

# RECOGNIZING HEALTH CARE HEROES

Nearly 200 professionals in health care joined *Seattle Business* to celebrate its first Leaders in Health Care event Feb. 26 at the Columbia Tower Club.

## LEADERS in HEALTH CARE

**1.** Dr. Lee Huntsman, executive director of the Life Sciences Discovery Fund and president emeritus of the University of Washington, delivers the keynote address at *Seattle Business'* Leaders in Health Care banquet.

**2.** R. Craig Bednar, president of Tiger Oak Publications and publisher of *Seattle Business*, with Lee Huntsman.

**3.** Dr. Michael Free (center), director of technology solutions for PATH, won the Outstanding Achievement and Innovation award in Life Sciences. With him is Alex Ezeh (left), PATH board member and executive director of the African Population and Health Research Center, and Dr. Christopher Elias, PATH executive director.

**4.** The Columbia Basin Health Association was a runner-up for the Community Outreach award. Members of the support services department, from left: Jose Alcocer, department director Leo Gaeta, Flavia Lauriano, Melva Zavala-Campos.

**5.** Ron Sims, former King County Executive (and current deputy secretary at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) won the Employer Achievement in Health Care award. He is pictured with Mary McWilliams, executive director of the Puget Sound Health Alliance.

**6.** Dr. Michael Soman, chief medical executive, Group Health Cooperative, speaking at the *Seattle Business* roundtable on health care.

**7.** A panel of health care professionals discusses rising health care costs. From left: Jack Faris, former president, Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association; Michael Burrus, health care executive of MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions; Rick Grover, vice president of Premera Blue Cross; Dr. Michael Soman.

**8.** Dr. Michael Copass, director of emergency services at Harborview Medical Center, won the Lifetime Achievement Award.

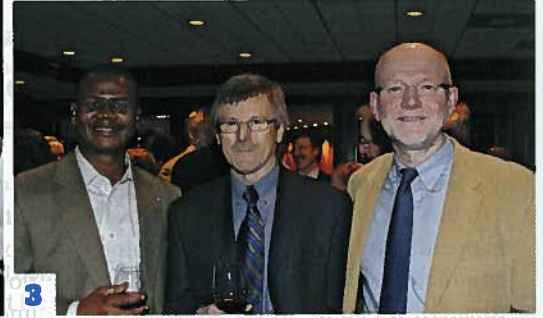
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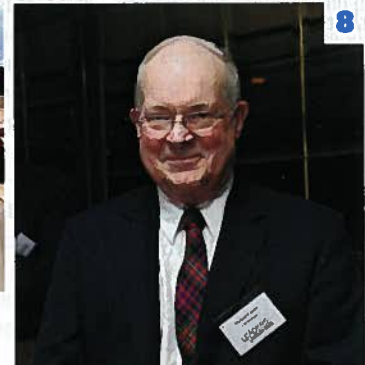
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