Honors and Awards



David M. Heimbach, M.D. Professor of Surgery

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING DR. DAVID HEIMBACH
WHOSE DEDICATION TO PATIENT CARE, TEACHING, AND RESEARCH HAS
BEEN RECOGNIZED WITH TWO VERY SIGNIFICANT HONORS.

The American Burn Association recently honored David with the Lifetime Leadership Award. This award recognizes truly distinguished and exceptional service to the American Burn Association and to the profession of burn care. Instituted in 2005, it acknowledges leadership qualities of vision, dedication, courage, and steadfastness in the service of the ABA, burn care professionals and burn-injured patients. Past leadership award recipients include: Alan R. Dimick, M.D. (2007); Robert W. Gillespie, M.D. (2006); and Edwin A. Deitch, M.D. (2005).

In addition, Dr. Heimbach has been selected as an honoree of the event Unsung Heroes of Compassion 2009 in which he joins several other hand-picked individuals for a special acknowledgment and blessing from His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The 1989 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the Dalai Lama is an outspoken proponent of nonviolence and compassion who is loved and revered internationally. Wisdom in Action, an organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of compassion in action, is hosting the event in San Francisco.

Dr. Heimbach has served in the department since June 1974. He is an excellent surgeon, inspiring teacher, and brilliant researcher. As a leader, his influence is recognized throughout the world. These awards recognize both his lifelong humanitarian and academic contributions to improving the treatment of burn patients and reflect very positively in the Department of Surgery and the School of Medicine at the University of Washington.

In Memoriam:

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Lani Rosario** who passed away unexpectedly in July.

Lani began her University of Washington career in 1979 at the Primate Center. In 1996, she accepted a temporary position on the Department of Surgery Finance team to help us get caught up on purchasing. We were fortunate to be able to recruit her when a permanent position became available. Lani was a friendly and familiar voice to everyone in the department as she helped us procure supplies and process reimbursements & travel vouchers. Shortly before she passed away, she had accepted a new challenge as Department payroll coordinator.

Lani was also a loving wife and mother. She leaves behind a husband and her two treasured sons, 18 and 13 years of age. Lani will be very dearly missed.



Lani Rosario May 27, 1957 - July 5, 2008