



## Editorial Comment

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*You are educated. Your Certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.*

*—Tom Brokaw*

This is the time of year for graduations. In El Paso, we have already celebrated the graduations of UTEP (May 15<sup>th</sup>) and EPCC (May 14<sup>th</sup>) students. Hopefully, many of these new graduates will be applying for medical school and nursing school—eventually helping out our area shortages. We also have many residency classes graduating soon and preparing to enter the world of medicine, both here in El Paso and across the nation. The first week and weekend in June mark the graduations of all area high schools.

We also have two amazing firsts:

- the first graduating class from Mission Early College High School
- the inaugural class of the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine (PLFSOM) has completed the first year

The Mission Early College High School is a school with 482 students who are simultaneously working on their high-school diplomas and associate degrees from college. These students will already have completed the equivalence of 2 years of college when they get out of high school and can then graduate from a 4 year university in 2 more years.

The first class at PLFSOM has proven themselves worthy of being the inaugural class by starting new advocacy and specialty interest groups, creating a new line of clothing with the PLFSOM logo, inviting important guest speakers, writing essays for this very magazine and generally becoming involved in everything.

We at the El Paso Physician Magazine would like to extend congratulations to all graduating students and wish them luck and success in their chosen field. Additionally, we welcome those entering medicine and hope we will have the pleasure of working with them in the future.

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