

Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa, M.D., Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

When Dr. Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa entered the United States from his native Mexico in 1987 — speaking no English and with \$5 in his pocket — he could never have expected that he would one day graduate from Harvard Medical School. But that is precisely what happened.

Since his arrival as director of the Brain Tumor Program at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and as assistant professor of neurosurgery and oncology for Johns Hopkins Bayview, Quinones has set up both a clinical practice and successful stem cell research program that has been awarded several grants by the National Institutes of Health.

But Quinones has not forgotten his immigrant roots. He works at both the state and national level advocating to change the inequities that exist in health care between the haves and the have-nots.

In spite of his busy schedule, and with several small children of his own, he visits inner-city middle schools to talk to students about how important education is to their future. “I am committed to addressing inequities in health care, in medical education, and the educational needs of minorities and beyond,” says Quinones.

Quinones has received a number of awards, including his induction in 2006 to the Hispanic Scholarship Fund’s Hall of Fame, and the Washington, D.C. 2006 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Physician-Scientist Career Award.

Yet it is not only Quinones’ professional accomplish-



ments that command so much respect. “What makes Dr. Quinones really shine for me is his compassion and love for his patients,” says Eric Vohr, assistant director of media relations with Johns Hopkins Medicine. “He cares for them, takes a personal interest in their lives and their interests, and figuratively holds their hand through the frightening and difficult process of brain surgery, which is anything but a routine procedure.”

— *Mary Medland*