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A Message from the Dean



Dear friends,

For 35 years, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University has been educating students to become doctors serving West Virginia and other regions of the country. In fact, more than 1,400 physicians

have graduated from Marshall since its inception. We are particularly proud to say that 55 percent of the 2013 graduates are entering primary care residencies with approximately 40 percent of the class remaining in West Virginia for further training. Clearly, our core mission remains unchanged. We provide high quality medical education and postgraduate training to produce a skilled physician workforce designed to meet the unique healthcare needs of West Virginia and central Appalachia.

On this background, we certainly face several challenges, in particular our accreditation status. As I'm sure everyone is aware, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has placed the Joan C Edwards School of Medicine on probation, but we have certainly been working diligently to address the outlined citations. I am extremely optimistic that probation will be lifted following the upcoming LCME site visit this summer.

This is, unfortunately, not the end of our challenges. The greatest challenge to our mission is, to my mind, the inexorable growth of student debt as the cost of education continues to grow. To address this, we are committed to create a \$20 million endowment over the next five years to help support our students. We have calculated that this new endowment, mixed with existing endowments, will allow us to control student debt and give our West Virginia graduates the option to pursue a career in West Virginia primary care. However, we desperately need your help. We are asking all of our graduates, staff and other supporters to consider a fiveyear annual contribution of \$3,000 for a total pledge of \$15,000. If our "family" of supporters can average this amount, we will have our \$20 million which will allow us to keep med school affordable for West Virginia students. For those of you who cannot afford the proposed \$15,000 dollar commitment, we will be grateful to accept whatever you can do, be it \$2,000, \$1000, \$500 or even \$100 annually. I would add that I am personally contributing to this extremely worthy goal.

I thank you for your kind consideration. Despite our challenges, I remain confident that we will continue to carry out our noble mission, and I am honored to participate in this mission with all of you.

Thank you,

Joe I. Shapiro, M.D. Dean, JCESOM

Dr. Nader G. Abraham named vice dean for research at School of Medicine

International researcher brings NIH grants and team of researchers to medical school

ader G. Abraham, Ph.D., Dr. H.C., FAHA, an internationally-recognized researcher in the field of obesity and vascular disease, has been named the inaugural vice dean for research at the School of Medicine. Additionally, several members of Abraham's research team have joined him.

Abraham previously was chairman and professor of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the University of Toledo College of Medicine. He is also affiliated with New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y., The Rockefeller University in New York and University of Catania in Italy.

"Dr. Abraham brings to Marshall University and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine exceptional experience and a proven track record in advancing successful grant-funded research. Put simply, he is a research catalyst," Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp said. "He is especially adept in fostering clinical translational research and building successful interdisciplinary research teams, attributes that will be of great benefit to our entire university. He most certainly will complement our efforts to expand applied research activities that yield commercially-viable discoveries."

"This is a great day for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall University. Dr. Abraham is one of the preeminent biomedical researchers in the world, and his joining our faculty raises our profile immediately," Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., said.

"Dr. Abraham has the unique and remarkable ability to energize and inspire others," Shapiro added. "This is illustrated by the group of scientists that will be coming with him. Recruiting any of these individuals on their own would be considered a terrific accomplishment for our school. I truly believe that Dr. Abraham is a key recruitment that will give Marshall University a significant leap forward toward becoming a



premier biomedical research institution."

Widely recognized for his research on vascular disease, which is a prelude to cardiovascular and metabolic diseases including hypertension, stroke, diabetes and obesity, Abraham and his team of researchers specifically study heme oxygenase, the most potent antioxidant gene in the human body. The team's research also includes ways to speed up the implementation of laboratory findings into clinical therapeutic strategies for patients, i.e., translational medicine.

"I'm very excited about joining the faculty at Marshall University," Abraham said. "I will be focusing on translational research projects in collaboration with the clinical departments, which will be an exciting experience for our medical students. I very much enjoy working with outstanding clinicians with little basic

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science experience and seeing them evolve into translational researchers. Truly, Marshall offers a unique opportunity to achieve these goals."

Abraham is currently the principal investigator on two National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants focusing on stem cellsheme oxygenase, hormonal regulation of blood pressure, obesity and diabetes. In a career spanning over 30 years, Abraham has served as principal investigator or co-investigator on grants or projects totaling more than \$17.3 million. As project leader for a program project in pharmacology, he has worked on five grants with total NIH funding of more than \$60 million, bringing his total career grant support to more than \$77 million.

Several career highlights for Abraham include the following leadership positions:

- 1996, chairman of the Society of Hematology and Stem Cells:
- 2000, chairman of the 1st International Conference on Heme Oxygenase, New York;
- 2002, chairman of the International Conference on Heme Oxygenase, Italy;
- 2005, chairman of the International Conference on Heme Oxygenase, Japan; and
- 2007, chairman of the International Conference on Heme Oxygenase, Poland.

Over his career, Abraham has received dozens of

awards including the following:

- National Institutes of Health, Research Career Development Award;
- Dr. David M. Ovitz Lecturer Award, University of Calgary, Canada;
- Distinguished Professor Award, University of Saskatoon, Canada;
- Dean's Distinguished Award for Stem Cell Research, University of Catania, Italy;
- Honorary doctoral degree in Pharmacy, University of Catania, Italy;
- Dean's Distinguished Award, New York Medical College, New York; and
- Honored Professorship, Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science.

He has served as an invited lecturer internationally, including in China, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Denmark, Czech Republic and Poland. He is the author or co-author of more than 300 original articles and has mentored numerous postdoctoral and graduate students. He is an American Heart Association Fellow.

Abraham brings to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine a team of researchers including the following individuals:

 G. Drummond, Ph.D., a former associate professor at Rockefeller University and an expert in heme oxygenase who pioneered the

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use of metalloporphyrins to inhibit bilirubin production, and has more than 20 years of clinical trial experience in preventing jaundice in newborn infants;

- D. Kim, Ph.D., a researcher in human stem cells:
- K. Sodhi, M.D., a researcher in hypertension associated with obesity and diabetes;
- S. Monu, Ph.D., a postdoctoral fellow who works on the expression of an endogenous antioxidant;
- M. Maheshwari, a doctoral student; and,
- M. Choi, a lab assistant.

Abraham earned his Ph.D. in 1976 from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. He spent his postdoctoral fellowship at The Rockefeller University, where he discovered and isolated the rat and human heme oxygenase gene responsible for the over-production of bilirubin in newborn infants, which manifests as jaundice. In early 1982, he developed inhibiters of heme oxygenase for the prevention of jaundice with his mentor Dr. A. Kappas, former vice president of The Rockefeller University and physician-in-chief.

In 1977, he became an associate scientist at New York Medical College in New York. He initiated the college's first program project on heme oxygenase in 1985. During his time there, he was promoted to the rank of professor with tenure in medicine in 1993.

Abraham was named a visiting professor of medicine at New York University in 1993, at which time he also continued his affiliation with The Rockefeller University as a visiting scientist. In 1996, he re-joined New York Medical College as a professor in the departments of pharmacology and medicine and also served as director of the stem cell and gene therapy program.

In 2009, while maintaining affiliations with both the New York Medical College and The Rockefeller University, Abraham was named chairman and professor of the department of physiology and pharmacology at the University of Toledo College of Medicine. During his tenure as chair of the department at Toledo, NIH and pharmaceutical support increased from \$2.5 million to more than \$7 million in less than four years.

Funding for collaborative medical research announced at JCESOM

Translational research aims to transfer discoveries from the laboratory to the bedside quickly

oan C. Edwards School of Medicine has received \$150,000 in funding for six research grants associated with the school's translational medicine research program.

The Marshall Health Translational Pilot Grant program, created in 2012, encourages collaborative research between basic scientists and clinical physicians in an effort to speed up the process of laboratory discovery to clinical application for patients. The grants are funded by Marshall Health.

"We are very pleased that Marshall Health has created this grant program to stimulate research efforts," said Richard M. Niles, Ph.D., senior associate dean for Biomedical Sciences at the School of Medicine. "Moving Marshall to the next level of medical research takes vision, commitment and of course, funding. This grant allows 12 researchers, as well as medical residents and students, the opportunity to explore very diverse areas."

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Marshall Health is the faculty practice plan for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and supports the clinical, educational, research and services missions of the school. Beth Hammers, executive director of the organization, says the pilot grant program provides one year of support at \$25,000 for each grantee, with additional funding based on progress of the research.

"Medical research is essential to the development of new medical treatments and cures for patients," Hammers said. "We are thrilled to help stimulate a robust, viable grant program which pairs basic scientists from Marshall University with School of Medicine physicians to work on projects which will lead to the betterment of our community."

The investigators and their projects are listed below:

Dr. Pier Paolo Claudio, Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, and Dr. Anthony Alberico, Department of Neuroscience – "Chemotherapy resistance and sensitivity testing in tumors of the central nervous system"

Dr. Elaine Hardman, Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, and Dr. James Jensen, Department of Surgery – "Feasibility and Safety of Nutritional Supplementation with Omega-3 Fatty Acids to Reduce Prostate Specific Antigen Rise in Men with Biochemical Failure after Prostatectomy or External-Beam Radiotherapy"

Dr. Nalini Santanam, Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology, and Dr. Paulette Wehner, Department of Cardiology – "Perivascular Fat Relation to Hypertension—Appalachian Heart Study"

Dr. Nalini Santanam, Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology, and Dr. Abid Yaqub, Department of Medicine, Endocrinology Section – "Impact of Technology-based Behavioral Intervention on Molecular and Clinical Parameters in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes"

Dr. Monica Valentovic, Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology, and Dr. Brenda Dawley, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology – "Prenatal Exposure to Heavy Metals and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) Alter Umbilical Cord Blood Levels of Thyroid Hormone and Vitamin D"

Dr. Hongwei Yu, Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, and Dr. Yoram Elitser, Department of Pediatrics – "Investigate the distribution of segmented filamentous bacteria (SFB) in American children and the presence of SFB with childhood diseases"

Other current translational research under way includes a partnership with the University of Kentucky (UK) as part of the National Institutes of Health's Clinical and Translational Science Awards program, which also is aimed at speeding the time for laboratory discoveries to benefit patients.

In 2011, UK and its partners received \$20 million for the program to support research at UK's Center for Clinical and Translational Science, making Marshall part of a select national biomedical research network.

Endocrinology Professorship created from Rezulin Settlement

onies awarded the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine from the 2007 class action lawsuit over health problems caused by the diabetes drug Rezulin have been matched through the West Virginia Research Trust Funds' Bucks for Brains program. In March 2010, the resulting award was used to create The Joseph M. Farrell Professorship, the only endocrinology fellowship program in the state. The chief of the section of Endocrinology holds the position, making Dr. Henry K. Driscoll the first Farrell Professor.

Michael J. Farrell, Esq., and Tamela J. White, Esq., served as co-counsel to Pfizer and Warner-Lambert, the manufacturer of Rezulin, and assisted the court in making its decision to award \$3 million to Marshall. Because of Farrell's work in directing this money to the School of Medicine, in 2010 the Joseph M. Farrell, M.D., Professorship in Endocrinology Research was funded with \$1 million of the award and named in honor of his father, Dr. Joseph M. Farrell, who practiced medicine for 45 years until his death in 2006. He contributed to establishing Huntington as a regional health center that serves the citizens of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. The gift was through the "Bucks for Brains" program, bringing the total to \$2 million.

Bucks for Brains was set up in 2008 by the state legislature through the West Virginia Research Trust Fund. Lawmakers set aside a \$50 million endowment which would match donations made to Marshall up to \$15 million



Endocrinology Research Fund poster presented at MU Day at the Capitol, Feb. 28, 2013

and West Virginia University up to \$35 million, earmarked for science-based research. Marshall was able to tap into this fund to double private gifts that support specific research initiatives linked to economic development, health care and job growth.

Extra! Extra! Get Your SOM Yearbooks!

If you are interested in a yearbook from 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002, you can stop by Room 3409 at the MU Medical Center, 1600 Medical Center Drive, and pick one up. Or, you can email Linda Holmes (holmes@marshall.edu) if you would like for one to be mailed to you (\$5.00 will cover postage and handling).



New advisory board created at School of Medicine



Front row (L to R): Linda Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs; Dr. Joe Shapiro, dean; and Tammy White, chair. Back row (L to R): Monica Hatfield; Dr. Shari Clarke; Dr. Paulette Wehner, president, SOM Alumni Association; Dr. Maury Mufson; Dr. Joe Assaley; Steve Shattls; Dr. Dev Rellan; and Dr. Skip Turner. Not pictured are Sharon Ambrose, Dr. Mark Sheridan, chair-elect, Dr. Omayma Touma and Joan Weisberg.

In order to further promote and advance the mission and vision of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean, has created a Dean's Advisory Board, consisting of faculty, alumni and Huntington community. Dr. Shapiro; Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, president, SOM Alumni Association; and Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, will serve as ex-officio members.

The inaugural meeting was held on April 10 at Guyan Golf and Country Club. Tamela J. White, a former nurse and hospital administrator who has a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins University, will serve as chair. She is also a member and founding attorney with Farrell, White and Legg, a legal firm in Huntington.

"It is an honor to join the collaborative forum, the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Advisory Committee, established by Dean Shapiro," White said. "The dean and the medical school's commitment to serve our region, which includes so many individuals who currently have limited to no health care resources, is a key to our future. Health and Education are the two most valuable resources within any community, health being intrinsic to the person and promoted by this medical community. Education is the key to a sustainable, vibrant and rich life. Combined, today's investment by the dean, the faculty team and stakeholders will lead our communities in health quality, health quality outcomes and community education. I look forward to being a part of this success."









(Top) Guests enjoying the reception (Bottom Left) Dr. Joe Shapiro, dean, and his wife, Mary (left), speak with Steve Shattls, CEO of Valley Health Systems. Behind Dr. Shapiro is Dr. Dev Rellan.; Middle Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, with advisory board member Dr. Mark Sheridan; (Bottom Right) SOM students Matt Snyder, MSI class president, and Molly Seidler, MSIII class vice-president, with board member Steve Shattls

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Dr. Joseph P. Assaley, Class of 1988, is serving a four-year term on the board. "I chose to accept a position on the advisory board because I believe the health care industry is the driving force of the economic engine for Huntington and the Tri-State," Assaley said. "The dean's advisory board can facilitate the School of Medicine to serve as a catalyst in bringing the medical professionals, including private physicians like myself, together to fuel the economic engine of the region." Assaley, who practices medicine in Huntington, is a former SOM Alumni Association president and current member of the alumni board.

Dr. Mark F. Sheridan, Class of 1987, former SOM Alumni Association president and a local physician in private practice, has been selected by the board as chair-elect.

"In order for our School of Medicine to continue its growth in a healthy and successful trajectory, it's essential we reach out to our many constituencies, listen to their counsel and respond," Shapiro said. "I applaud the efforts of our development and alumni director, Linda Holmes, for putting together a group of dynamic individuals who will certainly help us move forward."



Dr. Mark Sheridan, SOM Class of 1987, Dr. Dev Rellan and Dean Shapiro

The following people were named to the inaugural dean's advisory board:

2-year terms

- Mrs. Sharon N. Ambrose, retired nurse and retired senior vice-president and chief operating officer, St. Mary's Medical Center; former president of the St. Mary's Foundation
- Mr. Steven L. Shattls, executive director and chief executive officer, Valley Health Systems
- Dr. Omayma T. Touma, retired pediatrician and former director of the Cabell County Health Department
- Mrs. Joan M. Weisberg, business woman and officer of record for the Arthur and Joan Weisberg Family Foundation Inc.

3-year terms

- Dr. Shari J. Clarke, vice president for multicultural affairs, Marshall University
- Mrs. Monica J.W. Hatfield, MU graduate who attended the SOM before opting for a career as a math teacher; previous chair and board member of the MU Foundation Inc.
- Dr. Mark F. Sheridan, chair-elect, Class of 1987, local physician, former SOM Alumni Association president and current board member
- Dr. Charles E. Turner, local physician and founding member of the Huntington Internal Medicine Group

4-year terms

- Dr. Joseph P. Assaley, Class of 1988, local physician, former SOM Alumni Association president and current board member
- Dr. Maurice A. Mufson, professor emeritus and first chair of the SOM's Internal Medicine Department
- Dr. Dev R. Rellan, local physician with Huntington Internal Medicine Group
- Ms. Tamela J. White, chair, former nurse and hospital administrator, member and a founding attorney of Farrell, White and Legg

Ex-Officio Members

- Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean, School of Medicine
- Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, president, SOM Alumni Association
- Ms. Linda S. Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs

School of Medicine expands clinical research operations with appointment of new personnel

arshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine officials have announced the appointment of Dr. Todd H. Davies as the new director of research development and translation for the Marshall Clinical Research Center. He also has a faculty appointment as research clinical associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Davies, who previously served as the chief executive officer for ADS Biotechnologies in Toledo, Ohio, is responsible for developing and maintaining a plan for long-term, sustained research growth, including building a framework for accelerating the clinical trial process; developing administrative policies and procedures; working with the university's Technology Transfer Office to develop patenting and licensing strategies for the School of Medicine; and verifying compliance with state and federal guidelines.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Davies here at Marshall as we expand our footprint in the biomedical research arena," said Dr. Todd W. Gress, assistant dean, clinical research. "He is first and foremost a scientist who understands the processes of research, but more importantly in this position, he understands the business development aspect of taking research from the bench to the bedside. His business acumen is stellar and we couldn't be more pleased to have him on our team."

Davies' experience ranges from serving the city of Toledo in the department of development to identifying new bioscience technologies for commercial market value through his work as business development manager for Rocket Ventures in Toledo.

"I am excited to be part of the research renaissance happening here at Marshall," Davies said. "Every investigator has to balance maintaining the research process with their



Dr. Todd H. Davies





Patricia "Trish" H. Sacconi

regular duties. I am here to help develop and organize the resources to make that possible. The people here have been wonderful and I anticipate a great working relationship."

Davies earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Wesley College in Dover, Del., and then completed his Ph.D. in medical science from the University of Toledo in 2003. He also served in the United States Air Force.

Assisting Davies in the Marshall Clinical Research Center is Patricia "Trish" H. Sacconi, a 20-plus year employee of the School of Medicine and Marshall Health. Sacconi serves as administrator for the center. She previously held several administrative positions with Marshall, including department administrator for University Eve Surgeons.

Sacconi will graduate from Marshall University in December with a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree. She also holds several educational and medical certificates.

SOM launches \$20 million Scholarship Campaign



Dr. Joe Werthammer, chief medical officer; Dr. Aaron McGuffin, senior associate dean of medical education; Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs; and Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean, celebrate the new \$20 million Scholarship Campaign

In support of future generations of physicians and scientists, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has launched a \$20 million Scholarship Endowment Campaign. The fundraising effort was initiated by Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine. The campaign is, in part, a response to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) findings which placed the school on probation. There is a critical need to rectify the areas of concern before the LCME return visit in June. One of the areas of concern is the higher than average debt the school's students incur and the need for more scholarships to offset their debt.

During Fiscal Year 2012-2013, \$1,974,217 was awarded for financial aid for all four classes, an increase of approximately 260 percent from 2009-2010's total of \$549,053. (See Figure 1.) This past year, out of more than 285 students, 146 received scholarships. The average amount of these awards (including tuition waivers) was \$13,522.

Linda Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs said, "The efforts to create scholarships have been on-going, but now it is necessary to forge ahead in acquiring more scholarship dollars for our students. For instance, in order to sustain the level of current scholarship and future awards as recommended by the LCME, \$20 million will have to be added to the school's current endowment fund of \$5,483,302."

As of the 2012-2013 academic year, in-state tuition and fees totaled \$19,476, and \$46,266 for out-of-state students. These amounts do not include living, travel and other expenses, which can increase a student's total budget another \$28,390. This makes the average total debt for a 2012 JCESOM medical school graduate \$162,010. The national average for public medical schools is \$139,802. The cost of inflation for living expenses for medical students must be considered as well.

"The campaign is off to an excellent start," said Holmes. "Dr. Shapiro has led the way in

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becoming the first person to make a multiple year pledge to the scholarship endowment. "Drs. Joe Werthammer and Aaron McGuffin quickly followed with their pledges. These 'first' gifts are greatly appreciated and will serve as a catalyst for others to answer the challenge by creating a scholarship or contributing to an already-endowed scholarship."

Funding can be through an outright gift of cash or appreciated stock, or through a multi-year

pledge; it can also be endowed through a bequest. As an example, a \$15,000 pledge may be paid over five years or as an outright gift—\$15,000 being the minimum amount to endow a scholarship. Or, one can make annual contributions to the scholarship. School of Medicine employees can use payroll deduction.

"Remember, all gifts, no matter the amount, make a difference and we hope you will consider what will work for you," added Holmes.

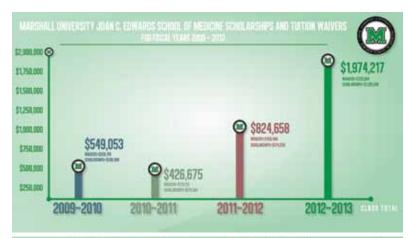


Figure 1. Scholarship & Tuition Waivers by Class for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

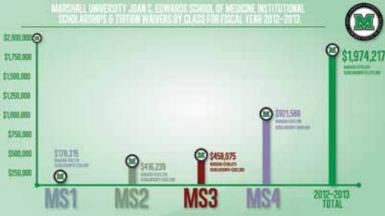


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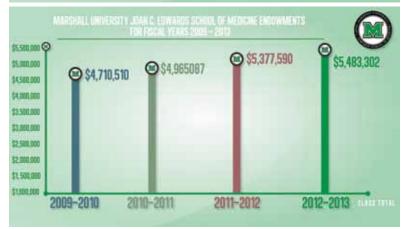


Figure 3. Endowments for Fiscal Years 2009-2013

BrickStreet Foundation makes \$2.5 million gift for research



From left, Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp; Greg Burton, president and CEO of BrickStreet Mutual Insurance Company; Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation; and Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, display an oversized check for \$2.5 million presented by BrickStreet Foundation to the Marshall University Foundation at the BrickStreet office in Charleston. The donation established a research endowment at Marshall. Photo by Rick Haye

arshall University has received a \$2.5 million gift from the BrickStreet Insurance Foundation Inc. to establish a research endowment.

The donation was matched through the state's "Bucks for Brains" West Virginia Research Trust Fund, for a total benefit to Marshall of \$5 million.

Proceeds from the endowment will be used to support research at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, particularly projects related to occupational and environmental health.

Greg Burton, president and CEO of BrickStreet Mutual Insurance Company, presented the donation to university representatives on January 3 at the company's headquarters in Charleston.

"Through the leadership and vision of our board, BrickStreet has set up a foundation focused on giving back to the community in which we live," said Burton. "Through this partnership with Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, BrickStreet is proud to support their continued research efforts. Many of our employees are Marshall graduates, so our partnership with the university runs deep and I know this investment will be used to not only strengthen the university's research efforts in occupational and environmental health, but also to continue to fulfill its mission to improve the health and wellness of our communities.

"As one of the largest workers' compensation providers in the region, we understand that the

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graduates of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will be our future partners in continuing to improve occupational health across West Virginia."

President Stephen J. Kopp thanked BrickStreet for the contribution, saying, "We are very pleased and proud that BrickStreet has chosen to make this gift commitment in support of endowment-based biomedical research focused on some of the most pressing occupational and rural health problems confronting our state and region. The Marshall University School of Medicine is a leader in rural medicine and the support provided by BrickStreet will be amplified by matching support from the West Virginia Research Trust Fund. This research endowment fund offers great promise to help improve the health and wellness of our rural communities."

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of MU's medical school, added, "I couldn't be more pleased to receive this generous gift from BrickStreet. It will most certainly benefit thousands of West Virginians. With this gift, Marshall researchers will conduct work that will span the spectrum from basic molecular research to practical, workplace-based research, finding both laboratory and clinical answers to help improve the quality of life for those in our state and region. BrickStreet has provided us with the necessary funding to get these projects under way and we can't wait to get started."

Last year, BrickStreet donated \$300,000 to Marshall to support athletics, academics and research. A portion of that gift was matched by the state's trust fund.



BrickStreet poster presented at MU Day at the Capitol, Feb. 28, 2013

The state legislature created the West Virginia Research Trust Fund in 2008 with an initial appropriation of \$15 million for Marshall. The university can tap into this fund to double private gifts that support specific research initiatives linked to economic development, health care and job growth.

Retirees

Since July 1, 2012, the School of Medicine has announced the following retirements.

Mitchell L. Berk, Ph.D.

Professor, Anatomy & Pathology
Dates of Employment: Aug. 1, 1982 – June 30, 2013

Kenneth E. Guyer, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Biochemistry & Microbiology Dates of Employment: Aug. 1, 1975 – Oct. 1, 2012

Richard A. Coulon Jr., M.D.

Professor, Neuroscience Dates of Employment: April 16, 2008 – Sept. 1, 2012

Mahmood Heydarian, M.D.

Professor, Pediatrics Dates of Employment: Sept. 11, 1981 – June 30, 2013

Waseem Shora, M.D.

Professor, Internal Medicine Dates of Employment: June 1, 1995 – March 19, 2013

SOM receives \$500,000 from Huntington Foundation Inc.

Gift will fund geriatric research through the creation of newly endowed geriatric chair



Frank E. Hanshaw Sr.

he Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has received \$500,000 from the Huntington Foundation Inc. to create The Huntington Foundation Inc./Frank E. Hanshaw Sr. Endowed Chair of Geriatrics. The gift has been matched by the West Virginia Research Trust Fund, also known as Bucks for Brains, which brings the total benefit to Marshall to \$1 million.

"I am very pleased the Huntington Foundation, in its quest to support health care and medical education in our community, has made this wonderful gift to our school of medicine," Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the school, said. "Research into areas like geriatrics and the aging process, which include such diseases as hypertension and diabetes, is pivotal to helping those in our state and Appalachia lead fuller and more productive lives. We are very grateful to the Huntington Foundation for its generosity and leadership in this area."

The endowed chair is named for the foundation and in memory of Frank E. Hanshaw Sr., who for years served Marshall University and the Huntington community through service in many diverse areas. He was a founder and past president of the Marshall University Foundation Inc., and also was chairman of the board of Huntington Wholesale Furniture Co.

Hanshaw served as president of several other local and national organizations, including the Marshall University Alumni Association, the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-State Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Huntington Rotary Club and the National Wholesale Furniture Association.

In addition, Hanshaw served as one of the original trustees of the Huntington Foundation, which was created in 1984 to return to the community money generated by the sale of Huntington Hospital to Hospital Corporation of America.

His son, Frank E. Hanshaw Jr., now serves as president of the foundation which makes grants for charitable, religious, education and scientific needs.

"My father was a great proponent of Marshall University and I know he would be thrilled with the decision to build a robust research program in an area that will benefit many, many people," Hanshaw Jr. said. "Through dad's work and through the work of many others, the foundation's commitment to build a better community remains steadfast."

Dr. Joseph B. Touma, Huntington Foundation board member and chair of the Marshall University Board of Governors, said the donation is the Huntington Foundation's largest single gift since he's been involved with the organization.

"The Huntington Foundation believes in supporting higher education, especially medical

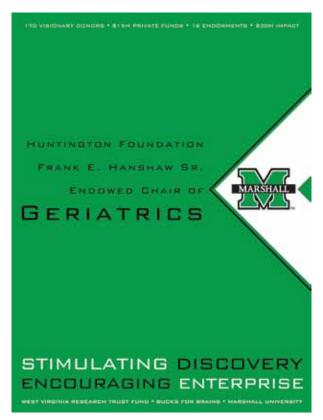
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education," he said. "We are dedicated to ensuring our contributions focus on areas that benefit the lives of many people, and I feel sure that the research that will occur as a result of this partnership will be paramount to future generations."

In addition to Touma and Hanshaw, Lee K. Oxley and Kermit E. McGinnis are members of the Huntington Foundation Board of Directors.

Previous gifts from the Huntington Foundation include a \$1 million contribution in 1988 that created the Frank E. Hanshaw Sr. Geriatric Center. Additional gifts include funding for Marshall University research and the endowed Edith M. Miller Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

For additional information on this contribution or for more information about giving to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Linda S. Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs, at 304.696.1711.



Huntington Foundation poster presented at MU Day at the Capitol, Feb. 28, 2013

Faculty Achievements in the Department of Ophthalmology

Dr. Michael Krasnow has been selected as one of America's Top Ophthalmologists for the seventh consecutive year by the Consumer's Research Council of America. He was also recognized by his peers on the list of Best Doctors in America 2013 for his contribution in his specialties of glaucoma and cataract surgery.

Krasnow has been reappointed to the National Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee of Express Scripts. Also, he presented "Anti-VEGF Therapy: New Treatments for Ocular Vascular Disease and Age-Related Macular Degeneration" to the National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee of Express Scripts in March of 2012.

Dr. Belinda Russell is on the list of America's Top Optometrists for the third consecutive year by the Consumer's Research Council of America.

Dr. Russell Fry, SOM Class of 2000, mentored medical students Zubair Ansari and Josh Hendrix in their submission and award of a \$15,000 grant for "An Analysis of the Accuracy of Remote Evaluation of Digital Retinal Images of a Rural Diabetic Population." Fry also mentored medical students D. Russell Richardson and Sarah Slocum in submission and award of a \$15,000 grant for "An Evaluation, Need and Effectiveness of Free Mobile Eye Health Screenings of a Homeless Population in an Appalachian Community."

Investiture ceremony honors latest medical school graduates

received their eventy-five medical students received their doctor of medicine degrees Friday, May 10, in the Investiture Ceremony of Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. President Stephen J. Kopp, who was among the speakers, conferred the students' degrees. This year's Investiture speaker was Dr. Gloria A. Wilder, a nationally-recognized pediatrician, public speaker and expert on poverty and social justice. She has served as chair of Mobile Health Programs for the Children's Health Project of D.C. at Georgetown University and the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. In addition, Wilder is president and chief executive officer of CORE HEALTH, a health care access solutions company dedicated to assisting underserved communities.

The Class of 2013 included three legacies (parents who graduated from the school), a military veteran who served two tours in the Middle East, a student who will train at Yale and volunteers who logged more than 5000 community hours while in Huntington the past four years.



Dr. Joe Assaley, Class of 1988, with Gina Guzzo, Class of 2013, doing a family medicine residency at Marshall



Legacy student, Rachel Edwards, M.D., with her father, Dr. Steve Edwards, Class of 1987, and her mother, Leah Payne, director of public affairs for the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy



Col. Kim Burgess, M.D., Class of 1982, and Lt. Col. Chuck Clements, M.D., Class of 1997, administer the military oath of office to the following graduates: Drs. Chris Wolfe, Joaquin Llado-Frazer, Alex Overmiller, Crystal Breighner and Aaron Lane.



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You can view this year's Investiture Ceremony using this tag, or go to:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XuGgHTN0bs. Visit this web site for photos: musom.marshall. edu/students/images/2013/investiture/

Nobel laureate visits Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

ünter Blobel, M.D., Ph.D., who received the 1999 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery that proteins have built-in signals that direct their movement in cells, visited the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in November and met with faculty, staff and students.

Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp presented Blobel with an honorary doctoral degree in science from the school.

For decades, Blobel, a cellular and molecular biologist, has studied the protein distribution system within cells. His studies showed that the movement and position of proteins within a cell depend on specific signals which direct them to proper cell destinations. Ultimately, the protein-signaling mechanisms discovered by Blobel were discovered to be universal, found in yeast, plant, animal and human cells.

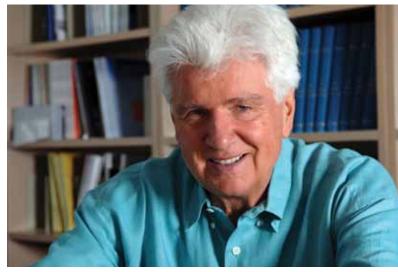
His work has shed light on diseases such as cystic fibrosis and kidney stones, which have been linked to errors in the signal and transport systems.

In awarding Blobel with an honorary degree, President Kopp praised the researcher for his life-long curiosity and commitment to the life sciences.

"Dr. Blobel is the epitome of a great research scientist and humanitarian, one who has dedicated his entire career to unlocking the mysteries of human disease and benefiting humankind," Kopp said. "He is among the most respected researchers in the world and it is with pleasure and great pride that we bestow upon him our highest honor, this honorary doctoral degree."

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, said Blobel's visit serves to both ignite passion and encourage young researchers to pursue their scientific goals.

"It is inspiring for us to meet with a scientist like Dr. Blobel, someone who has truly reached a scientific pinnacle," he said. "I am absolutely delighted that he has found the time in his busy schedule to visit us at Marshall, and I am grateful



Günter Blobel, M.D., Ph.D.
Photo courtesy of The Rockefeller University/Zach Veilleux.

to Dr. Nader Abraham, our vice dean for research, for arranging this incredible visit."

Blobel, who has received many distinguished awards during his career, said he is pleased to receive the honorary degree from Marshall.

"I am humbled and totally surprised to receive this honorary degree from Marshall University," he said. "Marshall is a distinguished university and I am so pleased to receive this honor."

Blobel's research continues as he now works to understand the signals between a cell's nucleus and cytoplasm. Experts say the keys to unlocking these type communications will eventually help explain how diseases like cancer occur.

Blobel received his M.D. from the University of Tübingen in 1960 and his Ph.D. in 1967 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he worked with Van R. Potter in the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research. He did postdoctoral work at The Rockefeller University in the laboratory of George E. Palade and has been at the university since. Blobel was named the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Professor in 1992 and also serves as an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

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Born in a small town in eastern Germany (now Poland) in 1936, Blobel and his family fled the country during World War II. On their way to the west, they passed through the city of Dresden, which only days later was destroyed in an air bombing. Blobel's oldest sister was killed some weeks later in an air attack on a train in which she was traveling.

In memory of his sister and in an effort to help rebuild the city of Dresden, Blobel founded Friends of Dresden Inc., a charitable organization, with the goal to raise funds in the United States to help rebuild the many beautiful structures in Dresden that were destroyed in World War II.

JCESOM picks up national award for family medicine

Marshall only medical school in state chosen for recognition

arshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has received a Family Medicine "Top Ten" award from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) for being one of the nation's top schools in the percentage of graduates entering family medicine residencies. Based on a three-year average ending in October 2012, AAFP reports 18.5 percent of Marshall medical school graduates have chosen family medicine residencies. The average places the school as number five in the country and the only medical school in West Virginia in the Top Ten.

"Educating primary care doctors remains our top priority," said Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine. "As the Affordable Care Act is implemented across the country, many more primary care doctors will be needed to provide care for the millions of patients entering the health care system. I am pleased our school of medicine is doing its part to educate doctors on the front lines of medicine in this country."

Dr. John Walden, chair of the Department of Family Medicine, says Marshall's contribution to growing the nation's ranks of primary care physicians and more specifically, family medicine doctors, shows the school is doing its part to address the shortage of primary care physicians in the country.

"As of 2012, our Department of Family Medicine has placed residency graduates in 31 different communities throughout West Virginia," Walden said. "Not only are we encouraging our



Dr. W. Mitchel Shaver (left) accepts an award for the number of graduates who enter family practice residencies from Jeff Cain, M.D., president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Photo credit: American Academy of Family Physicians.

medical students to choose family medicine as is evidenced by this award, we are then training family medicine residents who choose to stay in West Virginia and meet the health care needs of our state."

Since 1992, Marshall has been honored 19 times by the AAFP for its high percentage of medical students choosing family medicine residencies.

Dr. W. Mitchel Shaver, SOM Class of 1990, residency director for Marshall's Department of Family Medicine, accepted the award during a ceremony May 3 at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference in Baltimore.

School of Medicine researchers study Vitamin C deficiencies in patients on blood-thinning medication

case study published by two JCESOM researchers shows that patients taking warfarin, an anticoagulant medication, may inadvertently be limiting their vitamin C intake because of dietary restrictions associated with the medicine.

The clinical study by Dr. Lynne Goebel, professor of medicine, and Dr. George Yousef, a first-year resident in the Department of Internal Medicine, was accepted for publication in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* and released online Dec. 2, 2013.

According to the study, patients taking the drug warfarin are often told to monitor their intake of vitamin K-containing foods since vitamin K lessens the blood thinning effects of the medication. These dietary restrictions may cause patients to inadvertently limit their intake of other nutrients, including vitamin C.

"To my knowledge, this is the only case of vitamin C deficiency in a patient taking warfarin reported in the literature," Goebel said. "Hopefully the publication will raise awareness for

this problem and lead other physicians to consider this diagnosis in their patients taking warfarin."

The case study profiled a 64-year old female patient whose clinical presentation included a rash on both upper legs that was not associated with any pain, itching or history of trauma. The patient also denied contact with any plants or new soaps or lotions. Subsequent testing revealed vitamin C deficiency.

A diet low in vitamin C can lead to a variety of health issues including bleeding gums, poor wound healing, and rashes, commonly known as scurvy.

"I hope patients will make sure they are taking in food with vitamin C, although any dietary change should be monitored by their doctor," Goebel said. "The new recommendations for diet advice in patients taking warfarin is to take in a consistent amount of food with vitamin K rather than avoiding this food altogether."

Goebel has undertaken a larger study on vitamin deficiencies in people taking the drug warfarin to assess if the problem is more widespread.

Kilgore honored with Faculty Choice Award

Dr. Jacob Tyler Kilgore is the recipient of the 2013 Faculty Choice Award sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association. The award was presented by Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, at the annual Student Awards Ceremony on May 7. The Faculty Choice Award, which goes to the most outstanding MS-IV student as selected by the faculty, comes with a plaque and monetary award. Kilgore, a native of Wayne County, is a summa cum laude graduate of Marshall University where he was a Yeager Scholar. He will begin his residency in internal medicine/pediatrics at Marshall University.



Take a Seat Campaign a worthy way to remember others



Dr. Lucia Soltis

r. Lucia I. Soltis, Class of 2008, was so influenced by her grandfather, Steve J. Soltis, former CEO of St. Mary's Hospital, she decided to honor his memory. "My grandpa had such an impact on the medical community in Huntington during his tenure at St. Mary's, I frequently found myself saying, 'Yes, I am Mr. Soltis' granddaughter,' during my time as an MU medical school applicant, medical student and resident," Lucia said. "When he passed away on December 23, 2012, I thought purchasing a chair in the Harless Auditorium would be a good way to both remember what he has done and allow him to continue on as a part of Huntington's medical community."

Naming a chair in Harless Auditorium as part of the Take a Seat Campaign is a unique and fitting way to have a permanent legacy within the School of Medicine or to honor or memorialize a loved one. Giving to the campaign also allows you to afford medical students front row seats to a premier medical education.

Dr. David A. Denning, chair of the Department of Surgery, continues to be a generous supporter, with a total of 11 chairs. He most recently purchased three chairs, one in honor of John T. Walker, M.D., professor, Department of Surgery; one for Douglas W. Henson, M.D., SOM Class of 1993, associate professor, Department of Surgery; and one in memory of Scott L. Henson, M.D., SOM Class of 1985.

Denning's previously purchased chairs were either in honor of or in memory of the following: Carlton B. Denning; Louis R. Molina, M.D.; William M. Cocke, M.D.; H. Homer Cummings Jr., M.D.; Clara Belle Denning; James R. "Pete" Carey, M.D.; Curtis W. Harrison Jr., M.D.; and one for himself—David A Denning, M.D.

Dr. Sandra K. Marshall has recently purchased four chairs. One chair was for herself, Sandra Echols Marshall, M.D., Class of 1989; one for her father, in honor of William Jerry Echols; one for her uncle, in memory of William Edwards Echols, M.D.; and one for her grandfather, in memory of John Edward Echols, M.D.

You can choose to name your chair for whomever you wish, whether it is a family member, a friend, a patient or a beloved physician. It is your chair, and your legacy. Every dollar of your gift goes to maintain and enhance cutting edge technological support for health services education in the Harless Auditorium.

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Thanks to the many donors who have given \$1,000 to endow the "Take a Seat Campaign," the School of Medicine's Educational Technology Fund. David N. Bailey, assistant dean, continuing medical education, will utilize the funds from the endowment to integrate the continuing medical education conference rooms with the Harless Auditorium audio visual capabilities via WiFi, which is now available through the intranet. All audiovisual equipment selected will include the Bluetooth option, which is required for wireless access to the in-house network. The future plan includes a new lighting system upgrade to provide a "lights up" classroom setting.

There are still seats available and we ask you to join others from the Marshall "family" in taking a seat in the Harless Auditorium. When you make your pledge, the school will inscribe a brass plaque to be placed on the back of a seat. It's a great way to recognize a graduate, remember or honor a loved one, or show your support for the School of Medicine.

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SOM seniors learn their future at Match Day 2013



Good luck to the Class of 2013!

Pourth-year medical students across the country, including students at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, found out on Friday, March 15, where they will do the next three to seven years of their training during the annual Match Day.

In all, 73 seniors learned their residency placements during the Match Day event in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room when they and their counterparts nationwide opened envelopes containing their residency decisions.

"We share our graduates' excitement as they prepare to go on in their training," said Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the JCESOM. "We are gratified to see our Marshall students maintain a strong commitment to primary care."

Just over 55 percent of graduating seniors will enter fields defined as primary care in West Virginia – family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, internal medicine/pediatrics and pediatrics – continuing Marshall's mission of educating physicians for the nation's rural areas. About 40 percent of the class will remain in West Virginia, with 25 new doctors training at Marshall. Placements include a spot in plastic surgery (with only 117 positions in the entire





Megan Luciano, Sarah Owen-McNemar and Shannon James are clearly excited about their matches.



Dr. Shapiro, dean, speaks with Dr. M. Idress Khokar, whose daughter, Arifa, is a 2013 grad.



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Chris Bates; Amy Smith, assistant director, medical student education; Ayah Arafa; and Thomas Schlierf smile for the photographer.



Husband and wife, Kate and Russ Richardson



Gordon McLemore tries to sneak a peek at his match.



Dr. Pete Chirico's radiology bunch – Elias Salloum, Class of 2013 president; Kate Proffitt, Joanie Garratt, Jason Locke, Dr. Chirico, Adam Hackney, Kari Wilson and Megan Davis



Amanda Schlak, Jared Miller, Dr. Shea Goodrich, Class of 2011; Sarah Frazier, Dr. Susan Flesher, Class of 2007; Scott Studeny, Krista Allen, Shannon James, Tierra Crockett, Hunter Moore, Cherish Crawford and Sarah Owen-McNemar

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country); two in orthopaedic surgery (with our first student matched into our program); two in ophthalmology; seven in radiology; and one in neurosurgery, with a total match rate of 97 percent.

Dr. Marie Veitia, assistant dean of student affairs, said this year's match is a strong one for Marshall students.

"We are delighted that our students matched into highly competitive fields of medicine such as anesthesiology, radiology, orthopaedics and ophthalmology at programs across the country," Veitia said. "Marshall students are heading to programs at Yale, Wake Forest and the University of California-Davis."

The National Residency Matching Program connects graduating seniors with graduate medical programs across the country using an algorithm which pairs the preferences of applicants with the preferences of residency programs resulting in a best result for graduating students.

You can watch a video of Match Day at http://youtu.be/5TKqhVNvcG8, or view a slide show of photos at: musom.marshall.edu/students/images/2013/matchday/.

Match List

Brian Farouk Abadir

Medicine Preliminary at Marshall University, followed by Anesthesiology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Jacquelyn Hanna Adams

Obstetrics Gynecology at Summa Health/NEOMED Akron, Ohio

Krista Marie Allen

Pediatrics at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Avah Arafa

Emergency Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Christopher Michael Bates

Plastic Surgery (Integrated) at University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston Galveston, Texas

Supria Batra

Internal Medicine at Tufts Medical Center Boston, Massachusetts

Rebecca Allison Bell

Pediatrics at Palmetto Health Richland Columbia, South Carolina

Kathryne Jane Blair

Surgery Preliminary at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Crystal M. Breighner

Internal Medicine at Eisenhower Army Medical Center Fort Gordon, Georgia

Samantha Leigh Chaffin

Obstetrics Gynecology at Charleston Area Medical Center/West Virginia University Charleston, West Virginia

Matthew Quick Christiansen

Family Medicine at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Cherish Leann Crawford

Pediatrics at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Tierra Nicole Crockett

Pediatrics at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Matthew Bruce Curry

Family Medicine at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Christopher Lynn Daugherty

Transitional Medicine at Summa Health/NEOMED Akron, Ohio, followed by Ophthalmology at Summa Health Systems Akron, Ohio

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Megan Dawn Davis

Medicine Preliminary at Marshall University, followed by Radiology-Diagnostic at University of Kentucky Medical Center Lexington, Kentucky

Steven Curtis Davis

Internal Medicine at University of Kentucky Medical Center Lexington, Kentucky

Rachel Elizabeth Edwards

Surgery Preliminary at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

John Blake Epling

Internal Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine Morgantown, West Virginia

Sarah Jane Frazier

Pediatrics at Charleston Area Medical Center/ West Virginia University Charleston, West Virginia

Joanie Mae Garratt

Medicine Preliminary at Marshall University, followed by Radiology-Diagnostic at St. Vincent Hospital Worcester, Massachusetts

Regina Louise Guzzo

Family Medicine at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Adam Michael Hackney

Transitional Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine, followed by Radiology-Diagnostic, also at West Virginia University School of Medicine Morgantown, West Virginia

Ienelle Baldonado Hao

Internal Medicine at University of Nevada Affiliated Hospitals Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nevada

Michael Joseph Hardman

Internal Medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine/Hahnemann University Hospital Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Joshua Andrew Hess

Medicine/Pediatrics at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia



The Bates family—Randy, Miranda Rosiek, Chris and Sherrie

Hilary Catherine Hott

Internal Medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine/Hahnemann University Hospital Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Caleb Richard Huff

Obstetrics Gynecology at Charleston Area Medical Center/West Virginia University Charleston, West Virginia

David Curtis Ison

Internal Medicine at East Tennessee State University Johnson City, Tennessee

Shannon Nicole James

Pediatrics at St. Vincent Hospital Center Indianapolis, Indiana

Charles Matthew Justice

Medicine/Pediatrics at Charleston Area Medical Center/West Virginia University Charleston, West Virginia

Arifa Idrees Khokar

Obstetrics Gynecology at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Brent David Kidd

Anesthesiology at University of Alabama Medical Center Birmingham, Alabama

Jacob Tyler Kilgore

Medicine/Pediatrics at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Michael Allen Kinder

Obstetrics Gynecology at Bayfront Medical Center St. Petersburg, Florida

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Rebecca Lynn Klug

Surgery Preliminary at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Aaron E. Lane

Transitional Medicine at Eisenhower Army Medical Center Fort Gordon, Georgia

Amanda Estep Lane

Family Medicine at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Joaquin Alejandro Llado Frazer

Transitional Medicine at SAUSHEC Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston Houston, Texas

Jason Kent Locke

Surgery Preliminary at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare, Spartanburg, South Carolina, followed by Radiology-Diagnostic at University of Florida College of Medicine Shands Hospital Gainesville, Florida

Megan Bartley Luciano

Obstetrics Gynecology at Orlando Health Florida Orlando, Florida

Dana Scott Lycans

Orthopaedic Surgery at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Philip Gordon McLemore Jr.

Obstetrics Gynecology at University of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii



Class of 2013 members celebrate Match Day

Jared Adrian Miller

Pediatrics at Nationwide Childrens Hospital Columbus, Ohio

Alexandra Mnuskin

Psychiatry at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School New Brunswick, New Jersey

Bi Mo

Neurological Surgery at University of California-Davis Medical Center Sacramento, California

Garrison Hunter Moore

Pediatrics at Greenville Hospital System/University of South Carolina Greenville, South Carolina

Angela Grace Niehaus

Pathology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Alexandra Eliot Norcott

Internal Medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital New Haven, Connecticut

Ashley Erin O'Keefe

Obstetrics Gynecology at Louisiana State University New Orleans, Louisiana

Alex Carl Overmiller

Surgery Preliminary at Guthrie/Robert Packer Hospital Sayre, Pennsylvania

Sarah Katherine Owen McNemar

Pediatrics at Greenville Hospital System/University of South Carolina Greenville, South Carolina

Elizabeth Kate Proffitt

Radiology-Diagnostic at Christiana Care Newark, Delaware

Daniel Russell Richardson

Transitional Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine, followed by Ophthalmology at West Virginia Eye Institute Morgantown, West Virginia

Kathleen Hardgrove Richardson

Family Medicine at Washington Hospital Washington, Pennsylvania

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Melissa Ann Rowe

Obstetrics Gynecology at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Amy Allison Roy

Obstetrics Gynecology at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Stephen Roy

Internal Medicine at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Elias Habib Salloum

Medicine Preliminary at St. Vincent Hospital Worcester, followed by Radiology-Diagnostic, also at St Vincent Hospital Worcester, Massachusetts

Amanda Nicole Schlak

Pediatrics at Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems Richmond, Virginia

Melissa Jessica Seelbach

Anesthesiology at University of Kentucky Medical Center Lexington, Kentucky

Adam Tyler Short

Orthopaedic Surgery at University of Louisville School of Medicine Louisville, Kentucky

Kara Elizabeth Siford

Family Medicine at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Megan Leigh Smith

Obstetrics Gynecology at Aultman Hospital/NEOMED Canton, Ohio

Shaun Colborn Stanley

Psychiatry at West Virginia University School of Medicine Morgantown, West Virginia

Katherine Janel Steele

Family Medicine at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Scott Richard Studeny

Pediatrics at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia



Amanda Schlak and fiancé, Michael Stark

Justin Patrick Tolbert

Anesthesiology at Wayne State University/ Detroit Medical Center Detroit, Michigan

Brittany Leigh Venci

Internal Medicine at Carolinas Medical Center Charlotte, North Carolina

Meghan Nichole Ward Horne

Family Medicine at St. Vincents Medical Center lacksonville, Florida

Kari Rene Wilson

Medicine Preliminary at Marshall University, followed by Radiology-Diagnostic at University of Kentucky Medical Center Lexington, Kentucky

Erica Rene Wilt

Neurology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Brian Christopher Wolf

Medicine Preliminary at Marshall University Huntington, West Virginia

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine 2016 White Coat Ceremony

School of Medicine were welcomed in a White Coat Ceremony on Aug. 9, 2012, in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Sixty-six students received white coats, symbolizing their future profession, and took a physician's oath to provide skilled and



Dr. B. Joseph Touma, son of Drs. Joseph and Omayma Touma, present the stethoscopes.

compassionate care. The coats are purchased by School of Medicine alumni and friends who also have generously donated funding for book purchases and medical instruments. For the sixth year, Drs. Joseph and Omayma Touma donated funds to provide each student with a stethoscope. Their son, Dr. B. Joseph Touma, represented his parents who were unable to attend. The Humanism in Medicine lapel pins are provided by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.



Dr. Joe Evans is guest speaker for the Class of 2016.

In a departure from years past, some students were "cloaked" by a family member or friend who has a doctoral degree in health care. The average age of this year's incoming

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Dr. Tom B. Styer with new medical student, Laura M. Stanko



Dr. Jack L. Kinder Jr., Class of 1991, with his niece, Carissa M. Elkins

Legacy Students



Dr. Scott E. Miller, Class of 1986, with his son, Bosten S. E. Miller



Drs. Teresa R. & A. Wayne Thacker, both Class of 1990, with their daughter, Elizabeth

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class is 24.8 years. Twenty-nine percent are first generation college graduates.

The Physician's Oath in the Tradition of Hippocrates and Elizabeth Blackwell was movingly presented by Aaron M. Dom, president, Class of 2015.

Dr. Joseph Evans, interim chairman of University Pediatrics and a 1982 JCESOM graduate, was this year's special guest speaker. Dr. Evans also presented the white coats.

White Coat Sponsors

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association gratefully extends its appreciation for the generosity of the following alumni and friends who purchased white coats and book credits for the Class of 2016. The donors and student recipients are as listed.

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| Jeffrey W. Whightsel, M.D. |
| Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker, M.D. |

Class of 1983

(36 members - 1 deceased, 46% participation)

Lou Gene Bartram, M.D. Gerald G. Blackwell, M.D. L. Richard Boggs, M.D. Craig L. Bookout, M.D. Mary Beth Butcher, M.D. Ronald DeAndrade Jr., M.D. Samuel R. Davis, M.D. James W. Endicott, M.D. W. Douglas Given, M.D. Bijan J. Goodarzi, M.D. Wayne E. Groux, M.D. Garrie J. Haas, M.D. R. Mark Hatfield, M.D. Carol Spencer LeMay, M.D. Reginald J. McClung, M.D. Hobart K. Richey, M.D.

Class of 1982

(23 members - 2 deceased, 38% participation)

Virginia K. Blevins-Thelan, M.D.
Joseph E. Evans, M.D.
Rose A. Goodwin, M.D.
Kim M. Jordan-DeAndrade, M.D.
Gretchen E. Oley, M.D.
Ron D. Stollings, M.D.
Katherine M. Stone, M.D.
Thomas B. Styer, M.D.

Class of 1981

(18 members, 50% participation)

Patrick C. Bonasso, M.D.
Dwight C. Groves, M.D.
Leslie N. Heddleston, M.D.
Sandra J. Joseph, M.D.
Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D.
Brenda C. Smith, M.D.
Stephen C. Smith, M.D.
John F. Toney, M.D.
Robert E. Turner, M.D.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHARTER LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lifetime Memberships in the School of Medicine Alumni Association were created at the inaugural meeting of the board of directors on October 9, 1992. During the first year of the association, 61 alumni became members by making the one-time gift of \$500. The School of Medicine and the Alumni Association extend our deepest appreciation to these Charter Lifetime Members for their gifts and loyalty to their alma mater.

| Name | Class Year |
|---------------------------|------------|
| C. David Adair, M.D. | 1990 |
| Gregory D. Akers, M.D. | 1988 |
| Marsha S. Anderson, M.D. | 1988 |
| Joseph P. Assaley, M.D. | 1988 |
| Gerald G. Blackwell, M.D. | 1983 |
| Patrick C. Bonasso, M.D. | 1981 |
| John G. Boswell, M.D. | 1982 |
| Dennis M. Burton, M.D. | 1981 |

| Name | Class Year |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Karen Clark-Gerbo, M.D. | 1989 |
| Cheryl L. Cook, M.D. | 1985 |
| Carol H. Cooper, M.D. | 1989 |
| Karen N. Dansby, M.D. | 1983 |
| Samuel R. Davis, M.D. | 1983 |
| James W. Endicott, M.D. | 1983 |
| Carol A. Foster, M.D. | 1985 |
| W. Douglas Given, M.D. | 1983 |
| Rose A. Goodwin, M.D. | 1982 |
| Mary M. Griffith, M.D. | 1989 |
| Wayne E. Groux, M.D. | 1983 |
| Jerry M. Hahn, M.D. | 1986 |
| Sue E. Hanks, M.D. | 1986 |
| R. Mark Hatfield, M.D. | 1983 |
| Leslie N. Heddleston, M.D. | 1981 |
| Karen J. Heyd, M.D. | 1985 |
| Pierre Istfan, M.D. | 1985 |
| Sandra J. Joseph, M.D. | 1981 |
| Jack L. Kinder Jr., M.D. | 1991 |
| J. Douglas Kirk, M.D. | 1988 |
| David C. Kowalski, M.D. | 1987 |
| Carol M. Spencer-Lemay, M.D. | 1983 |
| Kenneth F. McNeil, M.D. | 1986 |
| Louis R. Molina, M.D. ‡ | 1984 |
| James H. Morgan, M.D. | 1988 |
| Kathy M. O'Hanlon, M.D. | 1986 |
| Gretchen E. Oley, M.D. | 1982 |
| C. Douglas Phillips, M.D. | 1984 |
| Trudi L. Rash, M.D. | 1989 |
| David S. Ratliff, M.D. | 1986 |
| Evelyn Rector-Banks, M.D. | 1984 |
| Ezra B. Riber, M.D. | 1984 |
| Hobart K. Richey, M.D. | 1983 |
| William S. Sheils Jr., M.D. | 1983 |
| Mark F. Sheridan, M.D. | 1987 |
| Lee B. Smith, M.D., J.D. | 1982 |
| Nina K. Smith, M.D. | 1981 |
| Stephen C. Smith, M.D. | 1981 |
| James F. Spears, M.D. | 1987 |
| Ron D. Stollings, M.D. | 1982 |
| Katherine M. Stone, M.D. | 1982 |
| Mark A. Studeny, M.D. | 1986 |
| Thomas B. Styer, M.D. | 1982 |
| Melody A. Swavely, M.D. | 1988 |
| Jeffrey N. Thaxton, M.D. | 1992 |
| Larry W. Watson, M.D. | 1986 |
| Samuel D. Wellman, M.D. | 1983 |
| Curtis A. Winter, M.D. | 1982 |
| Jimmy V. Wolfe, M.D. | 1984 |
| Kevin W. Yingling, M.D. | 1985 |
| Elaine M. Young, M.D. | 1986 |
| Sandra L. Zahradka, M.D. | 1989 |
| W. Matthew Zban, M.D. | 1989 |
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Through June 30, 2012, the following alumni* joined other graduates as Lifetime Members of the School of Medicine Alumni Association.

| Name | Class Year |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Clark D. Adkins, M.D. | 1989 |
| *Paul D. Bailey, M.D. | 2009 |
| LouGene Bartram, M.D. | 1983 |
| Michael E. Beane, M.D. | 1996 |
| Jeffrey B. Betts, M.D. | 1991 |
| R. Daniel Bledsoe, M.D. | 2001 |
| Kimberly A. Burgess, M.D. | 1992 |

| Name | Class Year | July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, th | ne |
|--|--------------|--|--------------------------|
| Samuel E. Carroll, M.D. | 1997 | following School of Medicine graduate | es joined the |
| P. Mitchell Charles, M.D. | 1988 | alumni association as annual members | • |
| Amy L. Conley, M.D. | 1998 | | |
| Yale D. Conley, M.D. | 1987 | Annual Members | |
| Pamela A. Cyrus, M.D. | 1989 | Shayne E. Bates, M.D. | 2006 |
| J. Beth Day, M.D. | 1991 | Craig L. Bookout, M.D. | 1983 |
| Paul R. Durst, M.D. | 1984 | Darin K. Bowers, M.D. | 1987 |
| C. Stephen Edwards, M.D. | 1987 | Michelle R. Burdette, M.D. | 1990 |
| Joseph E. Evans, M.D. | 1982 | Mary Beth Butcher, M.D. | 1983 |
| J. Patrick Fouts, M.D. | 1998 | Lisa R. Carchedi, M.D. | 2000 |
| Frank E. Fumich, M.D. | 1999 1996 | R. Todd Chambers, M.D. | 1990 2000 |
| Jeffry T. Gee, M.D. Bijan J. Goodarzi, M.D. | 1983 | Ryan R. Cicenas, M.D. Jodi M. Cisco, M.D. | 1997 |
| Robert B. Gray, M.D. | 1999 | Robert J. Cure, M.D. | 1998 |
| Jennifer L. Bennett Grube, M.D. | 1996 | Michael G. Douglas, M.D. | 1989 |
| Darlene Y. Gruetter, M.D. | 1987 | Gerald A. Dague, M.D. | 2000 |
| Crystal L. Gue, M.D. | 1990 | Ronald deAndrade Jr., M.D. | 1983 |
| Garrie J. Haas, M.D. | 1983 | Harry H. Dinsmore Jr., M.D. | 1991 |
| Lee C. Haikal, M.D. | 1994 | Devin S. Edwards, M.D. | 2004 |
| William H. Haney, M.D. | 1986 | Kelli L. Fournier, M.D. | 1997 |
| Glenn A. Harper, M.D. | 1995 | W. Doug Given, M.D. | 1983 |
| *Becki S. Hill, M.D. | 1994 | Rose A. Goodwin, M.D | 1982 |
| Robert A. Hess, M.D. | 1986 | Kerri L. George Hall, M.D. | 2003 |
| Eric S. Hopkins, M.D. | 1998 | Marc Hettlinger, M.D. | 2009 |
| F. Scott Hunter, M.D. | 1981 | John A. Hoffman, M.D. | 1986 |
| Eric W. Irwin, M.D. | 2002 | Ellie E. Hood, M.D. | 2005 |
| Eric W. Janssen, M.D. | 1990 | Edwin J. Humphrey IV, M.D. | 1986 |
| John W. Kessel, M.D. | 1990 | David J. Hunt, M.D. | 1995 |
| Joanne M. Lebow, M.D. | 1990 | J. William Jones, M.D. | 2005 |
| Dawn L. MacFarland, M.D. | 1996 | Kim M. Jordan, M.D. | 1982 |
| James C. McCabe, M.D. | 1988 | Joseph L. Joyce, M.D. | 1997 |
| Reginald J. McClung, M.D. | 1983 | B. Danielle King, M.D. | 1997 |
| *Charles C. McCormick, M.D. | 1985 | Devin A. King, M.D. | 1999 |
| Scott E. Miller, M.D. | 1986 | Joseph M. King, M.D. | 2007 |
| Manuel E. Molina, M.D. | 1987 1990 | Stacey N. Knox, M.D. | 1997 |
| Gabrielle F. Morris, M.D. | 1981 | Kathleen E. Lucas, M.D. | 1984 1997 |
| Stephen F. Morris, M.D. Kimberly A. Oxley, M.D. | 1994 | Mary L. Marcuzzi, M.D. Danny J. Meadows, M.D. | 1997 |
| Robert C. Pennington, M.D. | 1990 | Perry Meadows, M.D. | 1984 |
| Steven Pribanich III, M.D. | 1991 | Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D. | 1981 |
| Daniel B. Ray, M.D. | 1983 | Mario R. Morenas, M.D. | 1995 |
| Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D. | 1991 | G. Joseph Oakley III, M.D. | 2006 |
| Bradley J. Richardson, M.D. | 1993 | Cynthia Z. Pinson, M.D. | 1996 |
| Valerie L. Richey-Klein, M.D. | 1989 | Terry G. Pritt, M.D. | 1985 |
| Monica L. Richey-Walker, M.D. | 1986 | John A. Purcell, M.D. | 1987 |
| *Sarah J. Rinehart, M.D. | 2001 | John H. Reed, M.D. | 2000 |
| Rhonda Scites Ross, M.D. | 1994 | Eliza E. Robertson, M.D. | 2005 |
| Daniel W. Russell, M.D. | 1990 | Mitsuko P. Shannon, M.D. | 1988 |
| *Joseph C. Shanklin, M.D. | 1996 | Bernie M. Simons, M.D. | 1990 |
| Kevin S. Smith, M.D. | 1986 | Sandra L. Mehringer Skar, M.D. | 1997 |
| Anna M. Suray, M.D. | 1991 | Mary E. Smyrnioudis, M.D. | 2009 |
| Timothy B. Tabor, M.D. | 1992 | Lucia I. Soltis, M.D. | 2008 |
| John F. Toney, M.D. | 1981 | Bryan D. Springer, M.D. | 1999 |
| Jack M. Trainor, M.D. | 1996 | Barbara G. Wells Nelson, M.D. | 1996 |
| Donald H. Trainor Jr., M.D. | 1986 | Donald W. Wickline, M.D. | 2006 |
| Carrie A. Twedt, M.D. | 1996 | Marc A. Workman, M.D. | 1986 |
| Ted B. Vance, M.D. Paulette S. Wehner, M.D. | 1985 1989 | The following Associate Members – W | Vect Virginia physicians |
| William A. Welton III, M.D. | 1991 | former residents, present and previous | |
| Jeffrey W. Whightsel, M.D. | 1984 | alumni association from July 1, 2011 – | |
| William N. White II, M.D. | 1989 | aramin association from July 1, 2011 – | juite 50, 2012. |
| Myra L. Wilkerson, M.D. | 1994 | Dr. Ahmed S. Aboraya | |
| Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker, M.D. | | Dr. Hoyt J. Burdick | |
| Joanne R. Wunderlich, M.D. | 1993 | Dr. Henry K. Driscoll | |
| Phillip N. Zambos, M.D. | 1984 | Dr. Salah El-Bash | |
| - | | Dr. Charles E. Giangarra | |
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Dr. Tracy L. LeGrow

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Dr. Deborah Ross

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Dr. Thomas K. Savory

Dr. Vincent E. Sellars

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Dr. John B. Walden

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Out of 1,418 School of Medicine graduates representing the classes of 1981 - 2012, there were 348 donors for an overall participation of 25%.

School of Medicine announces new academic scholarships

Clinical departments contribute to aid medical students

Five new academic endowments at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will assist medical students with educational costs courtesy of clinical departments within the school. The following is a listing of the newly created endowments:

- The Marshall Family Medicine Scholarship is an endowed scholarship created by the Department of Family Medicine, under the leadership of its chair, Dr. John B. Walden. The scholarship will assist a future physician who exhibits financial need and aspires to a career in family medicine. The recipient of the award will be a fourth-year medical student.
- The Mahmood Heydarian, M.D. Scholarship is an endowed fund created by the Department of Pediatrics, under the leadership of its chair, Dr. Joseph E. Evans, Class of 1982. The scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Mahmood Heydarian who served the department as a pediatric cardiologist and professor of pediatrics for more than 30 years, retiring in June 2013. The recipient will be a first-year medical student.
- The Marshall Obstetrics and Gynecology Fourth Year Medical Student Scholarship is an expendable scholarship created by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's faculty and staff, under the leadership of Dr. David C. Jude, Class of 1988. The recipient of the \$7500 award will be a fourth-year medical student who has achieved the highest score on the National Board of Medical Examiners obstetrics and gynecology subject examination and exhibits financial need. Should the individual with the highest score not have a financial need, the scholarship will go the student with the second highest score who has financial need.
- The Marshall Surgery Scholarship is an endowed fund created by the Department of Surgery faculty and staff, under the leadership of its chair, Dr. David A. Denning. The recipient of this one-time award will be a third or fourth year student and have financial need. Applications for this particular scholarship are available by contacting the assistant director of financial aid for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.
- The Ernest M. Walker, M.D., Memorial Scholarship is an endowed fund established in memory of Dr. Ernest M. "Ernie" Walker Jr., former professor and chair of the Department of Pathology. The recipient(s) of this one-time award shall be third- or fourth- year students pursuing pathology residency training who exhibit financial need as determined by the Office of Student Financial Assistance. The recipient(s) must also be in good academic standing.

For more information about the scholarships or to make a gift to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Linda Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs, at 304.691.1711 or holmes@marshall.edu.

The power of the gift of scholarship

Indowing a scholarship grants generations of students the freedom to pursue a career in medicine or research without the burden of overwhelming debt. Scholarships also attract and retain students of great potential and achievement by providing them with a reliable source of support. Other gifts provide materials and assistance to educational programs and improvement of clinical skills.

Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, said gifts for scholarships are greatly appreciated. "I cannot emphasize enough the importance of gifts from our graduates and others interested in assisting our students," she said. "We are very grateful to these donors for their generous contribution to our scholarship fund."

There are several newly created endowments and amendments to other scholarships.

The Nancy Marie McCoy Expendable Scholarship

Donald L. "Don" Blankenship, a 1972 Marshall University graduate, has committed \$300,000 over a three-year period for scholarships at the JCESOM. Blankenship made the pledge in honor of his mother, Nancy Marie McCoy, who passed away in 1995. The first \$100,000 gift was received in early September.

"The demographics of southern West Virginia mean that there will be a continuing and increasing need for high quality local doctors," Blankenship said. "I am fortunate to be able to contribute in a small way toward fulfilling this need, while at the same time honoring my mother's memory, helping my alma mater, and helping these gifted students to achieve their dreams of becoming doctors."

Ten second-year medical students who meet the financial scholarship requirements and exhibit high academic achievement will each receive \$10,000 to help defray the cost of medical school tuition. The awards will be renewed for each student annually for two years, pending satisfactory academic progress.

"We are grateful to Mr. Blankenship for his support of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and specifically his commitment to helping our students," said Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs. "His generous gift will go a long way in assisting our students achieve their dreams."

Don Blankenship is a recipient of Marshall University's Distinguished Alumnus Award, and he was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame in 1999. In addition, he was the recipient of the West Virginia Society of CPAs' 2002

Outstanding Member in Business and Industry award.

The Hensley Family Endowment for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

The Hensley Family Endowment was created by Dr. W. Michael and Diane Hensley and their children, who are all graduates of the MUSOM—Laurel A. (Hensley) Fedor, Class of 2007; Alice A. (Hensley) Walz, Class of 2011; and Brian M. Hensley, Class of 2012. This endowment will aid and improve medical student education by providing materials for the Clinical Skills Center or by providing assistance to educational programs like the Standardized Patient Program.

The Dr. and Mrs. Mark F. Sheridan and Family Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by Janet Sheridan, a graduate of the School of Nursing, and Dr. Mark Sheridan, a 1987 graduate of the School of Medicine. Dr. Sheridan has served as a past president of the School of Medicine's Alumni Association and is an inaugural member of the dean's advisory board. He is an otolaryngologist in Huntington at Tri-State Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Inc.

The Touma Family Scholarship

This scholarship, created in 1997 and amended in 2012, will continue to support medical education. The recipient or recipients of this award will be member(s) of an underrepresented minority in medicine. It is the intent of the scholarship fund to provide annual

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awards for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000. It is expected that as long as there are 10 or fewer recipients, each recipient will receive \$2,000 annually. The scholarship was created by Drs. Joseph and Omayma Touma. Dr. Joe Touma is a Huntington otolaryngologist with the Touma Ear, Hearing and Balance Center and River Cities Ear, Nose & Throat. In addition, he is chairman of the Marshall University Board of Governors and is an inaugural member of the dean's advisory board. Dr. Omayma Touma is the retired medical director of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department.

The Drs. R. Trenor Williams and Matt W. Lambert Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was endowed by Dr. R. Trenor Williams and Dr. Matt W. Lambert, both members of the MUSOM Class of 1997. Following their residencies, Dr. Williams cofounded Clinovations Health Care Solutions, a health care consulting company, and Dr. Lambert joined his former classmate as a consultant. The scholarship will be awarded to an entering medical student from West Virginia or Virginia and includes a summer internship and stipend with the company.

The Dr. & Mrs. Robert A. Hess Scholarship for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

This award was created by Dr. Robert A. Hess, Class of 1984. His son, Dr. Jonathan A. Hess, is a 2012 graduate of MUSOM and currently a resident physician in family medicine at Marshall. The \$15,000 scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student who is also the first in his or her immediate family to attend medical school.

"Jannell and I are grateful to Marshall University for allowing me the opportunity to achieve my dream of becoming a physician," Hess said. "For one of two out-of-state students accepted in 1980, Marshall's tuition was affordable compared to other schools around the country. We realize that for many, the cost of obtaining a medical degree is still a major obstacle. It is our privilege to endow this scholarship that will allow future students the chance to realize their dreams."

Harrah Family Scholarship

This scholarship was made possible by the Harrah Family—Dr. John D. "J.D." Harrah; his wife, Phyllis; their son, Dr. John D. Harrah Ir., M.A., 1996, SOM Class of 2001; and Ryan E. Harrah, Lewis College of Business, Class of 2001. Dr. J.D. Harrah, a cardiothoracic surgeon, was one of the first School of Medicine faculty members in the Department of Surgery, joining in 1977. He served as a professor from January 1977 through September 1981, leaving to start a private practice. He remained connected to the School of Medicine in several roles, including clinical professor in the Department of Surgery, chair of the Department of Cardiovascular Services, and associate dean for curriculum development until his retirement in October 2001 as professor and chair emeritus. Phyllis S. Harrah, a nurse and former faculty member of the Marshall University School of Nursing, was the office manager for Dr. Harrah's private practice and served the Department of Cardiovascular Services in the same role from July 1998 to October 1999.

This award will be given to an entering medical student from West Virginia with second priority given to a student from a bordering state—Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and/or Virginia. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.



Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean, and Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, are presented the endowment check from Rick and Dr. Annette Hamilton.

The John B. Hamilton Scholarship

This scholarship was made possible by the Hamilton family: Rick Hamilton, his wife,

A message from Dr. Paulette Wehner

President of the School of Medicine Alumni Association



A major change has occurred in the structure of the SOMAA as we shift our focus from a duespaying organization to concentrating on producing the best communications and engagement opportunities we can give our alumni. We hope this change

will make you feel more connected by giving you an opportunity to commit your resources to a program or specialty that best fits your interests. The decision, effective July 1, 2013, was made by the alumni board at the November annual meeting. This aligns us with Marshall University's model of a non-dues organization, a structure that has served them well. Further, it is based on the current practices of major universities and various research and consulting recommendations. Life members, of course, are always recognized and honored for having made this lifelong commitment to our school, and they receive all the benefits the SOMAA has to offer. (Note: At this time, Life Membership is reserved only for those who joined before June 30, 2013.)

Current alumni association members will not have to do anything when their membership expires. You are encouraged, however, to visit musom.marshall.edu/alumni/ to update your home address and email to ensure you are receiving the most up-to-date communications. And, be sure to visit our Facebook page, using Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine as a search criterion.

How does this change affect you? Rather than paying membership dues, we invite you to support the School of Medicine by making an annual gift of your choice, automatically making you an active member of the alumni association. Any questions about this change may be directed to Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, holmes@marshall.edu or 304.691.1711.

Of course, some of the best gifts alumni can offer are not always financial and often take very little time or effort. Such as:

- 1. Keeping us informed as to your current status so we can share news of the JCESOM, its graduates and its students;
- 2. Staying informed about events that are relevant to you and making sure your contacts know about them;
- 3. Using Homecoming and other special events for networking and socializing to help you strengthen bonds with other alumni;
- 4. Recognizing the important role a particular faculty or administrative member had on your career and letting him or her know;
- 5. Helping us recruit the best and brightest new students;
- 6. Providing us with information about your days as a student to help us create programming that would be relevant to current students;
- 7. Mentoring students or even recent graduates so they may benefit from your experiences.

On another note, I hope you enjoy the photos from Homecoming 2012, *Milestones and Memories*, in this edition of *The Benefactor*. This year's Homecoming will be held on November 8-9. Dr. Joseph Assaley, Class of 1988 and alumni board member, has graciously offered to chair the homecoming committee. We truly look forward to the weekend and celebrating with fellow alumni—especially the Classes of 1983 (30-year);1988 (25-year); 1993 (20-year); 1998 (15-year); 2003 (10-year); and 2008 (5-year). Please check our Facebook Page (search: Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine) for more news, including details of the game against University of Alabama-Birmingham.

The SOMAA is committed to serving our graduates. I am asking you to let us know how the association and its board can serve you better. There is so much opportunity for the organization as we move ahead with this plan. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our goals and mission.

Dr. Paulette Wehner is a cardiologist at the School of Medicine as well as the school's senior associate dean for graduate medical education.

Dr. Joseph Werthammer named honorary SOMAA member

he School of Medicine Alumni Association board of directors unanimously voted to honor Dr. Joseph W. Werthammer as this year's honorary member. Dr. Paulette Wehner, Class of 1989 and Alumni Association president, presented the award at the 2013 Graduation and Investiture held on May 10 at the Keith Albee Theater.

"Tonight, we honor an individual whose name is synonymous with both health care for children and education for students," Wehner said. "He has contributed to our community through his years of dedicated service as a neonatologist and pediatrician to thousands of children. Our award recipient also is known as a gifted teacher—mentoring to medical students and pediatric residents for decades."

Werthammer is the former chair of Marshall's Department of Pediatrics and the chief medical officer for the School of Medicine. He has an active role in the oversight and development of the school's clinical practice plan, and works closely with the Office of Compliance and Risk Management.

A 1969 graduate of Marshall University and a 1973 graduate of West Virginia University School of Medicine, Werthammer served his residency at the University of California in San Diego, followed by a fellowship in neonatology at Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Werthammer was included in Best Doctors in America, 2009-2010 and Who's Who in Medical Healthcare, 2009-2010. He is on the National



Advisory Board of the Children's Health Fund and the Advisory Board of Ronald McDonald Children's Charity.

Seventy-five medical students received their doctor of medicine degrees at the ceremony. Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp, Ph.D., conferred the students' degrees.

The Investiture speaker was Gloria A. Wilder, M.D., MPH, a nationally-recognized pediatrician, public speaker and expert on poverty and social justice. She has served as chair of Mobile Health Programs for the Children's Health Project of D.C. at Georgetown University and the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Wilder is president and chief executive officer of CORE HEALTH, a health care access solutions company dedicated to assisting underserved communities.

Honor or remember someone special!

Let someone know you care: celebrate a life, an anniversary, birthday, graduation, job promotion or any other occasion by making a gift in his or her honor to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

An honor gift is a thoughtful way to commemorate any event or milestone – however big or small. When your gift is received, we send a personalized card of acknowledgement to the honoree, with no monetary amount mentioned.

You can also make a gift in memory of a loved one or someone who has had a significant impact on your life. Upon receipt of this type of gift, we send a personalized card of acknowledgement to the family of the deceased; again, with no monetary amount mentioned. For more information about making a gift, please contact Linda Holmes at 304.691.1711 or at holmes@marshall.edu.

Milestones and Memories

26th Annual Homecoming Weekend, September 8 –10



Oh, we remember it well! The School of Medicine has celebrated another 30-year reunion – the Class of 1982 – during the 26th Annual Homecoming Weekend, September 8 –10. Congratulations also go to the classes of 1987 (25-year reunion), 1992 (20-year reunion), 1997 (15-year reunion), 2002 (10-year reunion) and 2007 (5-year reunion) for celebrating these important milestones.

On Friday, our alumni took advantage of continuing medical education sessions featuring two of our graduates, Dr. Darin K. Bowers, Class of 1987, who presented the 16th Annual Albert Esposito, M.D., Memorial Lecture and Dr. Charles W. Clements, Class of 1997 and class president, presented a session entitled "Wilderness Medicine at Marshall." Dr. Henri J. Roca III, M.D., a former family medicine resident, presented the Dr. Tara and Indu Wable Sharma Annual Memorial Lecture. Roca is medical director at Greenwich Hospital Center for Integrative Medicine and a professor at both Louisiana State University and Yale. Roca graduated from medical school at LSU and completed residency training at Marshall. A reunion class luncheon and reception followed.

The alumni banquet was held in the Memorial Student Center Friday evening. Sen. Ron Stollings, M.D., Class of 1982, was recognized as this year's 2012 Distinguished Alumnus. Stollings is board-certified in internal medicine and has a private practice in Madison. He has served West Virginians as a state senator in the West Virginia Legislature since 2006 and is chairman of the Senate Health and Human Resources committee. He is a former member of the Higher Education Policy Commission and past president of the West Virginia Medical Association.

Game Day Saturday began with a meet and greet with Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, at the MU Medical Center. Following was a tailgate party with great food and beverages and music provided by deejay Kevin Simmons. To cap off a great weekend, our alumni gathered to cheer on the Herd at the MU vs. Western Carolina football game, which the Herd won 52-24!



Dr. Alvin Castillo, Class of 2002, celebrates his 10-year reunion.



Class of 1992 president, Dr. Gary Petty, at the dean's brunch





Class president Dr. George Willis with classmate Dr. Jay Lakhani, both Class of 2007



Linda Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs, presents the Distinguished Alumnus award to Dr. Ron Stollings, Class of 1982.



Dr. Josh Dillon, Class of 2007, brings us up-to-date on his career.



Class of 2007, Tudor's Biscuits? What's going on Drs. Shabbir Matcheswalla and Andy Gilliland?



Dr. Lee Smith, Class of 1982



Dr. Joe Evans, Class of 1982 and chair of Marshall's Department of Pediatrics, at his 30-year reunion





Dr. Cindy Zhao Pinson, Class of 1996, with husband, Matt, at the homecoming banquet



Dr. Gretchen Oley makes welcoming comments on behalf of the Class of 1982.



Dr. Mark Sheridan shares tales from the Class of 1987.



Drs. Bill Passodelis and Cheryl Shafer represent the Class of 1992.



Class of 1997 president Dr. Chuck Clements speaks about the class.



Yes, believe it or not, we allowed Dr. Chris Goode, Class of 2002, a shot at the microphone.



Celebrating their 30-year reunion from the Class of 1982 are (L to R) Drs. Tom Styer, Mike Kilkenny, Lee Smith, John Boswell, Gretchen Oley, Ron Stollings, Curt Winter, Virginia Blevins-Thelan, Don Chaffin, Rose Anne Goodwin, Joe Evans.





Class of 1987 at their 25-year reunion — Drs. Mark Sheridan, Shawn Coffman, Nancy Graham, Mark Coggins



Our military guys from the Class of 1997 – Drs. Darren Harris and Chuck Clements



The Class of 2002 "Pack Rats" celebrating their 10-year reunion – Front row (L to R) Drs. Steve Lochow, class president, Chris Goode, Joey Hahn Back row (L to R) Drs. Bryson McCain, Jeremy Warner, Chad Turner, Alvin Castillo



A welcome home hug for Dr. Jay Shepherd, Class of 2007, from Linda Holmes



Honoring the school's distinguished alumnus, Dr. Ron Stollings (far right) are Sen. Bob Plymale, Sen. Roman Prezioso and Dr. Bill Neal.



Dr. Shawn Coffman, Class of 1987, enjoying the "big fish story" with classmates Drs. Mark Sheridan and Mark Coggins





Celebrating their 5-year reunion from the Class of 2007–Front row (L to R) Drs. Meagan Shepherd, Susan Flesher, Mary Muldoon Ross, Elizabeth Dovec Wik Back row (L to R) Drs. Samantha Cook, Jay Lakhani, Andy Gilliland, Jay Shepherd, George Willis, class president; Andrea Fortunato Kellar, Richie Mullin



Come on Dr. Jay Lakhani – what is so funny that you are sharing with Dr. Samantha Cook, both Class of 2007?



Dr. Tom Styer, Class of 1982, listens to the discussion at the dean's brunch.



Dr. Pat Brown, former associate dean of student affairs, reconnects with the Class of 1997 – Drs. Darren Harris, Chuck Clements, Teresa Duncan, Lori Leaseburge and Stacey Knox.



Dr. Tina Sias, Class of 1992, meets Dr. Shapiro.



Dr. Teresa Duncan, Class of 1997, with Dr. Yoram and Esther Elitsur





Dr. Joe Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, welcomes Dr. Rose Anne and Barry Goodwin and Dr. Joe and Teresa Evans, both from the Class of 1982.



Dr. Doug Given, Class of 1983, chats with Dr. Rose Anne Goodwin, Class of 1982.



Dr. Darin and Pam Bowers, Class of 1987, enjoy the conversation.



Dr. Krista Denning, Class of 2004, and husband, Dr. David Denning, Class of 2002, pose for the camera.



Dr. Tracy Hendershot, Class of 2008, is always the life of the tailgate party.



Is that our own Dr. Paul Ferguson, Class of 2007, behind those "cool rays?"





Drs. Sara Samosky Cathey and Chuck Clements, both Class of 1997, are glad to see each other.



Classmates from the Class of 1992, Drs. Philip Casingal and Henry Preston, tell 20-year old reunion stories.



Dr. Jeff Mullins, Class of 2010 president, speaks with Dr. Joe Shapiro.



Dr. Chuck Clements – how lucky can one guy get posing with his class mates from 1997 (L to R) Drs. Stacey Knox, Danielle King, Lori Leaseburge, Sara Samosky Cathey and Teresa Duncan.

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Sixteenth annual golf classic

inners of the 16th Annual Golf Classic, representing River Park Hospital with a score of 13 under, are Terry Stephens, CEO of River Park; Dave Frazier and Steve Kuhn. The second place team, at 11 under, are Dr. Brian Kilgore, Class of 2012; Jacob Kilgore, MSIV; Brent Kidd, MSIV; and Dave Kidd.

Winners of the hole competitions are Steve Bissett – longest putt on Hole 18; Matt Straub - longest drive on Hole 17; J.T. Holland - best second shot to the green on Hole 7; Brandon Smith – straightest drive on Hole 5.

The much coveted "Best of the Worst" – they scored a 96 (25 over par) — goes to MSIVs Hunter Moore, Dana Lycans, Matt Curry and Gordon McLemore. A congratulations, of sorts, goes to these participants who scored the worst ever at a golf outing!

The sponsor of this year's putting contest was MU Research Corporation, compliments of John Maher, vice president of research.

There was a three-way tie in the putting contest: Clarence Patterson, Ian Wiley and Dr. Frank Shuler. The winners generously donated their monetary award to the Class of 2013 scholarship. A big thank you to them and to all our sponsors!



Putting contestants: Ian Wiley, Linda Holmes, Dr. Frank Shuler, Clarence Patterson



Second place: David Kidd; Brent Kidd, MSIV; Jacob Kilgore, MSIV (Not pictured, Dr. Brian Kilgore)



"Best of the Worst": MSIV students Dana Lycans, Matt Curry, Hunter Moore Winning team (L to R): Buffy Hammer, executive director, Marshall Health; Elias Salloum, (Not pictured, Gordon McLemore)



president, Class of 2013; Dave Frazier; Terry Stephens; Steve Kuhn; Linda Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs

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Lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing: Scott Studeny, MSIV



L to R: Elias Salloum, president Class of 2013; Matt Straub; J.T. Holland; Brandon Smith; Steve Bissett

SOM alumni receive honors at Marshall Alumni Association Banquet

wo JCESOM graduates received honors at the Marshall University Alumni Association's 76th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet. The event was held on April 27 in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room on Marshall's Huntington campus.

Charles W. Clements, M.D., Class of 1997, received the Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award for 2012-2013. Clements graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served tours of duty in several locations around the world before retiring from the Army in 1993 to attend the JCESOM. Clements is known for reaching out to provide medical care and emotional comfort to the homeless. In addition, he founded and directs the nation's first Family Medicine Residency Track in Wilderness Medicine. He is also a professor in the



L to R: Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter, Dr. Charles Clements and Bernard "Bernie" C. Coston, president of the Marshall University Alumni Association

Department of Family and Community Health at the School of Medicine.



Sen. Ron Stollings, M.D., Class of 1982 and former SOM Alumni Association president, was presented with an Award of Distinction. Stollings, who represents the 7th senatorial district in the West Virginia State Senate, has served on the medical staff at Boone Memorial Hospital since 1985, as well as running a private practice in Madison. He is a professor of medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and serves as field faculty for the Rural Health Education Partnership. Stollings has received several awards in the area of health care and health care policy, including the Inaugural Distinguished Community Health Champion Award given by the West Virginia Primary Care Association. He has also served as president of the State Medical Association. In 2012, Stollings received the SOM Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS NOTES

1980s

W. Douglas "Doug" Given, Class of 1983, will soon be a JCESOM legacy! His youngest daughter, Laura Mae Given, will be starting this fall at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.



Kathleen E. Lucas, Class of 1984, of Greensboro, N.C., retired as of Aug. 31, 2012. Since then, she has been traveling to Sweden, Aruba, Panama City and New Zealand. She has four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren and keeps in touch with all of them. She travels

to Los Angeles to see her son, Jason, daughter-in-law, Brooke, and three grandchildren. Son Matthew lives in Greensboro with wife, Kimber, and one grandson. Lucas is learning to speak Italian, doing paintings of watercolor and acrylics, walking and dancing, and plans to go to Italy to learn marble/stone sculpturing. "My health is strong and vibrant, of which I am so blessed."



D. Douglas "Doug"
Phillips, Class of
1984, is a professor
of radiology and the
director of Head and
Neck Imaging at Weill
Cornell Medical Center,
NewYork-Presbyterian
Hospital. He is president
of the American Society
of Head and Neck
Radiology. Phillips was

married on Dec. 16, 2012, to Dr. Deborah Shatzkes in New York City.



Elizabeth "Betty" L. Spangler, Class of 1986, has retired from her position as vice president for medical affairs at Charleston Area Medical Center where she oversaw hospital physicians' accreditations and credentials and managed CAMC's doctor review program. Spangler was the SOMAA's first Distinguished Alumna, honored at the 25th Annual Alumni Banquet in 2011. She and her husband, Michael, plan to move to Texas where their daughter, Kathleen, works as an instructor for United Airlines. Their son, Sterling, of Laurel, Md., is senior web developer with the NOAA environmental satellite data and information services. Spangler has applied for her Texas medical license in case she decides to volunteer at a clinic. [Excerpts from *The Charleston Daily Mail.*]

C. Anne Steele, Class of 1986, has news about her husband, Kevin Nelson, M.D. His book, *The Spiritual Doorway in the Brain: A Neurologist's Search for the God Experience*, is being published in England by Simon and Shuster after its first publication in the United States. The book is endorsed by well-known and respected neurologist Oliver Sacks, and his talks about the topic have been well-received.

M. Catherine "Cathy" Slusher, Class of 1988, is in private practice with Harrisonburg OB-GYN Associates, Ltd., in Harrisonburg, Va. She was appointed by Gov. Bob McDonnell in July 2012 to serve on the Virginia State Board of Health. She serves as medical director of obstetrics and the section chair of OB-GYN at Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital. Slusher is also affiliated with the nonprofit organization, Kerus Global Education, which provides curriculum to third world countries in HIV/AIDS prevention and operates three Orphan Care Centers in South Africa.



Sen. Joe Manchin visits with Dr. Karen Clark Gerbo and Dr. Shelly Nickels at "Wednesday Wake-Up with Joe," a coffee social hosted at his D.C. office every Wednesday the Senate is in session.

Gerbo, Class of 1989, serves as governor of the West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Nickels, a third year internal medicine resident, serves as the resident member to the Governor's Advisory Council.

1990s

Jayne A. Barr, M.D., Class of 1990, was in private practice for more than 12 years following her residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at Wright State University Affiliated Hospitals in 1994. She was director of the newborn nursery for 12 years and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics for three years at Berger Hospital in Circleville, Ohio. She then decided to pursue a career in academic medicine and joined the hospitalist group at The Ohio State University Medical Center and Nationwide Children's Hospital in 2008. Jayne is a member and fellow of the ACP, AAP and SHM. She published two articles in The Hospitalist, submitted clinical vignettes to ACP Hospitalist and wrote three book chapters for an online publication. She has presented posters at the AAP and Pediatric Hospital Medicine conferences. She is on the Housestaff Education Committee, and on the Medical Student Education Committee. This year she was elected to a 3-year term on the Section on Medicine-Pediatrics Executive Committee of the AAP. Jayne resides in Circleville, Ohio, and enjoys bike riding, hiking and golf. She would love to get together with any of her classmates in the Columbus, Ohio,

Deborah "Debbie" H. Gillispie, Class of 1991, is with Travel MD, a medical group practice in Huntington. She was previously with Immediate Care at Cabell Huntington Hospital for 18 years. Gillispie is now working with other SOM grads Cindy Pinson, Scott Mitchell and Ambryan White.



Joan "JB" B. Lehmann, Class of 1991, is a family practice physician and is currently with Executive Health Resources and Wexford Health. Her medical degree had an emphasis on primary care in rural areas as well as on public health. This background fueled her interest in the American obesity

epidemic. In order to raise awareness of the problem, she has on her web site an online book, *The Fizz Factor*, available for free download. She has also written a memoir, *Don't Move Lily*, about caring for the country folk of West Virginia, including an 800-lb. homebound patient, and a novel, *Heaven Below*, about a coal miner during the Great Depression. Lehmann also serves as a medical advisor to her state representative on an informal basis. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and the Maryland Writer's Association. She is an avid gardener, crabber and fisherwoman. She has two children and lives with her family in Pasadena.

Kimberly "Kim" A. Burgess, Class of 1992, works part-time at Jackson General Hospital in Ripley, W.Va., and also spends one week per month at Livingston HealthCare in Livingston, Mont. She transferred to the West Virginia National Guard last February and, in addition to clinical responsibilities, is the deputy commander for clinical operations. Burgess was recently named the Joint Task Force surgeon for the National Scout Jamboree being held near Glen Jean, W.Va., at the Summit Bechtel Ridge in July.

Alice C. Thornton, Class of 1992, was named chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Kentucky in November 2012. She is also medical director of the Bluegrass Care Clinic, a clinic funded by the Ryan White Program, serving more than 1,000 HIV-infected patients in Kentucky. Her oldest son, Matthew McLain Thornton, will graduate from Lafayette High School this spring and is still trying to decide where he will attend college in the fall. Her twin sons, Zachary P. and Benjamin Cole Thornton, are now sophomores at Lafayette. Her husband, B.W. Thornton, continues to work as a middle school teacher at Royal Springs Middle School in Georgetown, Ky.

James "Jim" B. Becker, Class of 1993, was recipient of the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians' highest award, Family Doctor of the Year for 2012. The award was presented by John Parker, M.D., during the academy's 61st Annual Scientific Assembly held on April 20 in Charleston. Becker has served for the past several years as medical director for the academy's Doc for a Day at the West Virginia Legislature, during which time he was responsible for establishing medical protocols for emergency care that are responsible for saving lives. The Family Doctor of the Year Award honors an outstanding, community-minded family physician that provides compassionate, comprehensive care. In addition to his role as medical director for the Doc for a Day program, Becker was recognized for being a role model to medical students and resident physicians as well as to his physician colleagues.



Richard L. Siemens and Maj. Joseph

Cmdr. Richard L. Siemens, Class of 1993, left active duty in 2009 after two tours in al-Anbar Province, Iraq, 2006-2008, with the U.S. Marines. He is now chief of primary care at the only V.A. Medical Center in Manchester, N.H. He was already

home when the Marines surprised him with the Legion of Merit for his Iraq service. "The photo is from my first tour in Iraq, near Fallujah, during the Surge, September 2006. The man on the right is a W.V.U. law grad named Capt. (now Maj.) Joseph Grimm. Although we attended W.V.U. law school many years apart, we had the same professor for first year torts. Captain Grimm emailed this picture back to that professor, and we heard that he held up the picture for his first year law students and warned them that this is what happens to students who get a "C" in his class!"



Michael "Mike" L. Meadows, Class of 1994, completed a radiology residency and board certification in diagnostic radiology in 2011, and a Musculoskeletal Fellowship in 2012. He is still on active duty in the U.S. Navy, stationed at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital

(FBCH) in Fairfax County, Va., where he is head of the Department of Musculoskeletal Radiology and assistant department head for the Department of Radiology.

Charles "Chuck" R. Mitchell, Class of 1994, is with Clarendon Health Systems in Manning, S.C. He is the medical director of three facilities in the Long Term Care Division and serves as the chief of staff and member of the board of directors at Clarendon Memorial Hospital. In August 2011, he completed certification with The Four Winds Society's "Healing the Light Body School." Mitchell is also in the second year of an Integrative Medicine Clinical Fellowship with The Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine in Tucson, which he will complete in September of this year. He resides in Edisto Beach, S.C.

Jenell R. Decker, Class of 1996, practices general medicine and urgent care with Health and Wellness Services (HWS) at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. She completed her residency in family medicine at East Carolina University in North Carolina and then practiced in Wise, Va. Her husband, Eric Anderson, is an adjunct professor in geology at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. They have two children.



Cynthia "Cindy" Zhao Pinson, Class of 1996, has been named the 2013 House Call Doctor of the Year by the American Academy of Home Care Physicians. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the Academy, an organization of physicians and

other home care medicine professionals dedicated to promoting the art, science and practice of medicine in the home. Pinson founded Travel MD in 2005 with a mission to build the best medical practice that provided compassionate and competent care to the frail population in the Tri-State areas of West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. Since 2005, Travel MD has grown to eight providers covering nine nursing homes, 20 assisted living facilities, five personal care homes, and providing an additional 400 house calls per month.

Jack M. Trainor II, Class of 1996, has been chosen by US News as one of the 207th Top Sports Medicine Specialists in the country, and within the Top 10 percent in his region. Castle Connolly, a New York City-based company that works to identify the nation's top doctors, bases its Top Doctors selections on nominations submitted by other doctors and reviewed by its physician-led research team. Trainor is with Broward Health Imperial Point Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

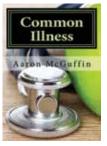
R. Tony Aprea, Class of 1997, became director of The Washington Hospital Emergency Department in Washington, Pa., in September 2012.

Jeffrey "Jeff" L. Frakes, Class of 1997, is a staff anesthesiologist for Owensboro Anesthesia Services. He is also an assistant professor of anesthesia for University of Louisville anesthesia residents who rotate through the facility.

Jeffrey L. Shaw, Class of 1997, is an allergist at Prevea Allouez Health Center in Green Bay, Wisc.

Amy L. Conley, Class of 1998, is vice president and partner of Tampa Bay Emergency Physicians in Tampa Bay, Fla.; recent past president of Florida College of Emergency Physicians; and current chief of staff of Florida Hospital Tampa. She is also the clinical attending at Florida Hospital Tampa and Wesley Chapel Hospital.





Aaron M. McGuffin, Class of 1999, senior associate dean for medical education at the JCESOM, has published a poetry book titled Common Illness that showcases creative writings from his experiences as a physician. McGuffin, who is board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, said he hopes his poetry provides insight into physicians' perspectives on providing patient care and will allow the reader to laugh and cry through related personal experiences. In addition

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to Common Illness, McGuffin has authored several poems that have been published in medical journals. McGuffin, a Huntington native, completed a residency in internal medicine/pediatrics at Marshall.

2000s



Zion and Zachary Lang

Heather M. Skeens, Class of 2002, has joined J. Jefferds "Jeff" Sinclair, Class of 2003, at West Virginia Eye Consultants, covering Beckley, Ripley, Point Pleasant and Charleston. Skeens practices cornea, cataract and refractive surgery. She was previously an assistant professor of

ophthalmology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston for four years. She and her husband, Eric, have two children, Zion (2-1/2) and Zachary (6 months).



Caroline Meizi, daughter of Staci and Clay Stalcup

Staci K. Stalcup, Class of 2002, and her husband, Clay, have adopted a 3-1/2-year-old from China. Her name is Caroline Meizi Stalcup.

Jerome B. Aya-ay, Class of 2004, co-founded Palmetto Proactive Healthcare LLC in Spartanburg, S.C. in 2010 (palmettoproactive.com). This direct primary care (DPC) practice has been

serving patients at lower costs and with 100 percent price transparency by not contracting with insurance companies. They recently opened a second practice in Greenville, S.C., and are looking for a location for a third. Along with operating a private practice, Aya-ay serves as associate professor at the Via Edward School of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) in Spartanburg. He also is a mentor at the Iron Yard (theironyard.com), a technology accelerator that helps start-ups build the future of health. Aya-ay and his wife, Maria, welcomed their second girl, Amelia Sophia, on Dec. 5, 2012.



Whitney J. Dennison Bakken, Class of 2004, and her husband, Nick, welcomed their first baby, Will. The Bakkens live in Greenville, N.C., and are planning to move to Pennsylvania to be closer to family.

Whitney, Nick and Will Bakken



Aneira and Ayra, children of Rupa Gill and Karan Kalahasti

Rupinda "Rupa" K. Gill, Class of 2004, completed her Pediatric GI Fellowship and her master of public health degree in epidemiology in 2011 from SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn, N.Y. She is now a pediatric GI attending at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, N.Y. She and her husband, Karan Kalahasti,

have two children: Aneira (6), and Ayra, born Dec. 19, 2012.



Jessica M. Bensenhaver, Class of 2006, is an assistant professor in the Division of Surgical Oncology, Section of General Surgery, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Her clinical interests are in the surgical management of breast diseases, both benign and malignant. Her research interests are

focused on socioeconomic, geographic and ethnicity related variation in breast cancer risks and outcomes. This interest has led to her current involvement in the Michigan Breast Oncology Quality Initiative, the University of Michigan-Ghana surgical, medical and research collaborative, and in the Michigan regional breast oncology outreach.



Sherrine A. Ibrahim, Class of 2006, completed a Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship in June and now has an academic position at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She and

her husband, Ian Towler, have two children, Keira (4), and William Adel Preston Towler, born March 4.



Joseph "Jeff" A. Lambert, Class of 2006, completed his emergency medicine residency in 2009 at East Carolina University. He followed this with a second residency in radiology at the University of Oklahoma where he

is chief resident. After graduation in June 2013, he will begin a fellowship position in musculoskeletal imaging at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Christina D. Webb, Class of 2006, is working at Med Express in Charleston, W.Va. She and her husband, David Adkins, welcomed their first child, Olivia Carolynne Adkins, on Sept. 26, 2012.

Jeffrey "Jeff" K. Harris, Class of 2007, finished his pediatrics residency in 2010 and a cardiology fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina where he served as chief fellow for the 2012-2013 academic year. He and his wife, Hillary, will be moving to West Virginia this summer where he has accepted a pediatric cardiology faculty position at MUJCESOM.

Jay A. Shepherd, Class of 2007, is chair of the Section of Anesthesia at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Ky. Meagan W. Shepherd, also Class of 2007, will be completing her allergy/immunology residency at The Ohio State University Medical Center this August and will be joining Marshall Pediatrics as its allergist this fall. Their son, Parker, is now 2 years old.

Elizabeth "Betsy" A. Dovec Wik, Class of 2007, took a bariatric surgery position at Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) in Towson, Md., in June after completing her Bariatric/Advanced Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.



2007, married Kait Bartoe on April 6. This summer, they will move to Uganda for one year to work with Hope Alive, a service to fragile families and orphans.

Jay K. Lakhani, Class of

Jay & Kait Lakhani



Philip A. Galapon, Class of 2008, is at the West Virginia Family Wellness Center in Madison, W.Va. The center is an employee clinic for Alpha Natural Resources. He and his wife, Maggie, are proud to announce the birth of our son, Reid Philip Galapon, on Nov. 9, 2012.

L. Matthew "Matt" Pittman, Class of 2008, completed an anesthesiology residency at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville this past summer, and is two-thirds of the way finished with his pain fellowship at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Pittman was married this past October to Dr. Erinn Morgan, an OB-GYN. They are residing in Knoxville where he will be doing both operating room anesthesia and establishing a pain practice.

Capt. Danny "Dan" R. Pizzino Jr., Class 2008, has completed two U.S. Air Force tours of duty at Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, where he flew 320 combat search and rescue missions as a flight surgeon, and was credited with more than 400 lives saved. He is currently completing his master's in public health degree at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He and his wife, Nicole, recently celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary.



"Susie" K. Saunders, both Class of 2008, welcomed their first child, Lilah Rose Seaman, on Aug. 31, 2012.

Craig D. Seaman and Susan

Lilah Rose Seaman, daughter of Craig Seaman and Susie Saunders



Madison Faith and Rylan Chase, children of Erica B. Shaver

Erica B. Shaver, Class of 2008, is an assistant professor of emergency medicine as well as an assistant program director for the Emergency Medicine Residency Program at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, W.Va. She and her husband, Darrell, have a son, Rylan Chase, born Jan. 21, 2012, and a daughter, Madison Faith (2-1/2). "We just built a new home and are settling in well!"



Ashling Clare, daughter of Tara and Josh O'Brien

Tara L. O'Brien, Class of 2009, took an internal medicine position at Duke Primary Care, Durham, N.C., in August. Her husband, P. Joshua "Josh" O'Brien, Class of 2004, is an assistant professor of vascular surgery at Duke. They had their first baby, Ashling Clare O'Brien, in September.

Caryn E. Sorge, Class of 2010, finished her pediatric residency in June and will begin a pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

If you have career or personal news for Class Notes, please email Linda Holmes, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, at holmes@marshall. edu or call her at 304.691.1711.

In Memoriam



Dr. Nicholas J. Passero, 50, died May 27, 2013, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Born May 4, 1963, in St. Paul, Minn., Passero graduated from Nitro High School in 1981, Marshall University in 1985, and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in 1989. He served his internship and residency at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Passero, a resident of Advance, N.C., was a physician at Clemmons Family Practice in Clemmons. He previously practiced in East Bend

and in Lewisville, and at PrimeCare in Winston-Salem, all in North Carolina.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, where he was involved with youth ministry for 17 years. He was the interim head of youth ministry for the summer and fall of 2009. He also made use of his medical skills on many overseas mission trips.

"Nick was a warm, gentle, soul who expressed an interest in family medicine from our first conversations," said Dr. Patrick Brown, former associate dean for academic and student affairs. "He was in control of his emotions and worked through the basic courses successfully without any drama or commotions. He displayed all of those encompassing attributes that are found in the most successful family physicians. He gave full measure to his patients and to his community. Nick made significant achievements in his all-too-short life. Blessings to him and his family."

Passero is survived by his wife, Suzanne Morrison Passero; his children, Alyssa Passero, Elaina Passero and John Passero, all of Advance.



Margaret J. "Peggy" Theis, 83, passed away on Friday, June 21, 2013. She began working at the School of Medicine in 1979 with Dr. David Charles in the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She transitioned to Marshall's School of Nursing for a brief time, but returned to the School of Medicine to work for Dr. Charles McKown Jr. in the mid-80s. Peggy along with Dr. McKown created the school's alumni association and she served as the association's secretary until her retirement in 2002. She continued to serve part-time as the secretary until she retired for the second time in

September of 2012. Peggy touched the lives of so many colleagues and students in the School of Medicine. To honor her memory and her devotion to the School of Medicine, the family has created the Margaret "Peggy" Theis Scholarship. Gifts can be made payable to the Marshall University Foundation/Theis Scholarship, attention: Linda Holmes, 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington, WV 25701.

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Dr. Annette Hamilton, and their son, Corey Alexander Hamilton. Corey will be attending the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine beginning August 2013. The family has named the endowed fund after Rick's grandfather, John B. Hamilton, who dedicated his life to teaching in rural West Virginia. He began his career in Ritchie County in the 1940s in a one room school house. He taught every grade and every subject through his four-year career. John was a defining influence in Rick's life. He instilled in him the importance of higher education, commitment to excellence and a devotion to family. He truly believed that regardless of economic situation, one must strive to learn. Corey is fortunate to have this wonderful opportunity to attend an institution of this caliber.

Matt Turner, Marshall University chief of staff, said the scholarships presented to the medical school are particularly important to the university as they work to make the school of medicine more affordable for students. He said the endowment received from the Hamiltons

will contribute to a \$20 million campaign to raise scholarship money for the school. "It's a really nice gift we believe will be good for the med school," Turner said. "We have a lot of alums from Wood County who have graduated from Marshall."

Turner said the ultimate goal for the university, known for its school of medicine, is to bring the physicians studying in West Virginia back to the state to practice medicine. He said the endowment received from the Wood County natives is particularly great because it directly affects the students.

This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving entering medical student who is a resident of West Virginia, with first preference from Wood County. It is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

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