

46 million reasons

Events highlight uninsured

Nearly 46 million Americans, more than 15 percent of the U.S. population, are without health insurance. SIU and its affiliated hospitals, Memorial Medical Center and St. John's Hospital, and the Sangamon County Medical Society again participated in Cover the Uninsured Week (CTUW) the annual grass-roots campaign sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (www.CoverTheUninsuredWeek.org).

Janet Albers, M.D., associate professor of family and community medicine at SIU, chaired the local CTUW committee. Programs included a grand rounds teaching presentation and a luncheon thanking community agencies for their service to people with health-care needs.

Scott Morris, M.D., presented a public program, "Health, Healing and Hope." Dr. Morris is a physician and minister at St. John's Methodist Church and Health Center in Memphis, America's largest faith-based health center for the poor.



Class of 2009 medical students Jennifer Creamer (left) and Sofya Asfaw (third from left) work with MTI students Shelly Fallowell and Jennifer Tyus.

Medical students join in CTUW activities

Uninsured individuals received a free oral health screening in Springfield organized by SIU medical students in April as part of the Cover the Uninsured Week (CTUW) activities. SIU received a grant from the American Association of Medical Colleges to support the screenings, one of only seven awarded nationally.

The screenings included blood pressure and oral health checks, followed by dental cleanings. Free oral care kits and nutrition information also were provided. The other sponsors were the Illinois Dental Hygienists' Association, GV Black Dental Society and Midwest Technical Institute (MTI), site of the screenings.

Students also updated a resource card listing 16 local agencies that provide health services for uninsured patients. The cards were distributed to health professionals in Springfield so they can give information to patients who need medical assistance.

Two honored with humanism award

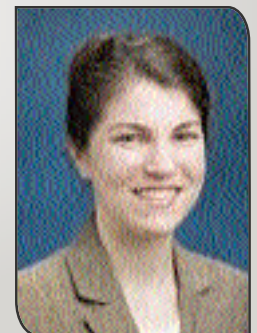
David S. Resch, M.D., associate professor of medicine and psychiatry, and **Emily R. Young, M.D.**, a 2007 graduate, received the 2007 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards at the School's graduation in May. Awarded by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, the national honor is given at many U.S. medical schools to a faculty member and graduating senior who demonstrate compassion, respect for patients and families, and clinical excellence.



Dr. Resch's nominators said he has "extreme dedication to his work and his patients as well as to resident and student education. . . . Students are impressed by his teaching skills and his bedside manner. He is always willing to take time to thoroughly answer any student questions and exemplifies the qualities and values that SIU tries to instill in its graduates." Dr. Resch also was honored with SIU's 2007 Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. He joined SIU's faculty in 1992.

Dr. Young's nominator said that she "has an unwavering commitment to humanistic concerns in the context of patient care and her role as a physician. She consistently illustrates the finest professional behavior by personal example and has been recognized by her peers for outstanding achievement."

Dr. Young is an internal medicine and pediatrics resident at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis.



Obstetrics/Gynecology chair named

J. Ricardo Loret de Mola, M.D., has been named associate professor and chair of obstetrics and gynecology. **William H. Schultz, M.D.**, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, who served as interim chair, has retired.

Loret de Mola's clinical and research interests are in the care of couples not able to have children. He comes to SIU from MacDonald Women's Hospital of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Cleveland, where he served as chief of the reproductive endocrinology and infertility division (2000-07). He also was director of the MacDonald fertility and *in vitro* fertilization center.

"The academic and research experience that Dr. Loret de Mola brings with him, coupled with his energy and vision, will guide the department during a period of expected growth," said **J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D.**, dean and provost. "Along with our affiliated hospitals, St. John's and Memorial, Springfield is providing comprehensive health care for women in the region. SIU's OB/GYN department will continue to play an active role in ex-



Dr. Loret de Mola

panding those services."

He completed a two-year fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (1996) and his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at CWRU (1994). He later completed two-year fellowships at the Association of American Medical College (2002) and at CWRU (1998). He earned medical and bachelor's degrees at Monterrey Institute of Technology (1988, 1983). He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

SIU programs win Telly Awards

Three SIU-produced television programs won Bronze Telly Awards in a national competition. Tellys are the premier award honoring outstanding TV commercials and programs, videos and films. SIU's Educational Media Group (EMG) produced the programs.

The monthly "Hometown Housecall" television series (www.siumed.edu/news/HHhousecall.htm), broadcast on several public broadcasting stations, won for episode 2 in its fourth season of production, which featured segments on the cervical cancer vaccine, colorectal cancer and cochlear implants. The series is

funded by the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute at SIU and the School of Medicine's Rural Health Initiative.

Tellys also were awarded to EMG for "The Doctors of Prairie, the Families of Prairie" and "Prairie Diagnostic Center: A Patient's Introduction," both produced for Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants in Springfield.

EMG has produced educational, instructional and public affairs programming for internal, regional and national clients since 1970. Contact them at 217-545-2136 weekdays or online at www.siumed.edu/emg.

Got SCOPE?

The 14th edition of SCOPE, the annual literary magazine published by SIU medical students, contains 30 short stories, poems, drawings and photographs.

First-place poetry winner was Fawn Hoener, Visiting Nurses Association, for "Wishbones." The

first-place prose winner was **Wesley McNeese, M.D.**, associate professor of medicine, for "A South End Sunday Morning." The first-place visual art award was presented to **Gwen Redwood**, third-year medical student from Springfield for her untitled photograph, featured on the cover of the magazine. The People's Choice Award went to **Jeremy Anderson**, a clerk in the School's information resources unit, for his pen-and-ink drawing "Evangeline."

Second-year medical students **Omonigho Ekhomu** from Chicago, **Lacey Ufkes** from Quincy, and **Matthew Ashley** from Bakersfield, Calif., served as editors-in-chief of SCOPE.

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Submissions for the 2008 edition of SCOPE will be accepted from October to December 2007. Check online at www.siumed.edu/oec/SCOPE/index.htm for more details.

