

OUTLOOK



Arkansas Times Best Doctors list for 2008



Each year, since 1995, the Arkansas Times surveys doctors statewide regarding who they believe are the best doctors. Nearly 500 physicians helped Arkansas Times put together the Best Arkansas Doctors list for 2008 through their responses to questionnaires, received via mail or on-line. These doctors were polled for names of doctors in 24 different categories; more than a thousand individuals received votes. Vote totals earned 331 of those doctors a place on the list, one of the broadest the Times has ever published. Congratulations to the Jones Eye 2008 list of doctors that were selected and that have earned the respect of a healthy number of their peers.

The Ophthalmology winners for 2008:

Top vote recipients: Katherine Baltz, M.D., Paul Phillips, M.D (Pediatrics)

Other vote recipients: Tracy Baltz, M.D.; Laurie Barber, M.D.; Jay Brainard, M.D.; Carol Chappell, M.D.; Ernest Clabourne Clifton, M.D.; Romona Davis, M.D.; Phillip Deer, M.D.; Richard Harper, M.D.; Charles Henry, M.D.; Nicola Kim, M.D.; Ammar Safar, M.D.; John Shock, M.D.; Christopher Westfall, M.D.; and Michael Wiggins, M.D.



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Circle of Excellence Corner

Each quarter, the UAMS Medical Center conducts a campus wide e-mail survey to

patients that provides an opportunity for their comments on their outpatient care. If a patient singles out a physician for excellent care, the comments are saved so that we can recognize those physicians who receive a high number of them. To qualify for the Dean's Outpatient All-Stars, a physician must receive

at least seven positive comments from patients during that quarter.

Dr. Bhairavi Kharod was one of nine physicians at UAMS to receive this new honor as one of the Dean's Outpatient All-Stars. Congratulations, Dr. Kharod!



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Reaching Out

The Arkansas Supportive Housing Network sponsored the Homeless Outreach Biannual Event on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 300 North Arch Street (along the Arkansas River under the Broadway Bridge). Services provided were medical, dental and eye care; legal and DHS services; haircuts, blankets, food, clothing and pastoral care. Some 70 patients went through a triage procedure in the park with Dr. Frank Larusso and technicians from Baptist Eye. Patients that needed full eye exams and donated glasses were referred to River City Ministry where a volunteer team of doctors, medical students, residents and technicians from Jones Eye, the VA and UAMS provided full eye exams and glaucoma screenings. Patients also received donated eye glasses that were matched with their refractive error. Approximately 35 people screened at River City required full eye exams. Two glaucoma suspects were identified and one veteran who had high intraocular pressures and not previously diagnosed was diagnosed with glaucoma. Several diabetic patients received eye exams and noted that they had not had eye exams in years.

River City Ministry eye exam volunteers included:

Physicians

Dr. Thomas Cannon

Dr. Romona Davis

Dr. Jeffrey Ellison, Medicine Resident

Technicians

Angela Carco, VA

Deborah Stroud, VA

Medical Students

Brita Deacon

Nick Gowen

Aaron Hagar

Jimmy Head

Jeff Holt

Evan Newbolt

Jennifer Roller

Yan Shi

Stella Yeung



Above: Dr. Romona Davis performs a full eye examination on a patient

Left: Medical student Jennifer Roller administering dilating drops to a patient



Left: Dr. Thomas Cannon checks a patient for glaucoma

Right: Dr. Jeffrey Ellison, medicine resident, is searching for a pair of glasses to meet the patient's needs.

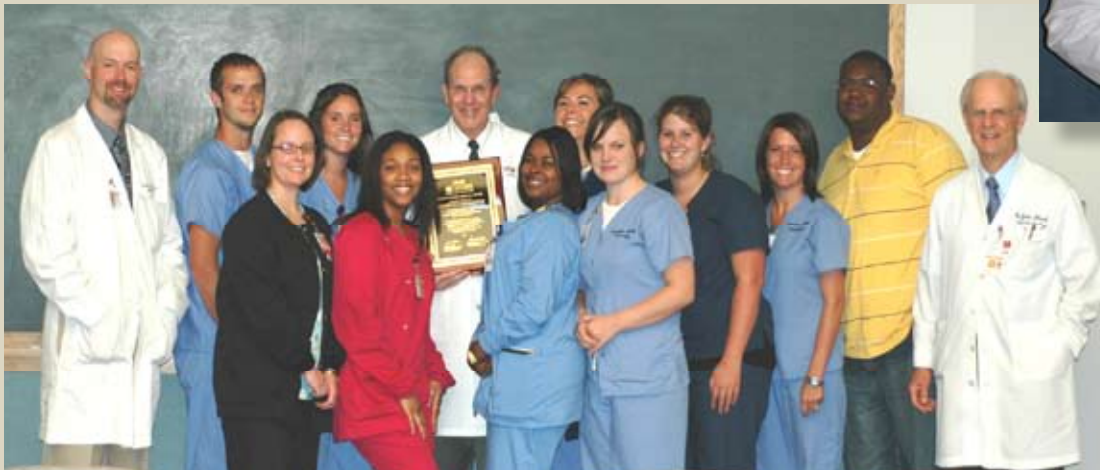


Christopher T. Westfall, M.D., Receives a Distinguished Service Award

On Sept. 4, Dr. Westfall was recognized for his outstanding eight years of service as the Medical Director for the Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program. Dr. Westfall was responsible for organizing, developing and helping to obtain accreditation for the program. His leadership and service to the program and the students have been invaluable. JEI honored him with a plaque and a small reception before Grand Rounds. Dr. Michael Wiggins has been appointed the new Medical Director for the OMT program after Dr. Westfall stepped down.



*Dr. Westfall with
his Distinguished
Service Award*



*Front Row, Left to Right: Suzanne Hansen, Joy Banks, Sharon Oliver, Meagan Downs
Back Row, Left to Right: Dr. Michael Wiggins, Jeremy Lemmons, Katie Wilson, Dr. Christopher Westfall, Alicia Rogers, Natalie Etheridge, Dana Wolford, Brandon Tillman, Dr. John Shock*



LASIK Lunch and Learn

On Thursday, Aug. 14, the clinic staff held a LASIK Lunch and Learn organized by Pam Whitlock for all of the clinic staff to learn more about LASIK clinic offerings. Each clinic staff was encouraged to visit four educational tables that were setup and to view a 9-minute LASIK educational DVD that patients watch when they come in for their free screenings. The goal for the lunch and learn was to empower all staff members with the knowledge to answer patient potential questions about LASIK.



Welcome New OMT Students

The Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program welcomed the class of 2008-2010 with a reception and orientation on Aug. 20, 2008. The new OMT students are Natalie Etheridge, Jeremy Lemmons, Sharon Oliver and Alicia Rogers.

The returning OMT students are Megan Downs, Brandon Tillman, Katie Wilson and Dana Wolford.



*Front Row, Left to Right: Sharon Oliver, Meagan Downs, Alicia Rogers and Jeremy Lemmons
Back Row, Left to Right: Dr. Christopher Westfall, Suzanne Hansen, Dana Wolford, Brandon Tillman, Katie Wilson, Natalie Etheridge, Dr. Michael Wiggins and Dr. John Shock*



Baby shower cake created by Shelli Madison



*Amanda Dozier and Richard Harper, M.D.,
Residency Program Director*

Baby Shower for Amanda Dozier, JEI Resident Coordinator

On Thursday, Sept. 11, a baby shower was given for Amanda Dozier. The theme of the shower centered on a rubber duckie as Amanda received several items for her newborn, such as 34 wash cloths and 13 hooded towels. Amanda is expecting a baby boy on Oct. 17.

Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Gala

The Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute 11th annual gala was held on Sept. 5 at the Statehouse Convention Center with entertainment by the Commodores. Physicians and staff of the Jones Eye Institute were in attendance this year at one of Pat Walker's sponsored tables.



Surprise Birthday Party for Mary Rinke

On Thursday, Aug. 28, a surprise birthday party was held for Mary Rinke for a "monumental" birthday. Mary, nicknamed "Bob the Builder," is known for her "fix it" attitude, both in the JEI clinic and at home. JEI staff wanted to give her a day of pampering, "diva" style.

Calendar of Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

September 2 - Dr. Romona Davis
September 3 - Dr. Thomas Cannon
September 3 - Ruth Anne Godwin
September 4 - Debbie Terry
September 4 - Deanna Ely
September 5 - Jamie Nelson
September 11 - Doris Nounamo
September 13 - Staci Grimes
September 18 - Dr. Joseph Chacko
September 22 - Karin Aletter
September 25 - Dr. Michael Wiggins
September 28 - Dr. Michael Brown
September 30 - Deborah Troillett

October 15 - Meredith James
October 3 - Dr. A. Henry Thomas
October 6 - Susan Zimmerman
October 7 - Donna Mattingly
October 13 - Jennifer Doyle
October 13 - Charles Ekworomadu
October 19 - Amanda Dozier

Anniversaries

September 1 - Bradley Thuro, 1 year
September 1 - Dr. Paul Phillips, 11 years
September 8 - Dr. Christopher Westfall, 11 years

September 23 - Ymelda Aldridge, 1 year
September 25 - Rebecca Danner, 2 years
October 1 - Ruslana Tytarenko, 2 years
October 1 - Dr. Bhairavi Kharod, 1 year
October 9 - Louise Greer, 2 years
October 24 - Mary Rinke, 25 years
October 24 - Deanna Ely, 3 years
October 31 - Allison Johnson, 9 years
October 31 - Amanda Dozier, 8 years



ALL EYES ON YOU – DR. NALINI BORA

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Puran S. Bora, Ph.D., is a Professor at Jones Eye Institute. We have two children. Our daughter, Kelly, graduated this year from the University of Kentucky at Lexington and is hoping to join UAMS as a medical student in 2009. Our son, Neil, is a sophomore at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. He wants to become a lawyer and work for ESPN as a sports analyst.

Where would you go on a dream vacation?

Alaska and Iceland.

What do most people not know about you?

Physics was my favorite and strongest subject in high school and college, and I wanted to work for NASA as a rocket scientist.

What music or books are you currently enjoying?

I enjoy listening to all kinds of music and reading fiction novels.

Who has most influenced your life?

My parents.

What inspires you?

Desire and drive to do the best by using my God given potential.

What do you generally enjoy most when you are away from work?

Shopping, gardening and watching movies.

Choose three dinner guests from any period of time. Who would they be?

Hillary Clinton, Tom Brokaw and Sarah Palin.



Announcements



Jamie Nelson

Jamie Nelson, OA/Special Procedures Technician, has been selected and has accepted the Special Procedure Technician in the contact lens department.

Kim Carmen, OMT, is now officially a part of the Jones Eye group, working as a medical technician.

Pam Whitlock, COA, will serve in the JEI clinic operations as the interim Clinic Manager. She will have overall responsibility for supervising the clinic technicians and business staff which include POS, Chart Technicians and Patient Representatives.

Kim Glaze, B.S., COMT, has taken on the additional role of our new interim supervisor.

Dr. Nalini S. Bora, Professor and Director of Research, at JEI was an invited speaker at "ARVO Summer Eye Research Conference – Ocular Autoimmunity and Inflammation" held in Monterey, Calif., from July 31 – August 2, 2008.



From Left to Right: Pam Whitlock and Kim Glaze showing their Razorback Spirit on Friday, Sept. 19.

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