

Future Docs

Student organizes regional meeting, wins national award

When he becomes a physician, second-year student George Salloum plans to be involved with academic medicine and community outreach programs throughout his career. According to the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation, he's already off to a great start.

At the foundation's annual Excellence in Medicine Awards ceremony, held in Washington, D.C., on March 9, Salloum received a 2009 Leadership Award in recognition of his outstanding non-clinical leadership skills in advocacy, community service, and education.

One of just 15 medical students nationwide selected for the award, Salloum is the only recipient from Ohio. The award, presented in association with Pfizer Inc., provides honorees with special training to develop their skills as future leaders in organized medicine and community affairs.

Salloum is also a leader in the AMA Medical Student Section (MSS), serving as vice chair for Region 5. In this role, Salloum was instrumental in bringing the region's 2009 annual meeting to Dayton at the end of February.



George Salloum, center, receives his award from Nancy Nielsen, M.D., Ph.D., president of the American Medical Association, and Jack Watters, M.D., vice president of external medical affairs for Pfizer Inc.

Entitled "Together Towards Tomorrow," the meeting brought together representatives from medical schools in five states for three days of meetings, presentations, networking, and community service on the Wright State campus. **VS**

M.D./M.B.A. research in Asia, South America

Opportunities to engage in research or to learn and serve abroad abound at the medical school. For students who hope to do both at once, a Research Travel Scholarship may be a perfect fit.

The scholarships, sponsored by the Global Health Systems Program within the Center for Global Health Systems, Management, and Policy, are awarded annually to support students interested in conducting international health systems research, primarily in developed countries.

At a faculty symposium hosted by the center on December 2, 2008, two scholarship recipients in the M.D./M.B.A. program presented the results of their

research. Rocky Jedick performed a cost-effectiveness analysis of a workplace-based smoking cessation program in Japan, while Mark Ryan traveled to Venezuela to measure medication adherence among hypertensive patients in the country's new public health care system.

The presentations were well received, and in 2009, both students went on to present their research at the national M.D./M.B.A. conference hosted by Wright State in April. Just over a month later, they completed



their studies and participated in the school's commencement ceremony. Following graduation, Jedick began a transitional year at David Grant Medical Center on Travis Air Force Base in California, while Ryan became an internal medicine resident at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. **VS**



Students Mark Ryan (left) and Rocky Jedick (above) present the results of their research into health systems in Venezuela and Japan, respectively.