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UT Southwestern ranked as best medical school for Hispanics for second consecutive year

DALLAS – Sept. 1, 2008 – For the second year in a row, UT Southwestern Medical School has been ranked as the nation's top medical school for Hispanics by *Hispanic Business* magazine.

The September issue of the publication provides top-10 lists in the fields of law, business, engineering and medicine. The magazine's rankings take into account academic excellence, enrollment, faculty, student services and retention rates.

UT Southwestern Medical School topped the list at No.1 for medical schools, followed by Stanford University School of Medicine, and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

As one of the premier academic medical centers in the nation, UT Southwestern has a total medical school enrollment of more than 900 students. Of those, nearly 125 are Hispanic. In 2007, UT Southwestern conferred 226 degrees; about 20 percent of those were earned by Hispanics.

"I feel it is a privilege for UT Southwestern to have been consistently recognized for our attempts to provide more culturally competent future physicians and improved access to health care for our nation's patients," said Dr. Byron Cryer, associate professor of internal medicine and associate dean for minority student affairs.

Dr. Alfred Gilman, provost, executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of UT Southwestern Medical School, added: "I am delighted that our medical school has been recognized again by *Hispanic Business* as a leader in educating and meeting the needs of Hispanic students. It is a great honor and underscores our continued outreach to all of our students, but especially to those who will provide needed medical care to the underserved."

Other Texas medical schools on the list include the UT Medical School at San Antonio (No. 4), the UT Health Science Center at Houston Medical School (No. 5) and the School of Medicine at UT Medical Branch in Galveston (No. 7).

UT Southwestern medical students are taught the basic sciences and fundamental

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mechanisms of disease during their first two years of study, along with basic clinical skills. The next two years are spent pursuing clinical courses in various medical specialties, which allow students to integrate their basic knowledge with practical patient care at UT Southwestern's affiliated teaching hospitals and clinics.

Many students also participate in organizations such as the National Network of Latin American Students and the National Hispanic Medical Association.

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