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Albany Medical College Receives Excellent Results During Match Day

One hundred percent of the graduating medical students at Albany Medical College learned that they were successfully “matched” to residency positions throughout the country during National Match Day on March 17.

Albany Medical College students were matched to such prestigious institutions as Johns Hopkins, Yale-New Haven University, the Cleveland Clinic and Duke University Medical Center, to name a few.

“The class of 2005 continues Albany Medical College’s tradition of matching its students to some of the top institutions across the country,” said Henry Pohl, M.D., vice dean for academic



administration. “Each year, our match results recognize the quality of our students and the education they receive at the medical college.”

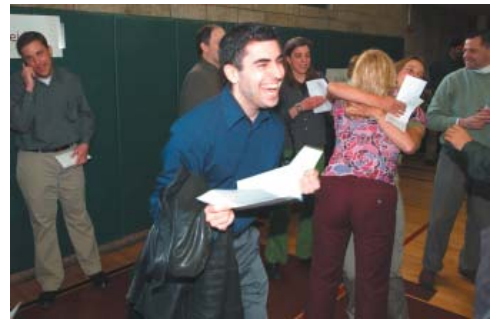
On Match Day, fourth-year medical students from across the country, including 122 at Albany Medical College, learned where they would perform their advanced medical training. The Albany Medical College students gathered in the Albany Law School gymnasium and excitedly opened the envelopes that contained the news they were waiting for – the name of the institution where they will receive their advanced training after receiving their medical degree from the college this May.

Residency assignments begin in July. The ceremony was held at the law school gym to accommodate the large number of students and family members who attend.

Fourth-year medical students apply to several residency programs in a specific specialty, while residency programs rank the students they have interviewed. The students then are matched by computer by the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP). A resident is a physician who has graduated from medical school and is undergoing specialized training in a medical specialty.

During this year’s match, Albany Medical Center Hospital filled 98 percent of its available

first-year residency positions. Albany Med’s residency programs



in anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family practice, general surgery, internal medicine, medicine/pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedic surgery, pathology, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, plastic surgery, preliminary surgery, psychiatry and radiology all participate in the NRMP.

Except for graduation day, Match Day is the biggest event in a medical student’s academic life.

Fourteen students from this year’s class will perform their residencies at Albany Medical Center Hospital, while 29 students total were matched to programs in New York state. Nearly half of this year’s class – 48 percent – is entering into primary care specialties, including family practice, internal medicine, medicine/pediatrics, pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology.

Local Life - Upcoming Events

Delaware Area Neighborhood Association (DANA) meeting

Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m.
VFW, 525 Delaware Ave. Provide input to the Midtown Colleges and University Study. A representative of Community Gardens and the Albany Tulip Festival will be present. For more information, please call 432-0516.

Spring Spree

April 30 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Join the Helderberg Neighbor-

hood Association for a fun day on New Scotland Ave. There will be a scavenger hunt on the upper and lower New Scotland business districts with prizes awarded. There will also be face-painting, balloons and other surprises. Call 482-9813 for more information.

DANA Neighborhood Clean-Up

Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m.
Meeting in front of St. James Church on Delaware Ave. for some “sprucing up” of the Avenue.

Annual DANA Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. - Noon
St. James Church parking lot
High-quality plants offered at very affordable prices. To pre-order, call 432-0516.

Tulip Festival

Saturday and Sunday, May 7 & 8
from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Free
A 57-year tradition, the Tulip Festival celebrates the City’s Dutch heritage with a multi-day festi-

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University Heights Association was established in 1995 to create an academic/medical consortium of international stature. The four member institutions - Albany Law School, Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany Medical College and The Sage Colleges - are a unique collaboration promoting quality education, premium health care, public discourse of important issues, cutting-edge research and technology, vibrant neighborhoods and progressive private and public partnerships. UHA continues to build upon a network of shared resources to enrich academic connections for the benefit of students, faculty, staff and the surrounding neighborhoods.

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DID YOU KNOW ...

UHA institutions awarded over \$7.5 in merit-based scholarships to 1422 students in the 2004-2005 academic year?!?!

Sen. Joseph L. Bruno to speak at Albany College of Pharmacy's 125th commencement

New York State Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno will deliver the commencement address in May during Albany College of Pharmacy's 125th graduation ceremonies, President James J. Gozzo, Ph.D., has announced.

Sen. Bruno also will receive an honorary doctorate degree during the ceremonies Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m. at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

"We are honored that Senator Bruno has accepted our invitation to address the graduates of the Class of 2005," Dr. Gozzo said. "Our 125th commencement ceremonies will mark an important milestone

for the college, and we are pleased to have such a distinguished speaker to help us celebrate this occasion."

First elected to the Senate in 1976, Sen. Bruno (R-Brunswick) was elected majority leader in January 1995 and subsequently re-elected by his colleagues in 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003 and this year. As a legislative priority, he has highlighted the state's economy and has concentrated his efforts on ways to stimulate economic development, make New York more competitive with other states and create jobs, particularly in the areas of high technology and biotechnology.



June McQuide, Executive Director

Thoughts from the Executive Director:

Spring has sprung, and vibrant change and growth abound at UHA. Just as the flowers and trees are budding, so are the possibilities for the graduates of our UHA institutions.

We can all be proud of the soon-to-be graduates of Albany Medical College who received their results at Match Day and are venturing out to build on their education and ultimately provide care for our society.

As Albany College of Pharmacy students graduate and embark on myriad exciting careers in pharmaceutical or biomedical fields, they will hear from a true proponent of growth and change both economic and technological. Armed with their rigorous education, they will confidently claim their place in an evolving service to society.

Spring is about transformation, and we applaud the graduates who came to UHA as students and are now leaving as scholars and practitioners to make meaningful contributions to our communities.

Local Life - Upcoming Events *cont.*

val including 209,000 tulips! Washington Park becomes the center of the festival with over 100 arts and crafts vendors, a fine arts show,

gardening workshops, food vendors, three stages of entertainment including a children's stage and the coronation of the Tulip Queen. Visit the formal tulip beds

on Friday night for an intimate acoustic musical experience with some of Albany's best local talent. Entertainment on Saturday includes The Family

Stone Experience and The Funk Brothers with special guest Ernie Williams, Sunday includes the Funky Divas of Gospel and Little Anthony and the Imperials.



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