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amsa's 59th annual convention **winbackourprofession**



wednesday



This year's preconvention symposium focused on patient safety. Attendees ran simulations (far left) and worked through potential team communications problems (left).

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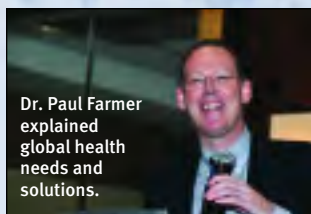
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thursday

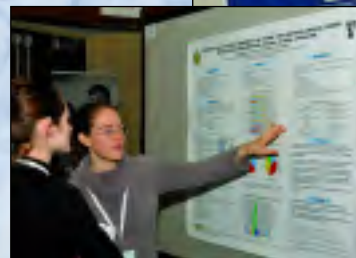


Sessions included a reproductive health skills workshop by Planned Parenthood.



Dr. Paul Farmer explained global health needs and solutions.

Students presented their findings at the 14th Annual Poster Session.



friday



Attendees applauded Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) as he explained his views on health coverage for all.

special events



women in medicine

AMSA leader Laura Erickson-Schroth (far left) joins Women Leaders in Medicine Award recipient Dr. Rita Charon (holding award), director of Columbia University's narrative medicine program. Dr. Vanessa Northington Gamble (inset), professor of medical humanities at George Washington University, was also an award recipient. There were six recipients in total.



rally

At AMSA's rally, almost 500 medical students and speakers stood before the Capitol to call—loudly—for health care reform. Students participated in a lobby day afterward.



quiz

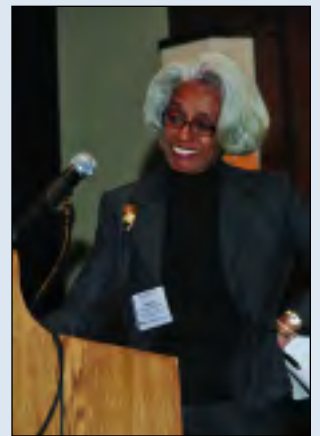
ReachMD's Next Top Doc quiz show came down to the wire for participants.

Dr. Eric Cassell discussed patient-centered medicine.



AMSA's executive director, Dr. Carol Williams-Nickelson, Psy.D., addressed student leaders with her plans to reach their goals.

Keynote speaker Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee is vice president for Health Sciences and Medical Affairs at the New York Institute of Technology.



The Exhibit Hall featured an inviting array of exhibitors, and even included a caricature artist, provided by TD Bank.

friday continued

The annual Residency Fair hosted medical students with the Match on their minds.



American Osteopathic Association (AOA) president-elect Dr. Larry Wickless explains some of the opportunities for cooperation between the AOA and medical students.



Students learned about a wide variety of products and services in the Exhibit Hall.



Allan Coukell, the Prescription Project's director of policy, led a workshop on helping medical schools formulate a policy on pharmaceutical marketing.

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awards



prw

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine's AMSA chapter won the Paul R. Wright Excellence in Medical Education Award.

media recognition

AMSA's Media Recognition Award went to *New York Times* reporter Gardiner Harris.



glma



Brown University Medical School received the LGBT Health Achievement Award; Jason Lambrese (center) and Andrea Lach Dean (right) represented the school.

golden apple



The National Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence was presented to Dr. Robert J. Leonard (left) of the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine by Dr. Brian Hurley (right).

pharmfree



Brandon Green (right) was recognized by AMSA and *The Medical Letter* for his PharmFree efforts, and five other students were presented awards.

saturday

Premed students learned about schools at the Med Fair.



Award recipients received standing ovations from their peers.



Keynote speaker Dave Logan, co-founder of CultureSync, gave students an overview of leadership communications.



sunday

Keynote speaker Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, spoke for health care coverage for all children and against violence.



Dr. Dave Evans addressed students—especially fourth-years—on behalf of the National Physicians Alliance.



Samuel Shem (a pen name of Dr. Stephen Bergman), who authored *The House of God*, read from his latest work, *The Spirit of the Place*, and took questions regarding his themes and characters.



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