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Life in Discovery

For Immediate Release:

Chicago Medical School Student Steven Chen Named to Prestigious Schweitzer Fellowship



North Chicago, IL – Steven Chen, a fourth-year Chicago Medical School student at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science has been awarded a distinguished 2008-2009 Schweitzer Fellowship. He is among 31 members to receive it this year and the fourteenth student from Rosalind Franklin University to have received this fellowship.

Steven will direct an innovative program in Chicago involving 200 hours of direct service to improve health and access to health care for patients that are recognized as medically underserved, including the uninsured, immigrants, the homeless, minorities, and the working poor. He will provide patient education and primary care enrollment with the South Side Health Collaborative at the University of Chicago Hospital Emergency Department.

Steven, who is originally from San Marino, California, is a 2004 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. There he majored in molecular biochemistry and biophysics where he graduated with honors. While at Rosalind Franklin University, he was the editorial editor of *Murmurs*, the student newsletter in 2006. After graduation from the Chicago Medical School in 2009, he plans to train as a resident physician in emergency medicine.

To receive the Schweitzer award, Steven completed a series of panel interviews. Ray Wang, the director of the Schweitzer Fellowship Program, described Steven as a person

with an outstanding academic background and a wide group of experiences. They were impressed with his volunteer work.

“Steven had the right stuff,” said Mr. Wang. “We were impressed by his plan of working in the Emergency Room on the South side of Chicago and helping assist those who use the E.R. for their primary care by connecting them other sources for their health care.”

Named in honor of Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship Program encourages students in health professions and related fields to “make their lives their argument” by serving the most vulnerable members of society. Now in its thirteenth year, the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship addresses the serious and life threatening needs of Chicagoans without sufficient access to health care services while encouraging aspiring professionals to honor their idealism.

About Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, comprising the Chicago Medical School, College of Health Professions, Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Rosalind Franklin University recently received approval for its new doctoral program in Interprofessional Healthcare Studies – the first in Illinois – and will launch a new master in science program in Psychology Clinical Counseling in fall 2008.

There are more than 15,000 RFUMS graduates in the United States and worldwide.