

## Six Mercer Health Science Researchers Awarded \$7.8 Million in NIH Grants

**M**ore than \$7.8 million in National Institutes of Health grants were awarded last year to faculty in Mercer's School of Medicine and College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, a record total for the University.

"This recent funding success with proposals submitted to the National Institutes of Health speaks volumes to the hard work of our researchers at Mercer," said Dr. Scott Davis, senior vice provost for research and dean of graduate studies. "These funding mechanisms are very competitive, with success rates of less than 10 percent. We are at the beginning of a period of growth at Mercer where our faculty are routinely recognized by external funders for their high-quality intellectual contributions to both science and health."

In addition to the \$3.3 million in funding previously announced for a diabetes study being conducted by Dr. John Boltri, professor of family medicine, the following awards were made to Mercer faculty last fiscal year:

- **Dr. Richard Ackermann**, School of Medicine, Mercer Geriatrics/Palliative

Medicine Initiative, \$871,979.

- **Dr. Himangshu Bose**, School of Medicine, Mechanism of Action of Steroidogenic Acute Regulatory Protein, \$1,607,349.
- **Dr. Kristen Horner**, School of Medicine, The Role of Mu Opioid Receptor Activation in Psychostimulant-Induced Gene Expression in the Patch Compartment of Dorsal Striatum and Repetitive Behaviors, \$226,815.
- **Dr. Diance Matesic**, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Biochemical Mechanisms of PBA and ChK in Turmorgenic Cells, \$226,815.
- **Dr. Dayle Daines**, School of Medicine,



Metabolic Regulation in Otitis Media, \$1,345,804.

- **Dr. Susan Cline**, School of Medicine, Reactive Aldehyde DNA Damage in Mitochondrial Mutagenesis and Disease Pathophysiology, \$226,815.