

# Welcome Back!

September 2009

## Day of Service



A big thanks to everyone who came out for the Day of Service. All of your hard work made this day a huge success. 110 MS1's and 20 MS2's volunteered in a wide range of projects from trail maintenance in the Eno River State Park to the Volunteer Center of Durham's "Back to School Activity Fair". Other project sites included: The Carnivore Preservation Trust, Ronald McDonald House, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, Goathouse Refuge, and Pediatric Playroom at UNC Children's Hospital. Everyone who came out had a blast. Here's what some of you had to say:

"I really enjoyed it and appreciated the opportunity to not only bond with my classmates but to really make a difference."



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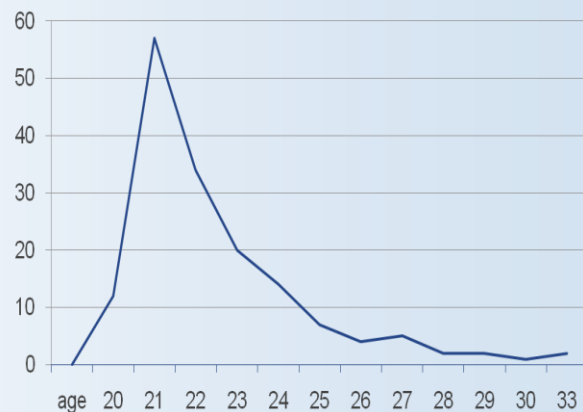
## Welcome Class of 2013

With another new year, comes another new class of Tar Heel medical students. This year's application process was especially competitive given the record number of applications. Students hail from 16 different states and an even wider variety of background experiences.

### Here are the Numbers

- Applications: 4,116
- Interviews: 639
- Accepted: 211
- Matriculated: 160
- 92 Females
- 68 Males
- MCAT Scores
  - Verbal Reasoning = 10.46
  - Biological Sciences = 11.04
  - Physical Sciences = 10.74
- Grades
  - Bio/Chem/Math = 3.56
  - All Other = 3.64

Age of The Class of 2013



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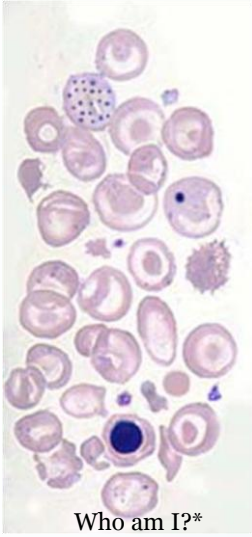
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## UNC Blood Drive



Last Tuesday (Sept 1) the School of Medicine hosted its first blood drive of the academic year. The drive was a success, drawing 28 pints of blood, surpassing the goal of 25 pints. That's over 70 trillion red blood cells. Yeah, you guys rock.

If anyone out there is totally bummed about not having participated, your in luck. You can visit the following website to sign up for future blood drives around the campus:

<https://www.givesblood.org/>

Also, keep your eyes open and arms ready for the next SOM blood drive which will be in the Spring on April 6, 2009.



Ron Jacak, graduate student in Biochemistry, after his generous donation. Thanks Ron!

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## Whitehead Lecture



The 2009 Whitehead Lecture, titled “To Make the Best Better-Farm Stories, Deep Thinkers, Good Doctors”, was masterfully given by the ever entertaining Dr. Arrel Toews of the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics. Dr. Toews inspirational talk taught us to look for the marvelous in nature—it is everywhere, follow your heart—even if it looks risky or scary, learn from others—but don’t trample them, teach others what you know, and to always try and make the best better. For those of you who couldn’t make it out to the lecture, you missed out on a real treat. Luckily, the whole talk was lecture captured, so you can load it up and listen to it any time you need a bit of inspiration. Once again, congratulations Dr. Toews!

Lecture Capture: <https://curriculum.med.unc.edu/ms1/zevents1/sp5/LectureCapturesp5>

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Other honored individuals: Julie Byerley, Kenya McNeal-Trice, Alan Stiles, Kelly Lear, John Snyder, Beat Steiner, Lisa Rose-Jones, Nicole Tintera, Sarah Locklear, Matthew Lewis, Nadeem Khuri, William Bradford, Catherine Lee, Elizabeth Reynolds, Jason Perlman, James Wallace Jr, Gwyneth Bryant, Kelly Hankins, Matthew Ostrander, Susan Hadler, Cheryl McNeal, Robert Esther, Frank Wilson, Craig Burkhart, Dean Morrell, Noelle Granger, Kurt Gilliland, Edward Kernick, Kathleen Sulik, Timothy Weiner, Elizabeth Dreesen, Lorene Temming, Joseph Bumgarner, Gabriel Cade, Dawn Caviness, Christina Drostin, Lea Harrell, John Harris, Nicholas Potisek, Ali Chhotani, Mark Clapp, Sally

## Greetings from the Honor Court



The School of Medicine would like to announce the new Student Attorney General, Hollin Calloway, the new Active Honor Court Co-Chair, Brian McKinney, and new MS2 members of the Honor Court. From left to right, they are Zach Smith, Andrew Ianuzzi, Hollin Calloway, Elliott Robinson, Elizabeth Kirkland, and Brian McKinney. The UNC-CH honor system is student run, and consists of the following branches: Undergraduate, Law School, Business School, Pharmacy School, Medical School, and Professional Schools. The Medical School branch is here to educate medical students about the UNC honor system or honor code, and to be available if students have questions or concerns. We intend to educate students and faculty and provide awareness to students about maintaining respect for themselves and the community so that we may all live in an open environment to pursue our goals alongside our colleagues. Please email Hollin Calloway at [hollin@med.unc.edu](mailto:hollin@med.unc.edu) or refer to our website, <http://www.med.unc.edu/wrkunits/orgs/honorct/> if you have any questions or issues regarding the honor system or a related issue. All correspondences are confidential. Recruiting for new honor court members and leadership positions for next year will occur toward the end of the spring semester.

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## Announcements

### **Financial Aid Workshops**

September 15: Workshops for MS1's

October 14: Workshops for MS2's

The workshops will be lunchtime meetings running from 12-1. Rooms are still TBD. These will be quick and helpful meetings with everything each year needs to know about financial aid and budgeting.

If anyone would like to make any articles for, or have announcements in, next month's newsletter, feel free to shoot an email at [richard\\_meredith@med.unc.edu](mailto:richard_meredith@med.unc.edu)

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