

Board News

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The Board has been active recently in the development of memorials to Dr. Nicholas J. Pisacano. The Board has endorsed and supported the development of a named chair for the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Kentucky Medical School in Lexington. During the early days of the Board, the University of Kentucky provided the space and the opportunity for Dr. Pisacano to initiate the activities of the American Board of Family Practice. It was only after several years of University assistance that the Board was able to support itself independently. Nick frequently expressed his sincere gratitude to the University for this.

In addition, Dr. Pisacano served on the voluntary faculty of the University of Kentucky as a Professor of Biology for many years. He assumed responsibility for an introductory course in biology, giving lectures and evaluating students. During the final years of his life, Nick served on the Board of Trustees of the University. Thus, there is a special relationship between the Board and the University of Kentucky.

The Board of Directors is also developing a Foundation dedicated to Dr. Pisacano. This Foundation will serve to provide financial support

to selected students, residents, and fellows in family practice. The Foundation has been chartered and will soon announce a plan for fund development. This is expected to be an ongoing memorial designed to benefit the public by encouraging young physicians to serve as exemplary family physicians.

Because of an increasing need for office space, an annex to the Board office has been constructed. Along with renovations of the existing building, there will be considerably more space available, which should result in greater efficiency. The demand for additional space has resulted from the introduction of certificates of added qualifications (CAQs) in geriatrics and sports medicine and the increased demand for verification of Diplomate status. We receive dozens of phone calls and letters daily requesting verification of credentials from hospitals, insurance companies, employment agencies, and patients. All of these have increased the workload as well as the need for space.

All applications for the 1991 certification/recertification examinations are currently in process. No further applications can be received. The examinations will be given on July 12, 1991.