



Misty Richards is Selected as the 2008 National Student President-Elect of the American Medical Women's Association

Ms. Richards is a Third Year Medical Student at Albany Medical College in Albany, New York.

Albany, NY, March 11, 2008 --(PR.com)-- Misty Richards, a third year MD/PhD student at Albany Medical College, was selected as the 2008 national student president-elect of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) at the organization's national meeting at the Anaheim Convention Center on Saturday, March 8, 008. Ms. Richards also received the "Young Woman in Science" award, with the prize of \$500, for her presentation "The Use of Positron Emission Tomography in the Acute Occupancy of Sertraline". Misty was previously the Region 2 coordinator of AMWA, and is thrilled to represent the student members of AMWA as their national president-elect. Misty plans to be an advocate for women in science and medicine, and to always keep the values of AMWA in mind.

AMWA 2008 Annual Meeting on Women and Aging, is co-sponsored by the American Medical Women's Association and the Women's Healthcare Forum. It was held March 7-9, 2008, at the Anaheim Convention Center/Doubletree Hotel in Anaheim, California. AMWA announced an educational conference partnership with the Women's Healthcare Forum (WHF) that provided AMWA attendees with high quality Continuing Medical Education (CME) and an extensive educational and exhibition program. It was one of the largest AMWA meetings in recent years and provided attendees with opportunities to network with women physicians from all over the country.

The meeting featured an outstanding panel of speakers and Holly Near, a nationally renowned singer, performed at the annual Awards Banquet. Women's Healthcare Forum's CME program is produced by the Foundation for Better Health Care (FBHC), an independent, nonprofit organization accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. The keynote speech "Walking the Tightrope: Career, Relationships and You" was delivered by Linda Hawes Clever, MD, MACP, President, RENEW; Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco.

The American Medical Women's Association empowers women to lead in improving health for all within a model that reflects the unique perspective of women. The AMWA is an organization which functions at the local, national and international level to advance women in medicine and improve women's health. The members strive to achieve this by providing and developing leadership, advocacy, education, expertise, mentoring and strategic alliances.

Ms. Richards received her B.S. in Psychobiology at the University of California at Los Angeles, where she received the Distinguished Bruin award and was awarded Senior of the Year for the psychology department. She served two internships at the National Institutes of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland, in the laboratories of Drs. Hussein Manji and Daniel Weinberger. She also worked at Columbia University in the Brain Imaging division of the Neuroscience department. She has also spent a summer in Japan doing research at the National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry as a NIH/NSF research fellow. She is on the board for the Engeye Health Clinic, established by fellow AMC medical student Stephanie Van Dyke, and has attended two missions to work at the health clinic in Uganda.



AMWA Background

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is an organization of women physicians, medical students and other persons dedicated to serving as the unique voice for women's health and the advancement of women in medicine. The organization was founded by Dr. Bertha VanHoosen in 1915 in Chicago, at a time when women physicians were an under-represented minority. As women in medicine increase in numbers, new problems and issues arise that were not anticipated. AMWA has been addressing these issues for 93 years. The AMWA is located at: 100 North 20th Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The phone number is: 215-320-3716 and the website is: www.amwa-doc.org.

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