

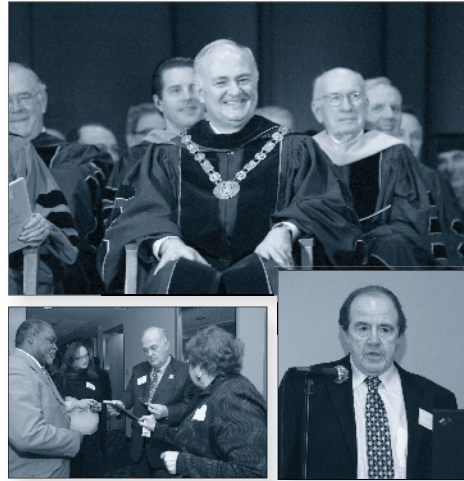
Teaching, Healing, Discovering:

University Welcomes President Steven Knapp

The George Washington University celebrated the inauguration of its 16th president, Steven Knapp, PhD, with a week-long series of activities featuring GW's community contributions and academic accomplishments throughout its 186-year history. Highlights of the week included three theme days — "In and Of Washington," "Research and Discovery" and "A Lifelong and Worldwide Community."

President Knapp attended "In and Of Washington" presentations on the Medical Center's signature HIV/AIDS and Cancer programs by Alan E. Greenberg, MD, MPH, chair, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and co-chair, GW HIV/AIDS Institute; and Steven Patierno, PhD, director of the GW Cancer Institute, respectively.

"GW: Research and Discovery" showcased GW's research, with presentations by Sara Rosenbaum, JD, Hirsh Professor and chair, Health Policy; Timothy McCaffrey, PhD, professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and director, McCormick Genomics Center; Robert Hawley, PhD, professor and chair, Anatomy and Regenerative Biology; and Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, Walter G. Ross Professor and chair, Microbiology, Immunology and Tropical Medicine and professor of Global Health.



Left, Dr. Steven Knapp becomes GW's 16th President. Bottom right, Robert Levine, MD '58, professor of Medicine, Yale University, participated on the panel, "Health and Health Care Beyond Foggy Bottom: The World of Global Health."

"GW: Lifelong and Worldwide Community" highlighted alumni, students and faculty. The week concluded with the official inauguration ceremony on Nov. 16, followed by a day of service in the community.

Teaching:

ISCOPE'S Puts Awareness on the Menu

More than 250 faculty, staff, students and community members paused for a moment of silence as 16 volunteers placed origami cranes on the podium during GW's Fifth Annual Oxfam Hunger Banquet, part of President Steven Knapp's Inauguration Week. Each volunteer represented one of the 16 people who die of hunger-related illnesses each minute around the world, and the cranes were a traditional Japanese gesture of hope and good will.

The event, coordinated by GW's Interdisciplinary Student Community-Oriented Prevention Enhancement Service (ISCOPE'S) Health Care for the Homeless team and the Office of Community Service Neighbors Project, offered guests a taste of how hunger affects the local and global community.

"It brings home what it means to be hungry by being able to see the difference between the 'haves' and 'have-nots' for very basic needs such as food," said Jean Johnson, PhD, FAAN, senior associate dean, Health Care Sciences and professor, Nursing Education. "One of the most important aspects was understanding that, no matter how hard someone might work, they might still never attain



Howard Straker, MPH, PA, facilitated at the Fifth Annual Oxfam Hunger Banquet.

a 'comfortable' life. Understanding the health implications is critical for everyone — particularly health professionals."

Howard Straker, MPH, PA, assistant professor, Physician Assistant program, director, Community Medicine, served as the facilitator of the evening, and Kim Perry, vice chair of the Commission on Food and Nutrition, Office of the Mayor, presented a keynote address for the evening and discussed ways the community could take action to address hunger in the District.

Guests at the "Banquet" drew different identities, which correlated with lower-, middle- and upper-socioeconomic classes for the evening. Participants were served in accordance to their class, with those on the lowest

economic rung seated on the floor and receiving only plain rice on a paper plate. Those fortunate to get a spot at the wealthy tables enjoyed a multi-course meal, while middle class guests received beans and rice.

A message organizers hoped to convey through the annual banquet, according to Emily Morrison, director of ISCOPE'S, was that, "situations and circumstances occur that can shift one's status. Things can happen — a terrible accident, loss of a job, a serious illness — and everything changes. It's important to understand the complexities that go along with poverty, homelessness and hunger." To help underscore this point, men from the Emery Shelter, a transitional housing facility located in Northeast, DC, and an ISCOPE'S community partner, attended the event and spent time talking to participants about the realities of living in poverty.

"The participation at all levels of the community is what made the Hunger Banquet a powerful event," said Jacey Bennis, a first-year PA/MPH student and an ISCOPE'S Health Care for the Homeless team representative. "It was a great opportunity to strengthen our relationships with members of our community and foster a continued environment of reciprocal learning."