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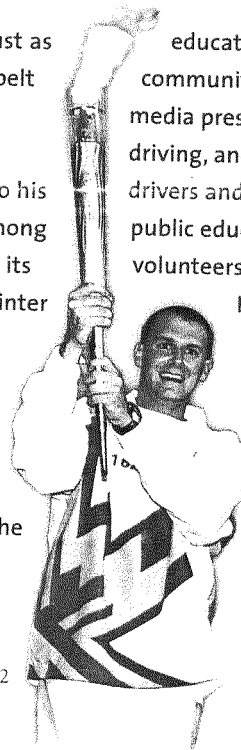
MEDICAL STUDENT BEARS OLYMPIC TORCH

Strapping on his sneakers became just as important as strapping on his seatbelt for second-year medical student Adam Blomberg last December. Chosen from thousands of entries as an inspiration to his community, Blomberg earned a spot among those bearing the Olympic torch during its 65-day, 13,500-mile relay to the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

That he was able to lace up his sneakers, much less run in the prestigious relay, is a miracle. Six years ago, Blomberg suffered a traumatic brain injury during a near-fatal car crash. But he turned his survival story into a mission,

educating high school students and community organizations with a multimedia presentation about road rage, drunk driving, and the necessity of seatbelts for drivers and passengers. In addition to his public education efforts, Blomberg also volunteers at the William Lehman Injury Research Center at UM/Jackson.

Raymond Whitted, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor of gynecology and certified menopause clinician, and Donna Lundy, speech pathologist, also were selected as Olympic torchbearers.



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