

Pre-Health Alumni Raise \$11,000 for Scholarships



An exciting reunion was held in May to celebrate the pre-health program at UW-Parkside and to honor the lifetime achievements of three long-time faculty members: Professor Emeritus Anna Maria Williams, Professor Ed Wallen, and Laboratory Director Randy McKee. More than 100 pre-health alumni, faculty, and current students came out to pay tribute to these inspiring individuals, and to reconnect with former classmates, faculty, and colleagues.

As the doctors, dentists, podiatrists, and other health professionals looked at old

pictures and reminisced, many spoke of the importance of their Parkside education in preparing them for graduate studies and demanding professions. The event raised over \$11,000 for pre-health student scholarships.

Williams is a founding member of UW-Parkside's faculty and helped turn a fledgling pre-health program into a point of pride for UW-Parkside.

Wallen recently completed his 34th year as a UW-Parkside faculty member. He's had

a distinguished career in the Biological Sciences Department, serving as department chair for 12 years and helping to hire nearly every current biological sciences faculty member.



McKee has also spent close to 35 years teaching at UW-Parkside, and said he was thrilled to show off the new anatomy labs to many former students.

Dr. Bryan Lewis, assistant to the dean for health-related professions, kicked off the evening by sharing his vision for the future of a growing major. More than 500 students have declared themselves pre-health majors and over 85 percent of applicants receive acceptance to graduate health professional programs.

