



Illinois Math and Science Academy honors surgeon for leadership

Naperville Sun | August 4, 2011 Dr. Ronjon Paul, a spine surgeon, was honored by the Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy Board of Trustees as a recipient of its annual Distinguished Leadership Award.

Paul will receive the award July 22 at the IMSA Board of Trustees Alumni Awards Ceremony.

Paul is the medical director of the Spine Center of DuPage Medical Group. He performs minimally invasive spine surgery at Edward Hospital.

The Distinguished Leadership Award goes to IMSA alumni who have significantly contributed to their work, community or civic responsibilities.

Paul, from IMSA's class of 1989, is a leader in the field of reconstructive cervical and lumbar spinal surgery with an emphasis on minimally invasive techniques.

He teaches neurosurgeons and spinal surgeons from around the world and is an award-winning researcher in genetic tissue engineering for degenerative disc disease and other spinal disorders. His findings have been published in major medical journals.

According to Paul, the DuPage Medical Group Spine Center "is interdisciplinary in that it uses the talents of both surgical and non-surgical physicians who work as a team to treat patients with spinal ailments. I am very proud of how it has evolved and its unique nature. I believe it is the only one of its kind in the area—maybe Illinois."

Paul has spoken at many regional, national and international medical conferences. He's also been involved in basic research about gene therapy for intervertebral disc regeneration, for which he has several publications and research awards.

Paul received his bachelor of arts degree from Haverford College and his medical degree from the University of Chicago—Pritzker School of Medicine.

