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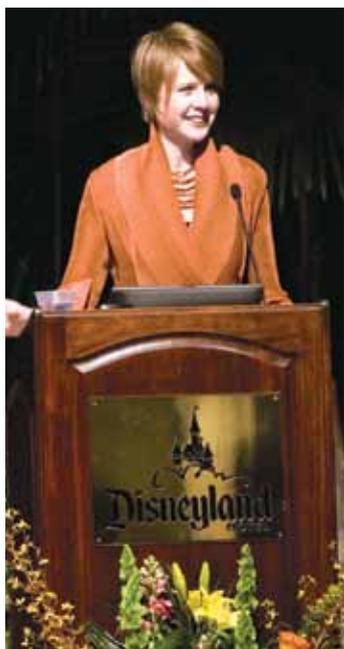
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AMSA AT 60! CELEBRATING PASSION, PROFESSIONALISM, PRIDE

“We live in a time where physicians-in-training are needed as leaders to effect change in medical education and in the health care system we are all soon to inherit. There has never been a more rewarding time to enter the profession!”

—Dr. Lauren S. Hughes,
AMSA National President



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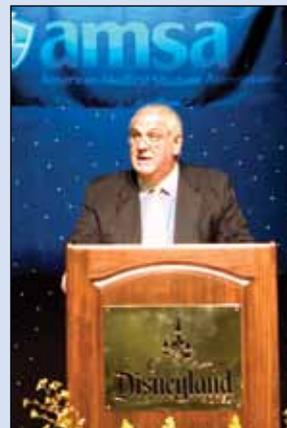
AMSA's 60th Annual Convention was a tremendous success!

About 1,000 participants gathered at the Disneyland® Hotel in Anaheim, California. Attendees were given the opportunity to broaden their learning beyond the classroom, hear from amazing keynote speakers and take part in incredible breakout sessions.



Thursday

Dr. Joe Greer provided the opening keynote address, presenting an involved and sometimes emotional call to physician advocacy. However that call is delivered, one attendee said, “it is key in our current political and health care climate.”



Courtney Perkes, a health reporter from the Orange County Register, addressed attendees and offered insight for future physician activists hoping to secure media coverage for their events.



Jamie Harvie from Health Care Without Harm presented a workshop on the important role of the medical community in food and agricultural policy and practice.



Attendees were given the opportunity to donate blood at the **American Red Cross Blood Drive**.

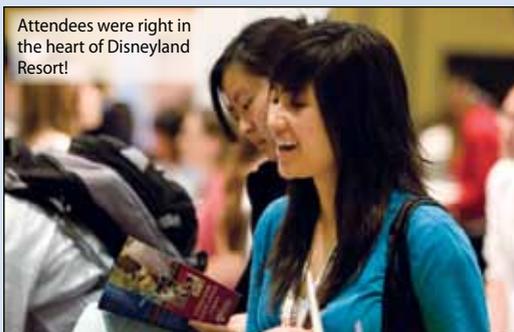
Attendees presented their research at the **15th Annual Poster Session**.



As the nation's next generation of physicians, attendees joined together for the **Social Justice Vigil**, standing in solidarity against injustices that spread disease, inhibit prevention, and block access to screening, diagnosis and treatment.



Attendees were right in the heart of Disneyland Resort!



AWARDS

Dr. Lauren Hughes, AMSA national president, presents the **2010 National Golden Apple Award for Teaching Excellence** to **Dr. Harry T. Haigler**, professor of physiology and biophysics at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine.



The AMSA chapter at **Vanderbilt University School of Medicine** was selected as the recipient of the **2010 Paul R. Wright Award for Excellence in Medical Education** for inspiring future physician leaders and providing an opportunity for medical students to get directly involved with the health policymaking process.



Representatives of AMSA's Gender & Sexuality Committee and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association presented medical students at the **University of Kentucky** (not pictured) with the **LGBT Health Achievement Award** for their efforts to promote awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) health issues and concerns on their campus.



Friday

A panel of keynote presenters discussed how physicians can impact their communities through service. The discussion was facilitated by **Dr. Charlie Clements** (far left), a well-known human rights activist, public health physician and former AMSA national president (1979–1980).



Friday continued

WOMEN IN MEDICINE



Attendees gathered to help **Project Linus** make handmade fleece blankets for gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children.



The Women Leaders in Medicine Awards recognize female physicians and educators who serve as role models, teachers, highly accomplished professionals and sources of inspiration for women who are currently in their medical training. Friday's reception was truly inspirational! Each of the women deserve recognition for their achievements and dedication to fostering tomorrow's women leaders in medicine.

Perhaps **Dr. Anthony Fleg**, alumni trustee, holds a future medical student?



AMSA's **House of Delegates** is a delegation of medical students from each medical school chapter who meet and vote on AMSA's policies.



Saturday

Executive Director **Carol Williams-Nickelson, Psy.D.**, welcomed AMSA alumni.



Thank you to the wonderful **AMSA staff!**



Dr. Kevin Fickenscher (left), former AMSA national president (1976-1977), presented Saturday's keynote address, *The Future of Healthcare, the Role of Technology, the Impact on Physicians of the Future.*

Fickenscher and AMSA welcomed **Radio Rounds™**, a weekly medical radio talk show produced by medical students at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.



With almost 100 exhibitors, attendees visited with organizations and companies dedicated to medical education in the **AMSA Exhibit Hall**. They also had the opportunity to enter hourly raffles for incredible prizes!

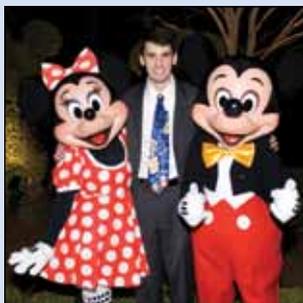


AMSA 60TH CELEBRATION

On Saturday evening, AMSA members and alumni celebrated the organization's 60th anniversary! The celebration included birthday cake, great company and special guests!



A group of **past national presidents** gathered at the AMSA Birthday Celebration.



Incoming national president, John Brockman (left), posed with the evening's hosts. Brockman is a fourth-year at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. **Newly elected vice president for finances, Justin Schreiber** (below), a fourth-year at Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine, addressed participants.

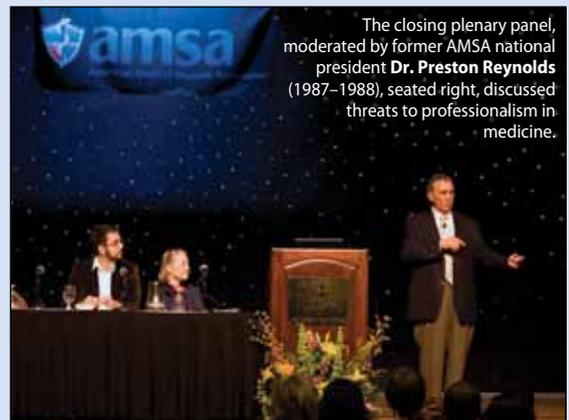


Attendees designed **birthday posters for sick children** at Children's Hospital of Orange County.



AMSA's 7th Annual Residency Fair & Specialty Showcase and 12th Annual AMSA Pre-Health Professions Fair provided outstanding opportunities to connect students at the beginning of their training and nearing the end, with medical schools, schools of public health, and post-bac, health care and residency programs.

Sunday



The closing plenary panel, moderated by former AMSA national president **Dr. Preston Reynolds** (1987–1988), seated right, discussed threats to professionalism in medicine.