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Rollan: I've attended a lot of award ceremonies in the past 15 years, but I don't think I've ever been as moved as I was by this presentation.

*Delighted to have you back !!
Lynne*

*Faxed to
Rollan Melton
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There were many emotional moments during the School of Medicine's graduation week ceremonies, but there was one that moved everyone who witnessed it. The moment occurred at the traditional Dean's Dinner, when the graduating medical students present awards to the faculty and staff members and departments they felt contributed most to their medical education.

Graduating senior Ryan Dobbs got up to make his presentation. In a voice often choked with emotion, he told of the birth of his son. Kevin had just completed his obstetrics and gynecology rotation at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas, which is staffed by School of Medicine faculty members. His wife, Kathy, went into labor, but her physician was delayed by an accident on one of the major highways. Kevin saw his son's head crown, but also saw his heart rate drop precipitously. "The nurse ran out of the room and yelled, 'I need a doctor.' I knew this wasn't good." He says he began to pray that someone he knew and trusted would come through the door, and when he saw the attending resident, who had helped train Kevin, walk through the door, he breathed a sigh of relief. The doctor quickly delivered and revived the baby. "Every day I thank the Lord for this doctor and for my son's life." With that, he presented the Outstanding Resident Award in Las Vegas to School of Medicine resident Dr. Warren Volker.