

*I solemnly pledge that I will fulfill according to my ability and judgment this oath and this co-  
nership with them. If they are in need, I will give them assistance. I will share learning with those*

*according to my abi-  
without deceit or g-  
Whatever house I  
Whatever I see or  
While I keep this*



Dr. Kirch congratulates  
Torrie Turner Jones, Ph.D.



# graduation 2009

## Highlights from the 35th Commencement:

Sixty-six new physicians graduated from SIU School of Medicine on May 16. Three new graduates received a combined M.D./J.D. degree.

● **Torrie Turner Jones** received a Ph.D., in molecular biology, microbiology and biochemistry.

● **Darrell G. Kirch, M.D.**, president and CEO of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) gave the keynote address.

● **Careyana Brenham, M.D.**, assistant professor of family and community medicine, and **Elizabeth Valencia, M.D.**, received the 2009 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, recognized as individuals who demonstrate compassion, respect for patients and families, and clinical excellence.

● **Regina Rabinovich, M.D.**, received the Distinguished Alumna Award (see profile on page 18).

● **John E. Murphy, M.D.**, professor and chair of pathology, received the Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching.

venant: I will hold them who have taught me this art in high esteem. I will live my life in part  
who have affirmed the covenant of medical law. I will apply my knowledge to help the sick ac



Dr. Dorsey and the class of 2009



Kanayo Okafor, M.D., left, gives Hassan Hassan, M.D., a hand.



Dr. Kirch and Dr. Dorsey

- **David A. Rogers, M.D.**, professor of pediatric surgery, read the Hippocratic Oath.
- **Andrew Varney, M.D.**, associate professor of internal medicine, hooded the graduates

- The class previously honored **Kara Caruthers**, a former gross anatomy instructor, as the Carbondale Teacher of the Year for her efforts during their first year.

"We, the aging baby boomers, haven't left you a better American health care system. I want you to help me and others take on this problem and recapture our idealism and our ethics. With all . . . the burdens of working in health care, . . . you will be tempted to pull back into your self-interest. That's the point where you'll show your courage. I have tremendous faith in you."

— Darrell G. Kirch, M.D.

inviolably,

this oath,