

Mount Sinai inside



LEFT TO RIGHT: Peter W. May, Chairman of the Boards of Trustees; Kenneth L. Davis, MD, President and CEO of the Medical Center; Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, Manhattan Deputy Borough President; Sarah Frierson, Vice Chair of The Mount Sinai Medical Center Community Board; David Thomas, MD, Director of Ambulatory Care and Ambulatory Training in the Department of Medicine; Ruby Wright, a member of The Mount Sinai Medical Center Community Board; and Dennis S. Charney, MD, Dean of the School of Medicine and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs of the Medical Center

A New Building A New Beginning

Mount Sinai celebrated the grand opening of its latest addition—the new 150,000-square-foot Center for Advanced Medicine. Medical Center faculty, staff and community leaders gathered at the outpatient facility on May 12 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and to mark a new chapter in the institution's history.

Located at 5-17 East 102nd Street, the Center for Advanced Medicine consolidates many key services and ambulatory clinics under one roof, making it easier for patients to see primary care physicians and specialists. Mount Sinai's core community services, such as disease management programs in asthma, obesity, diabetes, primary care, physical therapy, and HIV/AIDS services, will be housed at the Center.

The building, which was once a parking garage and has been undergoing renovations for the past year, now features a six-story glass atrium and a Central Park theme.

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Look inside

Scenes from the
Grand Opening and
Commencement

Volunteers Honored

Town Hall Meetings
Everyone is Invited

Rounds

Class of 2008 Celebrates Commencement

It is the day medical and postgraduate students work so hard for and look forward to—the day they earn their degrees and can officially call themselves "Doctor."

For the class of 2008, that day was May 7, when the students gathered with faculty, family, and friends to celebrate the School of Medicine's 39th commencement, held at the Waldorf=Astoria's Grand Ballroom.

The School of Medicine granted a total of 209 degrees, which included 121 MD, 33 PhD, 19 MPH, and 36 MS degrees.

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The Class of 2008 at the 39th Commencement ceremony

Commencement (continued from page 1)

Congratulating the class was Kenneth L. Davis, MD, President and CEO of the Medical Center, who spoke about the biomedical revolution. "You are most fortunate to be starting your careers as physicians and scientists at the beginning of this exciting transformation in medicine," Dr. Davis said.

Peter W. May, Chairman of the Boards of Trustees, thanked the students "for living up to the School of Medicine's motto, 'Serving Science and Society,' and for inspiring the rest of us at Mount Sinai to do the same."

Dennis S. Charney, MD, Dean of the School of Medicine and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, spoke about the School of Medicine's rising reputation as a premier medical school. "Mount Sinai is truly a great biomedical institution and it is getting better all the time," Dr. Charney said.

The keynote address was delivered by New York State Commissioner of Health Richard F. Daines, MD, who spoke about chance, choice, and charity. He advised the newly minted doctors to be open to the twists and turns their careers can take. "You will be directed by chance as much as you will be by your choices," said Dr. Daines.

Graduate and student speaker Jason Reed Saleh, MD, talked about the class's commitment to community. "Keep that dedication in your hearts that was there on day one," he said.

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were then presented to Dr. Daines; Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH, President and CEO of CARE; and Arnold P. Gold, MD, Professor of Clinical Neurology and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Columbia University.

Honorary Doctor of Science degrees were presented to Alain Carpentier, MD, PhD, winner of the 2007 Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Medical Research, Adjunct Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Mount Sinai, and Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou; Douglas A. Melton, PhD, the Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor of the Natural Sciences at Harvard University and an Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Ralph M. Steinman, MD, the Henry G. Kunkel Professor and Senior Physician at The Rockefeller University; and Professor Chen Zhu, Minister of Health of China and Professor in the Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine. Professor Saijuan Chen accepted the award on behalf of her husband, Dr. Chen Zhu.

After the presentation of degrees, the ceremony concluded with an oath. The Class of 2008 chose an adaptation of the Code of Maimonides and pledged "to care for the life and health of humankind."

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degrees were conferred at
the 2008 Commencement
ceremony held at the
Waldorf=Astoria on May 7



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Alain Carpentier, MD, PhD, Adjunct Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Mount Sinai and Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou (left), was given an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from his colleague, David Adams, MD, Chair of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery; a graduating student gladly accepts her degree; Dennis S. Charney, MD, Dean of the School of Medicine and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs of the Medical Center, poses onstage with a graduating student and her family; David Muller, MD, Dean of Medical Education, congratulates Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH, President and CEO of CARE, who received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree; and Kenneth L. Davis, MD, President and CEO of the Medical Center, speaks to the class. **BELOW:** A view of the audience at the Waldorf=Astoria's Grand Ballroom

