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A Mentor Celebrates 20 Years at Pritzker

Rosita Ragin, assistant dean for Multicultural Affairs at the Pritzker School of Medicine, celebrates her 20th year with the university this spring. She plays many roles in her work—supporting medical students and associations, representing Pritzker at national meetings, recruiting future medical students, and administering three pipeline programs, which guide high school and college students to medical careers.



FROM LEFT: ROSITA RAGIN WITH WILLIAM MCDADE, MD; HOLLY HUMPHREY, MD; AND JAMES MADARA, MD.

One constant, however, is the students, which Ragin cites as her motivators and inspiration. “The currency of your life is your time. I can’t think of a better way to spend it than with young people who are going to contribute to the betterment of humanity.”

Dean for Medical Education Holly Humphrey, MD, said Ragin’s “hallmark warmth and welcoming spirit have helped countless students thrive.”

“Through her vast institutional knowledge she has helped ensure that Pritzker continues on a successful path and remains true to its mission of ‘inspiring diverse students of exceptional promise to become leaders and innovators in science and medicine for the betterment of humanity,’” Humphrey said.

Ragin joined the Pritzker team in 1989. “I came at a time when there was much change in the air and diversity issues were at the fore, as they are now.” Yet she never envisioned a career in medical education or health care. “It was quite by accident,” she said. “I thought I’d go into business.”

“Being able to be a steady influence and to find positive outcomes in times of change is important,” Ragin said. “I seem to have hit my stride.”