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SHAKER HEIGHTS GRADUATE RECEIVES MEDICAL SCHOOL'S HIGHEST HONOR

DALLAS—July 14, 1993—Dr. Rob Kowal, the 1982 valedictorian of Shaker Heights High School in Shaker Heights, Ohio, recently received the highest award given by The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Kowal received the Ho Din Award from the Southwestern Medical Foundation at commencement exercises June 5. As a student in the Medical Scientist Training Program, Kowal already had received the 1991 Nominata Award given by the Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences for outstanding research achievement. He received both the M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas during commencement.

Given by the Southwestern Medical Foundation in honor of Dr. E.H. Cary, the foundation's first president, the Ho Din Award is based on the personal attributes or human qualities that are perceived as being inherent in the makeup of all great physicians. It consists of a symbolic key, a certificate bearing the seal of the foundation and a cash gift of \$7,500.

Kowal came to UT Southwestern in 1986 after receiving a bachelor's degree in biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University. He did his doctoral research with UT Southwestern Nobel laureates Dr. Michael Brown and Dr. Joseph Goldstein, investigating cholesterol metabolism through the study of specific low-density lipoprotein receptor-related proteins. Brown is director of the Erik Jonsson Center for Research in Molecular Genetics and Human Disease, a regental professor and holder of the W.A. (Monty) Moncrief Distinguished Chair in Cholesterol and Arteriosclerosis Research and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine. Goldstein is chairman of molecular genetics, a regental professor and holder of the Distinguished Chair in Biomedical Science and the Paul J. Thomas Chair in Medicine.

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