. Duke named him the first Distinguished Professor of Pathology. In 1986, he became director of DUMC's medical scientist training program. Dr. Pizzo received the first Dean's Award for Mentoring of Graduate Students in 2004 and the Distinguished Faculty Award of the Medical School. He has received the American Medical Student Association's Golden Apple Award for teaching excellence in basic science, and was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for his research into the involvement of blood vessel cell receptors on tumor growth, among other honors. He has mentored more than 50 pre- and post-doctoral students at Duke.



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Robert Wolfensperger, MD (Wheeling Jesuit '68), is an emergency medicine physician in Modesto, CA. He was the first president of the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association. Under his leadership, EMRA established a constitution, elected officers and representatives to American College of Emergency Physicians and University Association for Emergency Medical Services (UA/EMS), which is now the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM). EMRA's mission is to promote excellence in patient care through the education and development of emergency medicine residency trained physicians.

David S. Zamierowski, MD (Holy Cross '64), a plastic surgeon, founded the Wound Care Centers of Kansas City. Dr. Zamierowski holds patents on wound drainage, medical closure, and other devices. He and with his wife, Dr. Mary Zamierowski, promote and support the educational approach of healthcare simulation for training doctors at Johns Hopkins Simulation Center and for training nurses at the Johnson County Community College (JCCC). Dr. Zamierowski began his association with the JCCC as a volunteer teacher and now serves as Medical Advisor for Simulation there.

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Robert Barish, MD, MBA (Loyola College Maryland '95), is Chancellor, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport. Dr. Barish was chief of Emergency Medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center, and Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs at the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine. He served as the Chief Executive Officer of UniversityCARE, a network of family-oriented health centers in Baltimore-area neighborhoods. Dr. Barish's service has included treating malaria victims and starving children at refugee camps in Cambodia and Somalia. In September 2005, Dr. Barish help lead a medical regiment, delivered emergency care services to more than 6,000 Hurricane Katrina victims in Jefferson Parish as part of the State of Maryland's Operation Life Line relief efforts. He chaired the steering committee for a Maryland physician's workforce study that outlined a plan to attract and retain doctors, especially in rural areas. In 2008, he was awarded the University System of Maryland Board of Regents Faculty Award for Public Service, the highest honor bestowed on a faculty member.

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Kenneth Edwards, MD (Holy Cross '80), is an orthopedic surgeon who served as President of the Michigan State Medical Society, leading efforts for a healthier Michigan as the Society advocated for a "Smoke-free Michigan" Commitment.

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Frances (Kitty) O'Hare MD (Holy Cross '98), works as a primary care physician at the Martha Eliot Health Center of Children's Hospital Boston. The Martha Eliot Center is one of the oldest community health centers in the country where patients are largely immigrants from Central and South America. She practices entirely in Spanish and spends considerable time advocating for patients on housing and immigration issues. As Instructor in Medicine at the Harvard Medical School, she supervises residents and mentors medical students interested in primary care. Her academic interest is the transition of adults with chronic childhood illness from pediatric to adult health care. She is currently investigating barriers for

young people with chronic illness, such as congenital heart disease or mental retardation, as they move through the health care system. While still a resident, she received the Dyson Advocacy Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics for this work.

William D. Roberts, MD (Loyola Marymount '79), is medical director of Children's Hematology/Oncology Department and director of Children's Specialists Division of Hematology/Oncology at Children's Hospital of San Diego. He is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California-San Diego Medical School. Dr. Roberts is one of the four core members of the Neuroblastoma and Medulloblastoma Translational Research Consortium. He is involved with clinical research and trials through the Alliance with the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He serves as Vice-Chair of a Children's Oncology Group, an international cooperative group that works to improve outcomes of childhood cancer through clinical trials



implemented at the member sites. He works with two pediatric oncology centers in Tijuana, Mexico where he has assisted in developing infrastructure for the programs to become successful and self-sustaining and developed educational programs for the doctors, residents, pharmacists, nurses, and staff. Currently, he is working on the development of a short-term housing facility using the Ronald McDonald House model.

John Staeheli, MD (Gonzaga '75), is an orthopedic surgeon for Northwest Orthopedic Associates in Richland, WA, where he specializes in fractures, trauma, sports medicine, and joint replacement. For the past thirty years, he has provided free medical services to rural residents of the Dominican Republic and Santiago, Chile. He volunteers with the Surgical Implant Generation Network, which provides orthopedic implants for the injured poor and trains surgeons in developing countries."

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Paul Stromberg, MD (Spring Hill '82), is a comprehensive ophthalmologist with an emphasis on cataract surgery, lower eyelid surgery and diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Stromberg has made 18 trips to developing countries with Medical Teams International to help people regain their vision. He volunteers locally in Portland recruiting ophthalmologists, fundraising, and arranging for the equipment required for MTI missions. His 2009 trip will be to Peru.

Gerard Voorhees, MD (Creighton '81), is a life member of the M.D. Anderson Faculty and Alumni Association. In collaboration with the Diocese of Corpus Christi, he established a St. Peregrine Society Chapter in order to strengthen the healing ministry of the local church, and has received the National St. Peregrine Society Healer in recognition. Dr. Voorhees served as Board President for the Corpus Christi unit of the American Cancer Society as well as on several statewide committees. He was instrumental in starting the first Coastal Bend Relay for Life. He is a facilitator and speaker for local Cancer Society support groups.

GLOBAL MEDICAL BRIGADES

The Global Medical Brigades was founded in 2003 at Marquette University by students who wanted to make a change in the lives of those in Honduras who could not afford or access proper medical treatment. Global Brigades, Inc., is now the largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization, and is the umbrella organization of the Medical Brigades, Water Brigades, Law Brigades, Dental Brigades, and others. The Brigades serve in Central America, Ghana, India and Vietnam. Over 50 universities have a Medical Brigade club on their campus including Saint Louis University, Marquette, Santa Clara, and Loyola Chicago. Each club raises money, buys medicine, recruits doctors, sets the budgets for the trips, and coordinates all the other details. Students who participate in the trips play distinct roles in the clinic's operation; they run the pharmacy, assist the doctors in the clinic, and work as interpreters. The number of people that are served can sometimes be overwhelming, says **Brittany Obert** (Marquette '08), president of the Medical Brigades at Marquette. In one day, the brigade helped 1,200 people during a recent trip to Honduras. Among those AΣN members who have served in the Medical Brigades are **Michael Ross** (Loyola Chicago '08) and **Geetha Sridharan** (St. Louis '09).

Michael Ross (Loyola University Chicago '08)



Why did you want to participate in the GMB?

I have always been committed to serving others. GMB gave me opportunity to cut cross cultural as well as language barriers to help deliver quality healthcare to our neighbors in the global village, and learn about the ethical and social obligations that a physician will face in the real world context.

Tell us about your experience.

Honduras has opened my eyes to the disparities that exist within the global village. I have learned to express empathy to a patient, something a textbook cannot teach. The physicians taught me the importance of the

doctor-patient relationship and to consider both the emotional and physical before a diagnosis. When a few barefooted Honduran children peeked inquisitively as we were taking part in a public health brigade, I realized that we were mixing more than mere cement to build a latrine. We were laying the foundation for a better future. Small acts by people can really make a difference.

How did your Jesuit education prepare you for this experience?

At Loyola, I have taken medical sociology courses, where I learned about the issues facing health care as well as the importance of communication within the healthcare team to ensure the best patient care. As a member of the Loyola Companions, I served as a peer minister reaching out to first year students, building a community through faith and service leadership by going door-to-door in the resident halls. Being a Loyola Companion gave me the tools necessary to try to build a sense of community as we arrived in each new rural town in Honduras. My Jesuit education, both inside and outside of the classroom, prepared me for this experience.

How did the experience affect your life plans?

In Honduras, I worked alongside physicians who helped me to appreciate the importance of family practice medicine, especially in Honduras where the family is so important. I learned how a physician can remain empathic, while still ensuring a proper diagnosis; this has strengthened my passion for my vocation in medicine. I have scheduled a trip for this summer back to the same area.

How will this experience continue to inspire you as an Ignatian inspired leader going forward?

I am inspired to be an Ignatian inspired leader in the medical profession. The Jesuit education that I have received at Loyola will allow me to serve others throughout the global village. The practice of medicine is not merely a vocational choice, but rather a lifelong dedication to the service of others based upon trust that is established through genuinely care about patient health and welfare.

Geetha Sridharan (St. Louis '09)



Why did you want to participate in the Global Medical Brigades (GMB)?

After volunteering at La Clinica, a health clinic that served the underserved Latino population in St. Louis, I knew that joining GMB would prepare me to help others as a doctor. After hearing stories of others traveling abroad in order to help individuals, I realized that I wanted to walk that path.

Tell us about your experience.

As a GMB board member at SLU, I helped put the trip to Honduras together. We worked together to make our medical trip to Honduras a success. For me, a unique element was that even though this was not my

first time visiting a Third World country, I felt extremely different than I do when I visit India with my family. While poverty is an unavoidable encounter in India, ironically, it was in Honduras where I truly became aware of the terrible impact life without proper healthcare creates. I was amazed at the lengths that so many of the locals would walk in order to see the SLU doctors. Some walked ten miles; others told us they had been walking the whole day.

How did your Jesuit education prepare you for this experience?

Working with the SLU GMB members made me realize how thankful I was for being a student with a well-rounded Jesuit education. Through my theology classes at SLU and learning from speakers on social justice issues, I was not only exposed to the world of poverty and life without proper medical care, but I was also constantly urged to take action and help those in need.

How did the experience affect your life plans?

My trip will forever be etched in my mind. I am more aware of the need for proper medication distribution and easier access to health care. It was not until I was in Honduras that I realized that communicating in Spanish fluently was a skill I wanted to acquire to better help other people. It pained me to not be able to speak to the locals and learn more about their lives and journeys. I realize that I want to continue serving others after I graduate from SLU. I am currently looking for service trips to India or Central America. I urge everyone to take the time to help those they can, whether it be in their local community or away from home.

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Each year, Alpha Sigma Nu celebrates the commitment to the Alpha Sigma Nu pledge personified by members who commit a year to serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest. Included in this year's group are 2008-2009 Chapter presidents Gabrielle Paoletti and Katy Baldwin and Chapter officers Kelliann Coleman, Josal Diebold, Debra Emery, and Beth Sculley.

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2009 ALPHA SIGMA NU COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Rev. Greg Boyle, SJ (Loyola Marymount '90) Founder, Homeboy Industries

Christopher J. Elias MD, MPH '83 (Creighton '81)

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

Peter Pronovost, MD (Fairfield '86) Recipient, MacArthur Foundation 2008 Fellowship

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

Christopher Lowney (Fordham '04) Author, activist

Rev. Robert Spitzer, SJ (Gonzaga '73) President, Gonzaga University

LE MOYNE COLLEGE

Rev. Charles Currie, SJ (Wheeling Jesuit '72)

President, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

LOYOLA COLLEGE IN MARYLAND Ron Hansen (Weston '98) Distinguished author and Santa Clara University professor

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO Mary Tolan (Loyola Chicago '81)

Founder/CEO, Accretive Health

REGIS UNIVERSITY

Rev. Michael Sheeran, SJ (Regis '76) President, Regis University

ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY

Christopher Shaver (Rockhurst '08) Rockhurst graduating senior



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OMAHA ALUMNI SAVE THE DATE

Rev. Don Doll, SJ, renowned photo-journalist of Creighton University's Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, will present "Jesuit Refugee Service: the New Missionary Venture" on Saturday, October 3, 2009, at the 51st Annual Alpha Sigma Nu Lecture. His slide show will be a tour around the world, documenting the work of the Service in many of the fifty countries where it operates. The Lecture will be free and open to the public. For more information contact Mary Kalamaja at mlk@creighton.edu.

BALTIMORE

Chadd Kraus (Loyola Maryland '99)

BOSTON

Michael Heinecke (Wheeling '97)

BUFFALO

Mary Lou Wyrobek (Canisius '85)

CHICAGO

Anne Divita Kopacz (Loyola Chicago '02)

CLEVELAND

Elaine Hocevar (John Carroll '97)

DENVER

Karen Adducci (Regis '03)

KANSAS CITY

Joe Pierron (Rockhurst '67)

LOS ANGELES

Patrick Cain (LMU '78)

MILWAUKEE DANIHY

Terry Peterson (Marquette '75)

NEW YORK

Cassandra Clark (Holy Cross '01)

NORTHEASTERN PA

Stephen Pendrak (Scranton '04)

OMAHA

Monica Baxter (Creighton '71)

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Jack Landers (Rockhurst '62)

