



Carlos E. Eyzaguirre, M.D.

Carlos E. Eyzaguirre, M.D., professor emeritus and longtime chair of the Department of Physiology at the U School of Medicine, died Feb. 2, 2009, in Santiago, Chile. He was 85.

A world renowned neurophysiologist, Eyzaguirre made fundamental discoveries regarding the basic processes underlying the origin of nerve impulses in sensory receptors.

He was born April 28, 1923, in Santiago. He received his medical degree from the University of Chile in 1947 and completed an internship at the Catholic University Hospital. Upon completing a fellowship at Johns Hopkins University, he served seven years on the faculty at the Catholic University of Chile.

Eyzaguirre joined the U faculty as assistant research professor of physiology in 1957. He served 25 years as department chair in the School of Medicine from 1964-1988. His prolific success in the field of arterial chemoreception attracted large numbers of young researchers from around the world to pursue postdoctoral training in his laboratory. More than 20 senior scientists also spent sabbaticals in the department as visiting professors, including Nobel Laureate K. Hartline, the first George Eccles Professor at the U.

Eyzaguirre is survived by his wife, Elena, who retired as associate director of the U's Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library after serving 27 years; a son, Rodrigo, and daughter, Elena; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, Carlos Andres.

■ **E. Dale Abel, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of internal medicine and biochemistry, and chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Diabetes in the School of Medicine, received the Outstanding Investigator Award from the Western Society for Clinical Investigation.

■ **Lisa B. Arbisser, M.D.**, adjunct associate professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences at the University's John A. Moran Eye Center, received the 2009 Athena Business Women's Award from the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce and The Women's Connection.

■ **Diana I. Brixner, Ph.D., R.Ph.**, associate professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacotherapy, and executive director of the Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research Center in the College of Pharmacy (see pg. 18), was elected in April to a two-year term as director on the board of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy. The election was held at the academy's annual meeting in Alexandria, Va.

■ **Mario Capecchi, Ph.D.**, 2007 Nobel Laureate and distinguished professor of human genetics in the medical school's Eccles Institute of Human Genetics and biology in the College of Science, was awarded the 2008 Governor's Science and Technology Medal. In April, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and will be inducted as a fellow at a ceremony in Cambridge, Mass., in October. Capecchi holds the Helen Lowe Bamberger Colby and John E. Bamberger Presidential Endowed Chair in the Health Sciences, and is an investigator at the University's Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

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■ **E. Martin Caravati, M.D., M.P.H.**, professor of surgery in the medical school's Division of Emergency Medicine and medical director of the Utah Poison Control Center, was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology last fall. He also was elected to a two-year term as treasurer for the academy.

■ **Shadie Ghaibi Clark**, a second-year pharmacy student, was named a 2009 Paul Ambrose Scholar last April by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research, and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In June, Clark joins 42 other health professions students from across the country in Washington, D.C., for a three-day leadership symposium.

■ **Phillip Clinger**, University Hospitals & Clinics Board of Trustees, received the 2008 Urban Hospital Trustee Service Award from the Utah Hospitals & Health Systems Association. Clinger has served on the board since 2000 and as president from 2004-06.

■ **Amalia Cochran, M.D.**, assistant professor of surgery in the School of Medicine, received one of the U's 2009 University Early Career Teaching Awards last spring.

■ **William T. Couldwell, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Neurosurgery in the School of Medicine, was installed as secretary of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons in May. He has served as director-at-large on the board since 2006.

■ **Alan S. Crandall, M.D.**, professor and senior vice chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences in the School of Medicine, was named president of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) in April at the society's annual convention in San Francisco.

■ **Andra Davis, M.S.N., R.N.**, doctoral student in the College of Nursing, was awarded a \$30,000 scholarship in January from the American Cancer Society for her dissertation work on self-efficacy for Hispanic cancer patients in New Mexico.

■ **Jason Druzgal, M.D., Ph.D.**, neuro-radiology fellow in the School of Medicine, received the first-place award for his poster "Interhemispheric Synchrony of Resting State MEG Power Fluctuation" from the American Society of Functional Neuroradiology at its February conference.

■ **Kenneth K. "Bo" Foreman, Ph.D., P.T.**, assistant professor of physical therapy in the College of Health, received one of the U's 2009 University Early Career Teaching Awards.

■ **David W. Grainger, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy, was elected last January as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

■ **Barbara Graves, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Oncological Sciences in the School of Medicine, and senior director for laboratory research at Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI), received a one-year Prostate Cancer Foundation Creativity Award to further her research in prostate cancer.

■ **Karen M. Gunning, Pharm.D.**, associate professor of pharmacotherapy in the College of Pharmacy, was elected to the Specialty Council on Pharmacotherapy for the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties and named a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy last October.

■ **Chris M. Ireland, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Medicinal Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy, was appointed last December to a five-year term on the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Counselors.

■ **Lauri Linder, A.P.R.N., C.P.O.N.**, assistant professor (clinical) in the College of Nursing and Ph.D. candidate, was elected last December to the board of directors for the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation. Her three-year term begins in June.

■ **Robert E. Marc, Ph.D.**, professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, and research director at the medical school's John A. Moran Eye Center, received the Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Distinguished Mentor Award at the University's May commencement. He holds the Cal and JeNeal Hatch Presidential Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

■ **Virginia A. "Ginger" Marshall, M.S.N., A.C.N.P.-B.C., A.C.H.P.N.**, clinical instructor in the College of Nursing, was named president-elect of the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses. She begins her one-year term as president in 2010, following the annual board meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in November.

■ **Julie Metos, M.P.H., R.D., C.D.**, clinical instructor of nutrition in the College of Health, received the 2009 Utah Dietetic Association Award of Merit last April in Sandy, Utah.

■ **Paula F. Morris, C.R.A., F.O.P.S.**, ophthalmic photographer for the University's John A. Moran Eye Center, was elected president of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society at an annual meeting last November in Atlanta, Ga.

■ **David Morton, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of neurobiology and anatomy, and course director for gross anatomy at the School of Medicine, received the Center for Disability Services' Faculty Recognition Award at the University's May commencement.

■ **Leigh Neumayer, M.D.**, professor of surgery in the School of Medicine and co-director of the Integrated Breast Program at HCI, received the 2009 Linda K. Amos Award for Distinguished Service to Women last March from the U Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, Annual Women's Week Committee, and U Office for Equity and Diversity.

■ **Glenn D. Prestwich, Ph.D.**, presidential professor of medicinal chemistry in the College of Pharmacy, will receive the Rooster Award from the International Society for Hyaluronan Sciences at the society's annual meeting in Japan.

■ **Barbara Roper, Pharm.D.**, 2009 College of Pharmacy graduate, won the student poster award for "Use of a Standard Protocol for Dose-dense Breast Cancer Patients Leads to Improvements in Patient Care" at the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy's annual meeting in April in Orlando, Fla. At the May convocation, she shared the Libby Gardner Prize, an annual honor for the outstanding female student in the health sciences that includes a \$1,000 cash award.

■ **Gerald Rothstein, M.D.**, professor of internal medicine who established and led the Division of Geriatrics in the School of Medicine for 19 years, received the ALEXA Award, a lifetime achievement honor from the Utah Alzheimer's Association, in January. He holds the Marjorie Rosenblatt Goodman and Jack Goodman Family Endowed Professorship.

■ **Sandra L. Smith, Ph.D., A.P.R.N.**, associate professor in the College of Nursing, received the 2008 Excellence Award for Research from the Utah Nurse Practitioner Association last November in Sandy, Utah.

■ **Nancy Staggers, Ph.D., R.N.**, professor in the College of Nursing, received a 2008 Publication Award of Merit from the Society for Technical Communication during its meeting in Washington, D.C., last December. The Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform honored her with the Leadership Award last November at the American Medical Informatics Association meeting in Washington, D.C.

■ **William J. Stilling, R.Ph., M.S., J.D.**, associate professor of pharmacotherapy in the College of Pharmacy, was elected in February to a two-year term on the Board of Trustees for the American Society of Pharmacy Law.

■ **Geoffrey C. Tabin, M.D.**, professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences in the School of Medicine, was awarded the Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology at the annual meeting last November in Atlanta. In April, he was honored by the Dalai Lama with the Unsung Heroes of Compassion Award, given in San Francisco by the nonprofit organization Wisdom in Action (see pg. 26).

■ **Carl S. Thummel, Ph.D.**, professor of human genetics in the School of Medicine's Eccles Institute of Human Genetics, was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in February during the association's annual meeting in Chicago.

■ **Julie Valentine, M.S.**, 2009 College of Nursing graduate, shared the Libby Gardner Prize, an annual honor for the outstanding female student in the health sciences that includes a \$1,000 cash award, at the college's May convocation.

■ **R. Scott Ward, Ph.D., P.T.**, professor and chair of the Division of Physical Therapy in the College of Health, received the Curtis P. Artz Distinguished Service Award from the American Burn Association at the group's annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in March.

■ **Scott D. Wright, Ph.D.**, associate professor in the College of Nursing, was elected in January as a member-at-large of the National Honor Professional Society in Gerontology-Sigma Phi Omega. His appointment was announced at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's February meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Three physical therapists were honored by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). **Paul C. LaStayo, Ph.D., M.P.T.**, associate professor of physical therapy in the College of Health, received the national Excellence in Research Award in February. In November, the Utah chapter of APTA presented **Laura D. Knapp, D.P.T.**, assistant professor of physical therapy, with the Lifetime Achievement in Physical Therapy Award and **Patricia A. "Patty" Trela, D.P.T.**, founder and coordinator of the Build-a-Bone program at the University of Utah Orthopaedic Center, the Physical Therapist of the Year Award. ■
