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INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-EVANSVILLE HONORS VOLUNTEER CLINICAL FACULTY MEMBERS.

On Friday, March 6th, the Evansville Country Club was the setting for the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville Campus Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet. Each year, members of the IUSM-Evansville faculty nominate volunteer clinical faculty members for distinguished service.

The annual award honors physicians who work closely with IUSM-E students and whose work in community engagement and excellence in practice exemplifies the physician-teacher. Dr. Mell B. Welborn, Jr. and Dr. William C. Houser were the 2014 recipients of the Gordon T. Herrmann Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Welborn has been a volunteer clinical faculty member and Associate Professor of Surgery at the IU School of Medicine-Evansville for 31 years. He currently serves as the Performance Improvement Medical Director of the Deaconess Regional Trauma Center and is a physician at the Deaconess Wound Service. Dr. Welborn received the Evansville Courier & Press Health Care Hero Award in 2012.

Dr. Houser has been a Clinical Volunteer and Associate Professor with the IU School of Medicine Evansville for over 32 years. Since 2009, he has practiced pulmonary medicine at Gateway Pulmonology. Dr. Houser has been highly involved in teaching assignments with the medical students and active with the Deaconess Family Practice program.

IU School of Medicine-Evansville Director & Associate Dean, Dr. Steven Becker noted the extraordinary gift these gentlemen give to young medical students. "With over thirty years of service, these physicians generously volunteer their time and energies to teach the university's students across a variety of settings, including: clinical supervision, on-site clinical staffing, lectures and mentoring. We are truly grateful for their distinguished service and example."

The Indiana University School of Medicine is the second-largest medical school in the United States. With a focus on service to the state, the school includes the main campus in Indianapolis and eight additional campuses affiliated with IU and other Indiana universities. In 2009, the IU medical school began expanding opportunities for third and fourth-year clinical rotations throughout the state.