

Distinguished Alumni Award: Dr. Karen J. Deighan, class of 1978



Dr. Karen J. Deighan '78 is the 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award based on her practice and teaching in her chosen field of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Following her graduation from U-High, Deighan earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Psychology from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Four years later, she was awarded her Doctor of Medicine at the University of Illinois, College of Medicine-Chicago. She completed her internship and residency at the University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics. While in medical school, Deighan was recognized as the Outstanding Student in her OB-Gyn and Psychiatry rotations. She also scored in the 98th percentile on Part II of the National Board Exam.

After eight years in private practice, Deighan moved to her current position as Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Loyola University Medical Center. While at Loyola, she has been active in the Physician Mentor Program for medical students and the Hospital Quality Assurance Program. Deighan has also done medical mission work in Cuzco, Peru.

Deighan has four teenage sons, which keeps her quite involved in school activities. For the last seven years, she has been the head boys' basketball coach for grades three through eight at her children's school. She has also been the fifth grade Family Life teacher for the last 10 years at the school. In her limited free time, Deighan enjoys college basketball, walking, reading and playing the piano.

For her talents, success, and contributions, Dr. Karen J. Deighan joins the select group of University High School Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations Dr. Deighan!