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Medical School Class of 2000 are inducted into the medical profession

Lynne D. Williams, medical school information  
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On Friday, **May 12, 1999, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the **Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts**, the 53 members of the University of Nevada School of Medicine Class of 2000 will receive their academic hoods, take the Hippocratic Oath, and become formally inducted into the medical profession. Graduates will be hooded by a person who has been important to his or her medical education.

This year's "Dean's Award" will be given to State Senator Ray Rawson for his continuing support of the School of Medicine and its programs. Senator Rawson was raised in Las Vegas, graduated from Las Vegas High School, earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from UNLV, and his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Loma Linda University of Dentistry. He was elected to the Nevada State Senate in 1984, where he has served for the past 16 years as a representative of Clark County Senate District 6.

The Senator is active in civic affair and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for HealthInsight, a medical quality assurance and review organization, and as a commissioner of the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE).

This year's class chose, by secret ballot, Dr. Andrew Eisen, assistant professor of pediatrics, to be their featured speaker. Dr. Eisen is based at the School of Medicine's Las Vegas campus. In recent years, the keynote speaker chosen by the class has been a faculty member whom the students most respected and admired as they did their clinical clerkships. He was chosen also for his interest in teaching, as well as his knowledge of

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pediatrics and his caring attitude toward his patients. As evidence of their admiration, the Class also chose Dr. Eisen as "Outstanding Full-Time Clinical Faculty Member, Las Vegas."

Dr. Eisen, a native Nevadan, graduated valedictorian of Chaparral High School in Las Vegas, and went on to receive his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. While in Chicago, he provided tutoring and guidance for underprivileged children aged 5 through 19 through the Cabrini Green Youth Program and worked at the Cabrini Green Youth Program Pediatric Clinic.

Graduates from Washoe County are:

Brian Lee Barnes  
Angela Rose Caffaratti  
Corinne Elizabeth Capurro  
Matthew Christopher Exline  
Bret Ward Frey  
Matthew Grinsell  
Steven Lee Grund  
Rafaela G. Hernandez  
Mark Andrew Janiga  
Lynn Xiao Liu  
Thea J. Lovett  
Vidur Siddhanth Mahadeva  
Carie Lea McVay  
Sara Marie Metcalf  
Richard John Milchak, Jr.  
Lynda Lee Malloy  
Robert John Nachtsheim  
Timothy James O'Mara  
Phillip Michael Piccinini  
Neena Moola Reddy  
Kathleen Blair Riley  
Scott Franklin Shepherd  
Michael Jon Sokoloff  
Enoch Joseph Wang  
Joseph Leroy Williams

18 member of the class are from Clark County

Chad Mitchell Bidart is from Humboldt County

Aaron O'Connor Klomp is from Lincoln County

Karen Elise Papez is from White Pine County

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**Addition to original fax:**

The medical school saves several slots each year for out-of-state students from states with no medical school. The Class of 2000 has two from Idaho: Johanna Marie Jensen and Jason Melvin Wilhelmsen; and two from Montana: Patrick Downs Stowell and Kevin Charles Wolverton.