

**University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford Match Day
Thursday, March 20, 2008 – 11:15 a.m.
University of Illinois College of Medicine – Lobby
1601 Parkview Avenue, Rockford, IL 61107**

College of Medicine Match Day

Residency matches to be announced for graduating medical students

Rockford, Illinois – After four years of determination and hard work at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, about 50 graduating students will learn where they will spend the next three to six years of their medical training on **Match Day, Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 11:15 a.m. at the College**, 1601 Parkview Avenue.

Match Day is a national event in which medical students from all 126 medical schools across the country learn of their match results simultaneously. Matching students with residency programs is a computerized process, where medical students rank their preferred residency programs, at the same time residency programs rank their preferred applicants. Students may choose from one of 13 medical specialties, including ophthalmology, child neurology, general surgery, psychiatry, anesthesia, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, family medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics.

Of the 50 graduating medical students, four individuals are natives of the Rockford community:

- Monica Martens, Rockford
- Matthew Piske, Belvidere
- Meredith Wicklund, Belvidere
- Sarah Wicklund, Belvidere

The event is open to the public, and students, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Since 1972, the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford has graduated 1394 doctors, with approximately 84 graduates practicing in the Rockford area.

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