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Olympic flame gets a little help from big inspirations

Second-year medical student Adam Blomberg, speech pathologist Donna Lundy, and menopause specialist R. Wayne Whitted walked the same path last December. These three members of the School of Medicine represented the South Florida community as bearers of the Olympic torch on its run through Miami.

Blomberg, Lundy, and Whitted were three of 7,200 torchbearers across the country selected to run in the relay that carried the Olympic flame from Atlanta to Salt Lake City. The Salt Lake Organizing Committee called for nominations of individuals who embodied the Olympic spirit and served as an inspiration.

Blomberg was nominated by friends, who found inspiration in his crusade to educate the community on vehicular safety. A survivor of a near-fatal car crash five years ago, Blomberg created and frequently presents a multimedia informative and dynamic seminar on the importance of safe driving to high school students and other organizations.

Lundy, a speech pathologist at the University of Miami Ear Institute, was nominated by her brother, who found inspiration in her dedication to her work. Lundy is co-director of the Center for Sinus and Voice Disorders at the Ear Institute and works with patients to improve their vocal abilities and correct nasal, sinus, and voice abnormalities.

A grateful patient's letter led the selection committee to choose Whitted, assistant professor and certified menopause clinician in the

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Whitted co-created the Menopause Support Series, a two-day interactive conference that offers direction and guidance to women experiencing the first stages of menopause.

UM medical student Adam Blomberg carries the Olympic torch on the Miami leg of its cross-country run to Salt Lake City.

