

WDS ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS

WDS Celebrates 16 Years of Mentorship



Shown together from left, Carmen Myrie Williams MD, June Robinson, MD and Roselyn Epps, MD. Dr. Robinson was WDS President at the time when Fran Storrs, MD donated her honorarium for her Rose Hirschler Award to establish the WDS Mentorship Program in 1993. June Robinson secured funding for what has since become a cornerstone WDS program that has enriched the lives of hundreds of mentors and mentees. Dermik Laboratories, now a division of Sanofi-aventis, has provided continuous funding for this important WDS program since 1998.



Medical Students Lisa Nguyen (left) and Stephanie Gan with Michelle Babb-Tarbox, MD.



Joanne Simpson, MD (left) and Karen McKoy, MD share in a friendly, fun moment at the Networking Reception.



Catching up with one another are Jennifer Stein, MD (left) and Daniela Kroshinsky, MD at the WDS Networking Reception: Sweet 16 Mentorship Reunion.



Sharing an enjoyable time together are Mary Lupo, MD (far left), Amy Derick, MD and Diane Berson, MD.



Sarah Weitzul, MD (left), WDS Chair of the Mentorship Awards Committee, with Ron Moy, MD and Lisa Moy, MD.

SPONSORS MAKE IT POSSIBLE: A Closer Look at WDS Grant Programs and Activities

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our sponsors, the Women's Dermatologic Society is able to offer beneficial grant programs and activities that have far-reaching value and impact to generations of dermatologists, and ultimately to our patients and the Specialty. We gratefully recognize the continued support of our current top level sponsors of various WDS programs, shown inside this supplement. Sponsorship support enables us to enhance the professional and personal development of medical students and physicians, and contribute significantly to outcomes in dermatology. We thank you.

Record Number of Grants Awarded in 2008 Benefitting Dermatology

The Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS), now the third largest organized association of dermatologists in the United States, reached a milestone in 2008, awarding the highest number of grants since its founding in 1973. Eighty-five dermatologists and medical students were awarded grants totaling \$252,610 for a variety of activities valued by the specialty, which included: mentorship, medical student awareness, academic research, women's health research, professional travel and career development.

*\$252,610 in grants awarded in 2008
to 85 physicians and medical students.*

WDS Grant Awards programs significantly help fulfill the organization's mission, which is dedicated to helping women in dermatology achieve their greatest personal and professional potential. WDS strives to foster, promote, and support women's issues in dermatology; identify, train, and recognize women leaders in dermatology; provide a forum for developing relationships and the exchange of ideas and research relevant to women's issues; and promote the highest possible standards of ethics, research, patient care and education, as well as public education. Men constitute approximately 8% of the membership and have also participated in these programs.

Funding for various WDS Grant Awards programs is made possible by generous support from the following sponsors: Dermik Laboratories (Dermatology Resident Mentorship Grants); Galderma (Career Development Grant Awards); Mary Kay (Medical International Travel Grant Awards); OrthoDermatologies (Academic Research Grants and Retreat Scholarships); Stiefel (Medical Student Awareness Grants and Retreat Scholarships) and Unilever (Women's Health Research Career Development Grants).

For a complete listing of WDS 2008 Grant Awards facts and features, view the on-line annual report: www.womensderm.org/2008grantsreport. ■



DIANE BERSON, MD

"The WDS has grown significantly, allowing us to further our mission to serve, mentor, educate and volunteer. Our sponsors have been invaluable in ensuring we can continue important programs such as medical student grants, academic research, career development for our junior members, and professional enrichment for all. We are grateful for their continued support, which has made these programs possible."

— Diane Berson, MD Co-Chair
WDS Fundraising Committee



AMY DERICK, MD

"Thank you to all of our sponsors for the generous giving that helps WDS make a difference in dermatology."

— Amy Derick, MD,
Co-Chair, WDS Fundraising Committee

