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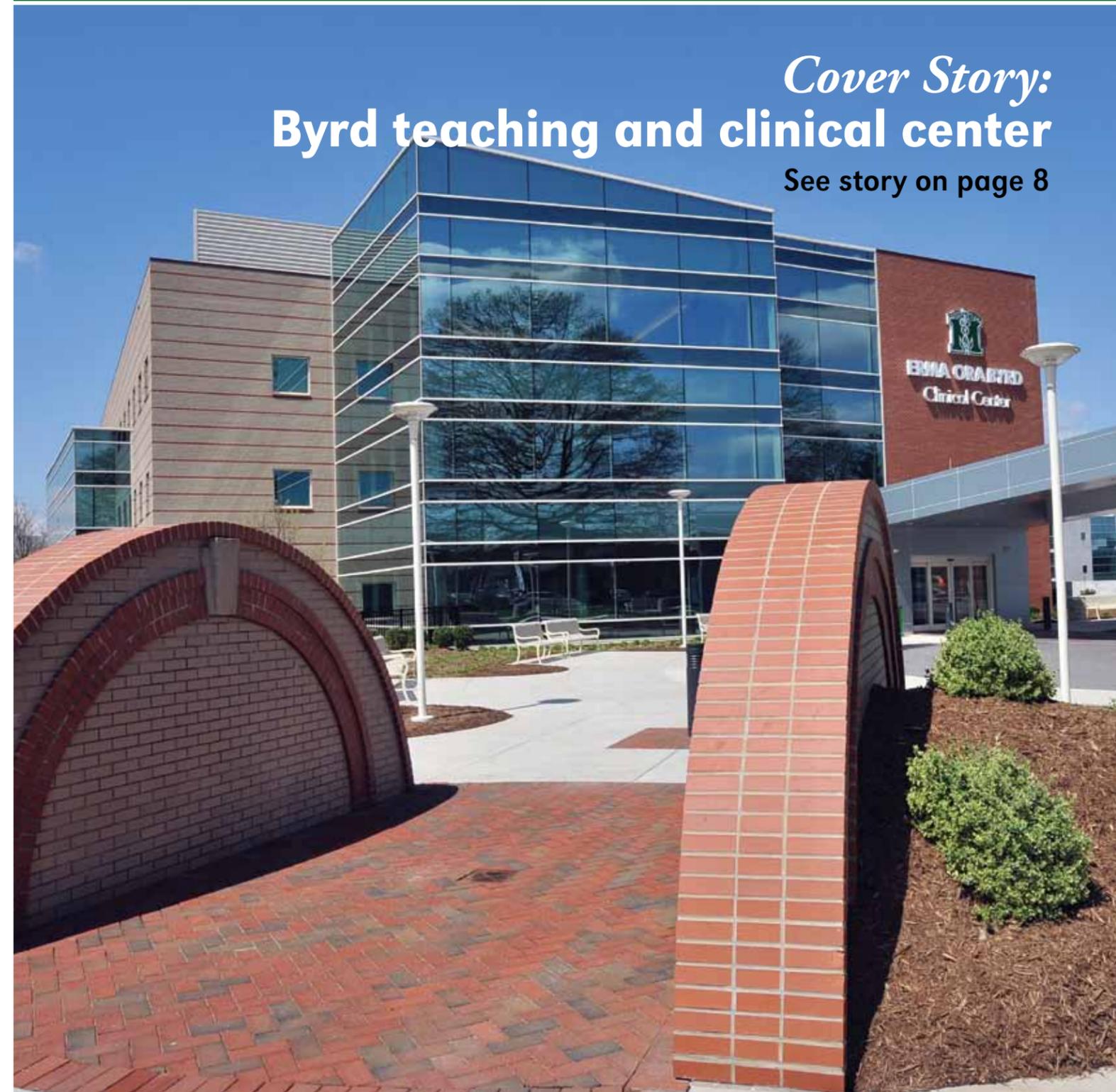
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In Memoriam



Dr. Mathew

Dr. T. Basil Mathew, 40, SOM Class of 1994, of Mooresville, NC, formerly of Bluefield, husband of Tracey Lowe Mathew died August 15, 2008. He was a physician at Mooresville Internal Medicine Associates.

Dr. Louis R. Molina, 52, SOM Class of 1984, of Huntington died suddenly July 16, 2009. Dr. Molina, after completing his urology residency, joined his father Dr. Rafael E. Molina and Dr Harold N. Kagan at the Hoffman Urological Clinic. He remained in private practice until July 1, 2005, when he joined University Physicians and Surgeons. He was a professor and chief of urology, Department of Surgery for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Surviving is his wife Dawn, and their five children: Alexander Michael, Samantha Ann, Christopher Louis, Nicholas Rafael and Matthew Douglas. Other surviving family members are his father Dr. Rafael Molina, two brothers, Drs. Manny (SOM Class of 1987) and Rafael (SOM Class of 2000) and sister Maria.

At the request of the Molina family, memorial contributions may be made to The Marshall University Foundation Inc. for the Louis R. Molina, MD, Memorial Endowment for the School of Medicine, and sent to the attention of Linda S. Holmes, Director, Development and Alumni Affairs, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, 1600 Medical Center Drive.



Dr. Molina

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Erika M. Faile, Class of 2006, is a third-year Halifax family-practice resident. "John and I will be staying in the Daytona Beach, Fla., area to practice when I finish my family medicine rotation this June. I took a local job here in traditional family medicine which I am very excited about!"

D. Ryan Fish, Class of 2006 is working in the Emergency Department at the Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, Okla.

Sherrine A. Ibrahim, Class of 2006, says, "Ian and I just had our first child on April 5, a beautiful baby girl we named Keira Maureen Towler."

Barbara M. Michael, Class of 2006, has some great news to share. "I finished my residency in family medicine at Marshall and signed a contract with King's Daughter's Medical Center

in Ashland, KY. I joined their hospitalist team in July.

Leslie A. Pack, Class of 2006, started a rheumatology fellowship at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., in July 2009.

Jeremy S. Ramey, Class of 2007, is going to Columbia University for a Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship.

Meagan W. Shepherd and Jay A. Shepherd, Class of 2007. "Jay and I are doing well. I was awarded the LSU Medicine/Pediatrics Intern of the Year for 2007/2008."

M. Shane Newberry, Class of 2008, started a radiology residency at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville in July.

M Marshall receives national "Top Ten Award" for family practice

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine ranks third in the nation in the percentage of graduates entering family practice programs and has received a "Top Ten Award" from the American Academy of Family Physicians as a result.

The awards were presented during the 2009 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine spring conference April 30-May 3 in Denver.

"It is a testament to the outstanding role-modeling of the faculty in the Department of Family and Community Health at Marshall, and the unwavering support from the administration of this medical school in promoting primary care, that for 20 years in a row we have placed in the top tier of schools across the nation in the percentage of graduates entering family medicine residency programs," said Dr. John B. Walden, who is both an associate dean at the medical school and chair of its Department of Family and Community Health.

"We are especially proud that 90 graduates of this residency program now provide care

in more than 25 mostly rural communities throughout the state, including a significant number who have chosen to provide care to patients in the immediate Tri-State region," he said.

Walden noted that national surveys consistently show that the demand for primary care physicians continues to skyrocket, and also warn about a looming shortage of residency-trained family doctors across America. "Clearly, Marshall is doing its share to address these critical primary care physician training issues," he said.

The AAFP describes the award as recognizing the school's "exemplary performance in matching graduating medical school seniors into family medicine residency programs from 2005 to 2008."

Marshall tied with two other schools for the third-highest percentage, with 16.8 percent of its graduates entering family practice over the three-year period.

What's Happening With You?

For upcoming class notes, clip and return to **Linda S. Holmes**, 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington, WV 25701 or email your information to holmes@marshall.edu or complete the form on the alumni webpage at <http://musom.marshall.edu/alumni/wgowy.asp>.

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"Healthy Rivalry" in Lincoln promotes exercise

Students at Hamlin Elementary School got an early start learning the value of exercise in a new program called "Healthy Rivalry."

Third- through fifth-grade students kicked off the program on March 3, facing off to see which class could exercise the most over the next 10 weeks.

Every Monday morning the students received free exercise bands and watched demonstrations on how to use them from an exercise physiologist from the Lincoln Primary Care Center. Classes then competed to see who could log the most exercise time during the project.

Dr. Scott Davis, Class of 2006 and formerly a family practice resident at Marshall's medical school, provided assistance to the project. In addition, the Marshall University Department of Dietetics provided six nutrition education classes to each class during the project period.

The winning class enjoyed a day-long field trip to Marshall's new recreation center.

The project was a cooperative venture of the school, Marshall University and its Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health and the Lincoln Primary Care Center.

SOM announces retirements

Two veteran physician administrators at Marshall's School of Medicine, Dr. Gretchen E. Oley, SOM Class of 1982, and Dr. Robert B. Walker, retired in 2008.

Dr. Oley retired Aug. 31 as the school's senior associate dean for clinical affairs and as the chief medical officer for University Physicians & Surgeons Inc. Her duties included being project director in Marshall's practice-wide implementation of electronic health records. A 1982 graduate of the School of

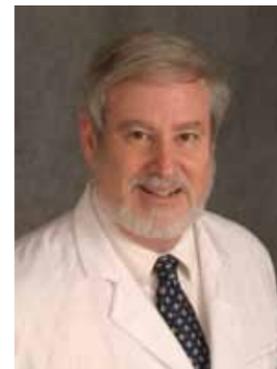


Dr. Gretchen E. Oley

Medicine, her faculty roles included section chief of general medicine, director of clinical practice for the Department of Internal Medicine, and vice chair of that department. Her dozens of committees and appointments included membership on the West Virginia

Health Care Authority Panel for Statewide Diabetes Management and the West Virginia Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee of the Bureau for Medical Services. She also was President of the Junior Cabell County Medical Society and program chairman, treasurer and secretary of the Cabell County Medical Society. In June 2009 Dr. Oley became the interim dean of the College of Health Professions.

Dr. Walker retired July 31 as executive vice dean and chair of the Department of Family



Dr. Robert B. Walker

and Community Health and as medical director for the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health. Throughout his career, beginning as founding physician of the Lincoln Primary Care Center, he has been active in improving health care

for the underserved and disadvantaged people of West Virginia. During Dr. Walker's tenure, his department was recognized as the "Outstanding Rural Health Program in America" and he was selected for the "Distinguished Educator Award" of the National Rural Health Association. He served as an advisor to Congress on rural health and presented plans for the care of the rural elderly to joint Congressional committees. He also has authored several reports on health care delivery for the West Virginia Governor's Office and the West Virginia Legislature.

Dr. Walker is now vice chancellor for health sciences for the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

well-read on contemporary medicine," Kim said. "But they don't have any of the equipment they would need to do knee replacements. I brought 150 pounds of equipment with me." He did his residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and an orthopedic fellowship in New York City. This was his second trip to North Korea. He first went in 2007 following an invitation from Wheat Missions, and there did the first modern hip-replacement surgery.

M. Jason Akers, Class of 2003, began working at Radiology Incorporated in Huntington in July. He completed his residency at the University of Cincinnati last year where he served as chief resident from 2007-2008. He finished a body imaging fellowship at UC this year.

B. Hunter Boshell, Class of 2003, finished his diagnostic radiology residency at the University of Cincinnati in June and began his interventional radiology fellowship there in July. "I got married on June 27 to a great girl named Becca Vianello. We'll be moving back to the area next year as I have taken a job at King's Daughter's Medical Center to begin in July 2010."



Matthew L. Bush, Class of 2003, finished his otolaryngology/head and neck surgery residency training at the University of Kentucky in June 2008. He is doing a fellowship in neurotology and cranial base surgery at The Ohio State

University in Columbus, Ohio.

Michael S. Elmore, Class of 2003, completed a two-year fellowship in surgical oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center after finishing a general surgery residency at WVU-Charleston Division in June 2009. "My wife and I are thrilled with the birth of our fifth child, Benjamin, in February 2009. We now have one girl and four boys: Emma, Nicholas, Christopher,

Samuel and Benjamin. I will be heading back to West Virginia after fellowship. I intend to join the WVU-Charleston Division University group. The hospital is helping to support me on my fellowship, so I will have a three-year commitment with them when I'm finished."

Devin S. Edwards, Class of 2004, moved to Morristown, TN and joined UT Surgical, a small private surgical group.

Scott C. Jamerson, Class of 2004, started a two-year fellowship in VitreoRetinal surgery through Retina Specialists of Ohio in July, through both Case Western University and the Cleveland Clinic. He was formerly the chief resident at West Virginia University's School of Medicine. He and his wife, Brandi, have three children: Maggie, 8; Ben, 5; and Olivia, nearly two.

Scott E. Moore, Class of 2004, formerly of Worcester, Massachusetts, received the 2008 RSNA Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award which is presented in recognition of outstanding residents and fellows in Radiologic research. Scott completed his PGY-V radiology residency and began a radiology fellowship specializing in abdominal imaging at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, in July 2009.

Jonathan D. Cuda, Class of 2006, is chief resident of pathology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. "I finished my anatomic pathology residency this June. As of July, I begin a one-year surgical pathology junior faculty position at Johns Hopkins. In July 2010, I am going to do a one-year dermatopathology fellowship at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. Since graduation, my wife and I have had a baby boy, Joshua."





Harper



Cremeans

Two, Wayne County physicians, **Glenn A. Harper, Class of 1995**, and **Gary D. Cremeans, Class of 1996**, have received the 2009 Outstanding

Rural Clinician and Medical Educator Award from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. The award recognizes the teaching contributions of outlying physicians who allow medical students to do a block of their training in the physicians' offices. Last year they hosted 18 Marshall medical students for rotations. The doctors practice in Kenova at the Cabell Huntington Hospital Family Medical Center and serve on the faculty of the School of Medicine.

Cheri Yost Lindberg, Class of 1996, is living and working in the Washington, D.C., metro area for the Food and Drug Administration in the Division of Psychiatry Products.

2000s

Lisa R. Carchedi, Class of 2000, served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of major. Once out of the Army in January, she took a position as psychiatry clerkship director for the medical students affiliated with the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston. "I have a consistent inpatient census and teach residents. I will also do some consult-liaison practice and resident supervision in the outpatient clinic. The community-based residency (AMEP) that my hospital is affiliated with will join with UTSW, Dallas, in July 2009." Carchedi has a stepson, Trace Chitwood, with her husband, Charles Chitwood, M.D.



Jennifer M. Tassa-Bhojwani, Class of 2000, has a new addition to her family. Ella Brynn Bhojwani was born on February 4, joining Jack, 5, and Kira, 3. "We are still living in Charlotte where I continue to jobshare as an Ob/Gyn. My husband is also an Ob/Gyn."

Nathan "Nate" M. Jesse, Class of 2001, of Charlotte, N.C., did his residency in pediatrics/neonatology at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He is now in private practice at Presbyterian Hospital, specializing in neonatology. Nate and his wife, Melissa, have three dogs and a little girl on the way.

Lana J. Davenport, Class of 2002, says, "After completing a year in a pathology program at St. Louis University, I trained in psychiatry at Vanderbilt University and was a staff psychiatrist at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, Ky. I've recently accepted a position as staff psychiatrist at the Outpatient Mental Health Clinic at the VA Hospital in Huntington. I have three grandchildren, Maria, 13, and Logan Streit, 2, and Grady Franks, 5 months. Grady is Dr. Kevin Frank's, Class of 2002, son. My husband, Mike, works as a plaintiff's lawyer for a firm in Ironton, Ohio."

Raymond H. Kim, Class of 2002, was one of 21 American and South Korean doctors invited the spring of 2008 to perform the first-ever knee-replacement surgery in North Korea. Dr. Kim, an orthopedist who practices at Colorado Joint Replacement and operates mostly out of Porter Hospital in Englewood, brought power drills, implants and instruments with him to the technology-starved medical facility. "The physicians there are very bright and seem

Nerhood named senior associate dean for clinical affairs

Dr. Robert C. Nerhood has been appointed senior associate dean of clinical affairs for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

He assumed his duties April 1, and continues to serve as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a position he has held since 1992. Previously, he had been chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Berkshire Medical Center and clerkship coordinator for the Berkshire Medical Center/University of Massachusetts School of Medicine.

Dr. Nerhood has served as chairman of the West Virginia Section of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and his other roles in that organization include serving on its Advisory Council and as chair of the Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality Committee. He is chair of the ACOG

District IV Perinatal Committee.

He is a former chair of the West Virginia Perinatal Task Force, and also has been president of the Cabell County Medical Society, chairman of the Board of Directors for Cabell Huntington Hospital, and vice president of the Board of Directors for University Physicians & Surgeons Inc. He is a graduate of the West Virginia University School of Medicine, with internship and residency training at Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital and WVU.



Dr. Robert C. Nerhood



Dr. Kitchen and Linda Holmes

Chris Kitchen receives award at the annual awards ceremony

At the annual awards ceremony on May 7, 2008, Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, presented J. Christopher "Chris" Kitchen the Faculty Choice Award sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association. This is awarded annually to the most outstanding MSIV student as selected by the faculty. The recipient is presented a plaque and monetary award. Dr. Kitchen is doing a residency in surgery at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

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Third-generation West Virginia physician leads Marshall's family medicine program

John B. Walden, M.D., who followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in becoming a family physician in West Virginia, was named chairman of the Department



Dr. John B. Walden

of Family and Community Health at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine September 2008.

Previously the associate chair of the department, Walden also is the medical school's associate dean for medical

school outreach and development.

"Dr. Walden has been a significant player with a major role in the growth, development and extraordinary success of our family medicine program at Marshall," said Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., vice president of health sciences and dean of the medical school. "His background, including his family's tradition of rural medical practice, complements his responsible leadership skills and will assure us of continued success in our mission as it relates to primary care in rural health."

The Lincoln County native's career thus far brings to 140 his family's years of service as doctors.

"My passions are rural medicine and international health," said Walden, who founded and directs the international health track in Marshall's family practice residency program. The first of its kind in the nation, this program has recruited to West Virginia several medical residents from other states who remained here to practice once their training

was complete. An authority on health issues among the isolated jungle-dwelling tribes of the Amazon basin, Walden has visited South America every year since 1966 to help improve their health care.

Pointing to a national study that found that almost all states will have a shortage of primary care physicians by 2020 -- with West Virginia needing to increase its number of these physicians 23 percent by then -- Walden said one of his key goals as chair will be to help Marshall maintain its mission to produce highly qualified physicians in the primary care fields of family medicine, general internal medicine, and pediatrics.

A second main goal is to improve the patient experience for people who come to Marshall's family medicine centers for health care.

The department also continues to support the region's workers and businesses through its regional and nationally recognized expertise in occupational medicine, he said.

Walden received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and his medical degree from West Virginia University. A board-certified family physician, he pursued additional studies in clinical tropical medicine at Gorgas U.S. Army Hospital in the Canal Zone and Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He also earned a diploma in tropical medicine and hygiene from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in England.

He has been a full-time member of Marshall's medical faculty since 1982. In addition to serving on many university and hospital committees, he has been president and chairman of the board of the West Virginia chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

vacationed in South Beach, Miami, with Kay Stone, Class of 1982. Daughter Sarah graduated from high school at Western Reserve Academy and started this fall at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas; son Hank graduated from Indiana University; and Bill and I celebrated our 25th anniversary on June 16. We celebrated these events by having a West Virginia Day party in July!"

Carol A. Foster, Class of 1985, has joined the MU Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's Department of Neuroscience after more than two decades treating patients with severe headaches, including migraines, in Phoenix, AZ. She is bringing specialized training in the field of headache neurology to Huntington.

M. Catherine Slusher, Class of 1988, was married October 7, 2006, to Don Flegel. They have two children: Drew, 21; Julie, 15; and Macie, 8. Slusher won the Clements Award - March of Dimes Volunteer of the Year. She is still with the Harrisonburg OB/GYN Assoc. in Virginia.

David F. Hubbard, Class of 1989, is professor of Orthopedic Surgery, chief of Orthopedic Trauma and head of Orthopedic Resident Education at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

1990s

Gregory A. Hale, Class of 1990, now leads the pediatric hematology oncology and blood/marrow transplant program at All Children's Hospital and All Children's Specialty Physicians in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was previously clinical director of the Bone Marrow Transplant Service at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Hale received the 2007 Outstanding Physician Award, and has twice been named one of America's Top Oncologists by the Consumer Research Council of America. He is currently

president of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Council.

Kevin J. Conaway, Class of 1991, is an associate professor at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in the department of obstetrics and gynecology. In 2007 the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics awarded him the Excellence in Teaching Award. He and his wife, Cathy, reside in Hurricane with their sons, Jimmy and Jeffrey.

Joan B. Lehmann, Class of 1991, who does Emergency Medicine at Baltimore Washington Medical Center, recently published an inspirational and historical novel, "Heaven Below." In it, I have preserved a little of Baltimore's history and spotlighted my family's small home town, Shady Side. "It is my first big effort towards my second career, writing." For more information go to www.JoanLehmannMD



Cheryl R. Shafer, Class of 1992, is chief medical officer for Universal Health Plan, a Medicare/



Medicaid Health Plan in Saint Petersburg, Fla. Previously she was the national medical director of the Optum Public Sector at OptumHealthcare Solutions in Charleston, W.Va. She also held positions at United Healthcare in Elkview, W.Va., Healthnet of Arizona

and Maricopa Integrated Health System in Phoenix. She completed two years of residency in internal medicine and a one-year internship in internal medicine and pediatrics at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz. "I have been working as an administrative physician since 2000 and am very excited to be moving into this CMO position. I will be relocating to the beach at the end of May."

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS NOTES

1980s

Rose Anne Goodwin, Class of 1982, is currently retired. "My husband and I have two children in college, one hoping to go medical school and studying for MCAT's. My fairly quiet life suits me."

Steven D. McCarus, Class of 1982, is chief of gynecological surgery and director of the Center for Pelvic Health at Florida Hospital Celebration Health in Orlando, Fla. and named one of "Orlando's Best Doctors." He has published and branded in 2006 The McCarus Technique – a minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery - which he teaches during monthly "preceptorships" that attract surgeons from across the country.

Gretchen E. Oley, Class of 1982, retired in August 2008 as senior associate dean for clinical affairs for the School of Medicine. She is currently professor emeritus for the Department of Internal Medicine where she was a faculty member and practicing physician from 1985 until 2008. Additionally, Oley is serving as interim dean of the College of Health Professions.



Katherine M. Stone, Class of 1982, now lives in Tucson, Ariz. "I retired from the CDC in Atlanta in January 2005 after 20 wonderful years. In 2008 I moved to Tucson to be with my sweet beau, Darrell, a tennis pro at a local resort."

W. Douglas Given, Class of 1983, is still at Braxton Health Association and is leasing his practice to Tri-County Health Clinics, a FQHC. His daughter, Laura Mae, is going to West Virginia Wesleyan majoring in chemistry and pre-med. His son, Dan, is starting his junior year at Marshall majoring in chemistry and pre-med.

Kathleen E. Lucas, Class of 1984, is still running Lucas Pediatrics with three other pediatric associates. "My husband, Larry, is still practicing neonatology. We have three grandchildren now: Alexandra Elizabeth Ramsey, 18 months old; Madison Judith Lucas, 16 months old; and Nicholas Andrew, 16 years old."

C. Douglas Phillips, Class of 1984, of New York, N.Y., is director of head and neck imaging at Weill Medical College of Cornell University/New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Susan A. Terry, Class of 1984, sends greetings to the Class of 1984. "I have been with the University of Utah for the last 12 years. I am the medical director for 10 primary care clinics in five counties served by the university. Last September I reduced my clinical activities to executive wellness, and a women's wellness activity called '5 for Life for Women' where we provide the five lifesaving tests in one morning, including a physical, Pap smear, mammogram, skin exam, fasting labs and colon cancer screening. This year I will begin my two-year term as the chair of the Chief Medical Officer Council for the American Medical Group Association."

Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker, Class of 1984, says, "My husband and I are going to Africa with Lee B. Smith, Class of 1982, in September after my 25th SOM reunion. I

Marshall scientist receives national award for lung cancer research

Dr. Piyali Dasgupta, a medical researcher at Marshall University, is one of just three scientists nationwide to be honored for cancer research at the annual meeting of the American Society



Dr. Dasgupta

for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics this April in New Orleans. The awards were presented to those whose research "may offer significant advances in clinical medicine in the future." Dasgupta received the ASPET-Astellas Award in Translational Pharmacology, which is part of the Experimental Biology 2009 meeting. The award provides \$30,000 to continue research that could help both smokers and people exposed to nicotine through second-hand smoke or products such as nicotine patches and gums.

"Dr. Dasgupta's work reflects our school's cutting-edge contributions to the accelerated pace of biomedical discovery," said Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., dean of Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "She is very deserving of the recognition that she has brought to herself and Marshall by virtue of her scientific efforts."

Dasgupta's team studies how components of tobacco facilitate the growth of small cell lung cancer cells. She said that although nicotine doesn't cause cancer, her studies show it can promote the ability of lung cancer cells to grow, arrange blood supply for themselves, and spread to other parts of the body. Nicotine also can protect the cancer cells from chemotherapy drugs.

Nicotine binds to specific receptors on the lung cancer cells, and Dasgupta's research tries to decipher the signaling pathways that allow nicotine to promote the growth and survival of the tumors. She also is trying to identify and test novel small molecules that could disrupt those pathways.

Dasgupta is an assistant professor of pharmacology. Originally from India, she came to Marshall after completing postdoctoral fellowships at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University and the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla.

The ASPET-Astellas Awards in Translational Pharmacology are intended to recognize pharmacological research accomplishments that seek to extend fundamental research closer to applications directed toward improving human health. The awards are given to 1) recognize those individuals whose research has the potential to lead to the introduction of novel pharmacologic approaches or technologies that may offer significant advances in clinical medicine in the future, and 2) to facilitate that translational process.

SOM "Practitioner" Looking for a Good Home

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 email Linda Holmes (holmes@marshall.edu) for details and one can be sent for \$5.00 to cover postage and handling.

B Byrd teaching and clinical center dedicated



Senator Byrd arrives for the unveiling and dedication.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, Congressman Nick Rahall and others joined Marshall in dedicating the newest teaching and clinical center of Marshall University's medical school April 16. Named after his wife, the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center is home to the departments of Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Medicine, as well as the primary teaching site for medical students. Byrd was responsible for obtaining more than \$22 million in federal funding for the construction of the building.

The new facility has enabled the medical school to increase its class size, and to date Marshall University has educated 130 students at the new center. It has provided the students with more opportunity to practice, as well as giving them ready access to medical simulators.

The Clinical Center has allowed the recruitment of 20 new faculty physicians and resulted in a significant increase in the number of patient visits. In addition, it has provided for the expansion of the Diabetes Center and

the state's only endocrinology training program with the recruitment of four fellowship trained endocrinologists. The gastroenterology section has also been expanded, allowing for the development of a specialized Digestive Diseases Center.

"Good health is the greatest of all God's blessings," Byrd said at the ceremony. "It is my hope that this new \$23 million clinical center and the facilities and programs that I have established at Marshall University over the years will provide the tools needed to make a significant difference in improving the quality of life for all West Virginians. Perhaps the elusive cure for cancer or the common cold, or other medical miracles not even conceived at this time will be discovered right here at Marshall."

"This is a splendid educational arena; a wonderful, absolutely wonderful building," Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., vice president and dean, said at the ceremony. He said the building allowed the school to increase class size and patient services, helping it fulfill its primary

S Spotlight on Drs. Warren Sayre and Mike White

Bringing hope and medicine to those less fortunate in Haiti

As students in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Warren Sayre and Mike White, both Class of 1999, had visions of doing some sort of volunteer ministry in medicine once they graduated. That dream eventually came true and the experience is one they will never forget.

Mike, a physician in family practice and wound care in Newberry, S.C., and his wife, Karin, would be the first to fulfill the dream. Karin's father had worked with the directors of an orphanage in Haiti on water wells. He learned that a medical doctor had not been to the orphanage in several years. So, in February 2007 Mike and Karin visited Bercy, Haiti, to lead a medical clinic.

"We loved every minute of it," Mike said. "I had the opportunity to examine the kids at Cabaret Baptist Children's Home and then hold a 3-day medical clinic. A church is located on the same grounds and a school is across the lane. Karin is a teacher, so she helped with teacher training and also helped in the pharmacy."

Mike, who works in the wound care field, was not prepared for the number of injuries and wounds he would encounter. "Nurse Janna, a wound care nurse from Florida, and I saw malnutrition, starvation, worms, infections as well as many coughs and colds" Mike said. "But the number of wounds from fires, accidents, even one from a machete, was alarming."

"I am thankful to God that He led to me to wound care medicine three years ago. As part of my work in South Carolina, I was seeing many diabetic foot ulcers and wounds that would not heal. A local wound care center was hiring and training MDs who were interested in wound care. I took the training and I work part time at the wound care center."

"Being in Haiti made me appreciate so much what we have here," Mike continued. "Steve Petrany, my preceptor in the Marshall Primary Care Curriculum, had encouraged me to go to Ebenezer Clinic while in medical school. This led to me going on a mission to Honduras while in residency at Florida Hospital. This pushes people to think outside of the local area and provide a way to help. This would plant the seed that would guide us the rest of our lives."

The Whites have two girls, Lauren, 6 and Leanna, 9. Mike and Karin are now processing the adoption of a son, Clifford, a 4-year old Haitian with hip dysplasia whose mother has put up for adoption so he can have the necessary surgery and care.

A Return to Haiti in 2008

This summer Warren Sayre had the opportunity to join Mike in Haiti. "Mike and I had kept in touch since graduating from medical school," Warren said, "so when the opportunity came for me to go back with him, I jumped at the chance. I've always enjoyed traveling to different countries, and experiencing new cultures. And I was



Drs. Mike White, far left, and Warren Sayre help Haitian children at a local clinic.

excited about hanging out with an old friend and using my medical skills to try to bring hope to a desperate country."

In June of this year the two former classmates were reunited. They saw approximately 300 patients each of the three days clinic was open. This experience reminded Warren of his original reason for becoming a doctor. "Trips like this one to Haiti reminded me of the reasons I started down the road to a medical profession in the first place, to help people and to share hope."

While in medical school, several faculty members had made an impact on Warren. "Bob Walker, Steve Petrany and Mike Gibbs each made an indelible mark on me during my med school training. But probably one of my most memorable experiences in medical school was spending time with Ross Patton at his practice in Barboursville and traipsing through the Ecuadorian jungle on a mission trip. He taught me about connecting with the hearts of my patients. And, there's a special bond between people who have drunk banana juice together!"

Warren, a family practice doctor in Clinton, Tenn., and managing partner in the Summit Medical Group, credits the School of Medicine in general for his success. "Being from Cottageville, I knew I wanted to go to medical school in West Virginia and I knew I would choose a field in primary care," he said. "After researching Marshall and interviewing with them, it was a no brainer. Marshall has one of the best family practice programs in the country. I like the diversity of interests the faculty shared such as travel medicine, wilderness medicine, rural health, etc. Experiencing the Marshall Primary Care Curriculum during my third year of medical school definitely matured me as a physician. But the single greatest accomplishment I made at Marshall was talking my wife into marrying me. Having her by my side is definitely what makes me most successful!"

Warren and Angie Garrett Sayre, a 1997 Marshall graduate, have three children, Elijah, 5; Benjamin, 3; and Lydia, 1.

The web address for the orphanage is www.cabaretkids.blogspot.com. The site has pictures from the doctors' trips to Haiti.

Opportunities for Giving

Donations may be made to the School of Medicine greatest needs or to any of its departments or programs. The support may be unrestricted or specifically limited as to its use. Gifts are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by IRS regulations.

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- Cash gifts to the Marshall University Foundation, Inc.
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- Naming the School of Medicine as a beneficiary of life insurance or individual retirement accounts
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Why does the School of Medicine promote charitable gift annuities? To help our physicians and friends who want to make larger gifts, but can't afford to reduce their cash flow. Also, it helps our donors who are planning to provide a bequest make the gift now so they can take advantage of the income tax charitable deduction. And for older donors, an annuity may actually provide a larger payout from the asset than they might otherwise receive.

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By careful management, the Foundation is able not only to make the scheduled annuity payments, but to have enough left over to help us carry forward our mission. In other words, these annuities benefit the donors and the School of Medicine.

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Sample of Our One-Life Annuity Rates*	
Age Rate	
65	5.7%
70	6.1%
75	6.7%
80	7.6%
85	8.9%
90 & Over	10.5%

Two-life rates available.
* Effective July 1, 2008

care mission, and supporting the pulmonary, endocrinology and cardiovascular fellowships so central to addressing West Virginia's disproportionate rates of pulmonary disease, diabetes and heart disease.

He said "enduring impact" is the unifying theme of Byrd's successful efforts to improve infrastructure, education and health care.

"We all receive an immediate benefit," he said, "But the real beneficiaries are our children and our children's children."



School of Medicine students greet Senator Byrd and show their support.



The crowd gathered in anticipation of the event.

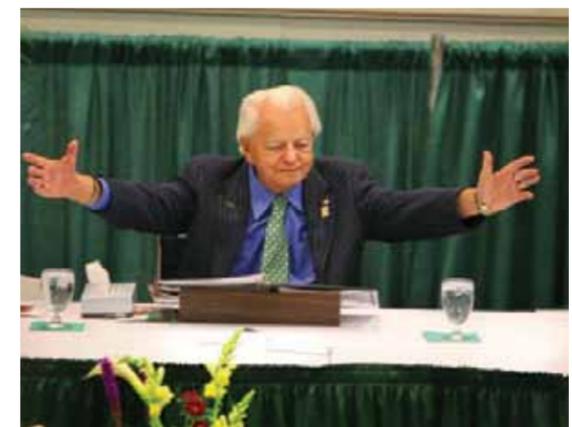


Marshall's Drum and Fife Corp provides the pomp and circumstance.



The Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center sign is unveiled.

Byrd was responsible for obtaining more than \$22 million in federal funding for the construction of the building.



Senator Byrd welcomes everyone to the dedication.



Congressman Nick J. Rahall and Senator Byrd enjoying the comments.



Susanna "Susu" A. Kapourales and Mary T. Sale show their appreciation as the permanent portrait and plaque is shown to the audience.



Special guests at the dedication with Senator Byrd, Marshall University President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, Dr. Charles H. McKown, Jr., Dean and Vice President of the School of Medicine, Congressman Nick J. Rahall.



Senator Byrd is presented a keepsake replica of the permanent plaque.



Program participants honoring Senator Byrd. MU President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, Dr. Charles H. McKown, Jr., Dean and Vice President, Susanna "SuSu" A. Kapourales, MS 2011 Class President, James "Jeff" J.T. Mullins, MS 2010 Class President, Mary T. Sale, Class of 2011, and Jessica R. Brown, Class of 2011 and former Erma Ora Byrd scholarship recipient.

Stephen C. Edwards, MD	1987	Scott P. Duffy, MD	1998
Joseph E. Evans, MD	1982	Teresa A. Duncan, MD	1997
J. Patrick Fouts, MD	1998	Patrick J. Esposito, MD	1986
*Frank E. Fumich, MD	1999	Angela B. Ferguson, MD	1998
Bijan J. Goodarzi, MD	1983	Joseph G. Foust, MD	2000
Robert B. Gray, MD	1999	Jeremy D. Fuller, MD	2003
Darlene Y. Gruetter, MD	1987	Robert T. Gallaher, MD	1984
Crystal L. Gue, MD	1990	Jeffry T. Gee, MD	1996
Garrie J. Haas, MD	1983	Christopher S. Goode, MD	2002
Lee C. Haikal, MD	1994	Glenn A. Harper, MD	1995
William H. Haney, MD	1986	Darren L. Harris, MD	1997
Robert A. Hess, MD	1986	Curtis W. Harrison, Jr., MD	1998
Eric S. Hopkins, MD	1998	James T. Holbrook, MD	1987
F. Scott Hunter, MD	1981	David F. Hubbard, MD	1989
Eric W. Janssen, MD	1990	Edwin J. Humphrey IV, MD	1986
John W. Kessel, MD	1990	David J. Hunt, MD	1995
Joanne M. Lebow, MD	1990	Eric W. Irwin, MD	2002
Dawn L. MacFarland, MD	1996	F. Elizabeth Kemp, MD	1982
James C. McCabe, MD	1988	Devin A. King, MD	1999
*Reginald J. McClung, MD	1983	Stacey N. Knox, MD	1997
Scott E. Miller, MD	1986	Paula K. Larsen, MD	1996
Manuel E. Molina, MD	1987	Kathleen E. Lucas, MD	1984
Gabrielle F. Morris, MD	1990	Joan A. Lynch, MD	1988
Stephen F. Morris, MD	1981	Mary L. Marcuzzi, MD	1997
Kimberly A. Oxley, MD	1994	Bradley R. Martin, MD	1983
Robert C. Pennington, MD	1990	Lisa R. Maselli, MD	1996
Steven Pribanich III, MD	1991	Charles C. McCormick, MD	1985
Daniel B. Ray, MD	1983	Nimish K. Mehta, MD	1997
Charlotte A. Rhee, MD	1991	Bobby L. Miller, MD	1997
Bradley J. Richardson, MD	1993	Eric A. Morgan, MD	1991
Valerie L. Richey-Klein, MD	1989	Nancy B. Norton, MD	1999
Monica L. Richey-Walker, MD	1986	David S. Parks, MD	1986
Rhonda Scites Ross, MD	1994	Danny M. Phillips, MD	1987
Daniel W. Russell, MD	1990	Joseph W. Poe, MD	1996
Kevin S. Smith, MD	1986	Terry G. Pritt, MD	1985
Anna M. Suray, MD	1991	John A. Purcell, MD	1987
Timothy B. Tabor, MD	1992	Eliza E. Roberson, MD	2005
John F. Toney, MD	1981	Sara L. Casto Rochester, MD	1985
Jack M. Trainor, MD	1996	Kathy L. Saber, MD	1994
Donald H. Trainor, Jr., MD	1986	Joseph C. Shanklin, MD	1996
Carrie A. Twedt, MD	1996	Bernie M. Simons, MD	1990
Paulette S. Wehner, MD	1989	Donna J. Slayton, MD	1986
William A. Welton III, MD	1991	Amanda D. Snodgrass, MD	2004
Jeffrey W. Whightsel, MD	1984	Staci K. Stalcup, MD	2002
William N. White II, MD	1989	Ishmael W. Stevens, Jr., MD	1997
Myra L. Wilkerson, MD	1994	Alice C. Thornton, MD	1992
Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker	1984	Andrea D. Marcum Vallejos, MD	2006
Joanne R. Wunderlich, MD	1993	Ray M. Van Metre, MD	2000
*Phillip N. Zambos, MD	1984	Christopher J. Whitten, MD	1984
		Patricia L. Wilson, MD	1994
		Ted B. Vance, MD	1985
		Gary R. Youmans, MD	1987

Through July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, the following School of Medicine graduates joined the association as annual members.

Annual Members	
Richard O. Booth, Jr, MD	1998
Donna M. Bolden, MD	1999
Dawn R. Bridge-Alexander, MD	1998
Michelle R. Burdette, MD	1990
Mary Beth Butcher, MD	1983
Ryan R. Citenas, MD	2000
Jodi M. Cisco, MD	1997
Kevin J. Conaway, MD	1991
Robert J. Cure, MD	1998
Gerald A. Dague, MD	2000
Harry H. Dinsmore, Jr., MD	1991
Michael G. Douglas, MD	1989

* School of Medicine Alumni • † Deceased

The following Associate Members – West Virginia physicians, former residents, present and previous faculty – who joined from July 1, – June 30, 2008

- Dr. Hoyt J. Burdick
- Dr. Mehdi H. Chowdhury
- Dr. Jennifer G. Collins
- Dr. Michael V. Korona, Jr., MD
- Dr. Donald A. Seibert
- Dr. Suratkal V. Shenoy
- Ms. Tameila J. White
- Dr. Daniel J. Whitmore

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Class of 1983 (36 members - 1 deceased, 43% participation)

Frederick D. Adams, MD
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Craig L. Bookout, MD
Mary Beth Butcher, MD
Samuel R. Davis, MD
James W. Endicott, MD
W. Douglas Given, MD
Garrie J. Haas, MD
R. Mark Hatfield, MD
Harry J. Magee, MD
Bradley R. Martin, MD
Reginald J. McClung, MD
Hobart K. Richey, MD
Carol M. Spencer-Lemay, MD
Samuel D. Wellman, MD

Class of 1982 (23 members - 1 deceased, 32% participation)

Joseph E. Evans, MD
Rose A. Goodwin, MD
F. Elizabeth Kemp, MD
Gretchen E. Oley, MD
Lee B. Smith, MD
Ron D. Stollings, MD
Thomas B. Styer, MD

Class of 1981 (18 members, 39% participation)

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C. Dwight Groves, MD
Stephen F. Morris, MD
Brenda C. Smith, MD
Stephen C. Smith, MD
Robert E. Turner, MD

Out of 1173 school of medicine graduates with the classes of 1981 – 2008 represented, there were 261 donors for an overall participation of 22%.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CHARTER LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lifetime Membership in the School of Medicine Alumni Association was created at the inaugural meeting of the Board of Directors on October 9, 1992. During the inaugural year of the Alumni Association, sixty-one members joined the association 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, MD	1990
Gregory D. Akers, MD	1988
Marsha S. Anderson, MD	1988
Joseph P. Assaley, MD	1988
Gerald G. Blackwell, MD	1983
Patrick C. Bonasso, MD	1981
John G. Boswell, MD	1982
Dennis M. Burton, MD	1981
Karen Clark Gerbo, MD	1989
Cheryl L. Cook, MD	1985

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

Through June 30, 2008, the following alumni* joined the association as Lifetime Members.

Name	Class Year
Clark D. Adkins, MD	1989
LouGene Bartram, MD	1983
Michael E. Beane, MD	1996
Jeffrey B. Betts, MD	1991
Kimberly A. Burgess, MD	1992
Samuel E. Carroll, MD	1997
P. Mitchell Charles, MD	1988
Amy L. Conley, MD	1998
*Pamela A. Cyrus, MD	1989
Jennifer B. Day, MD	1991
Paul R. Durst, MD	1984



Dr. Charles C. McCormick, SOM Class of 1985, Clinical Skills Director, discussing "Harvey" with Heather M. Butts, MS 2012, and Jessica M. Nelson, MS 2011

Meet Harvey, the School of Medicine's newest patient. With his cooperation, doctors, nurses and medical students can develop and improve their diagnostic skills in the field of cardiac care.

Who is this willing patient? "Harvey" is a life-sized mannequin who serves as a cardiopulmonary patient simulator. He is a highly technical piece of equipment capable of simulating bedside findings, giving the user the opportunity to study various cardiac conditions and practice bedside examination techniques under realistic conditions without the need to find an appropriate group of cardiology patients.

Harvey will be implemented into the curriculum for first and second year medical students beginning with the fall 2009 courses. Harvey has become a standard educational tool used across the country in clinical skills labs.

"Harvey will instruct students how to identify up to 30 cardiac sounds that can lead to cardiac disease, thus giving them the ability to learn to treat medically," Dr. Charles C. "Chuck" McCormick, M.D., associate professor of Family and Community Health said. "He is able to integrate all of the bedside findings and realistically simulate essentially any cardiac disease. Allowing the students to have such an early exposure to

sounds of the cardiac system also gives the students the ability to match basic science and anatomy information to clinical situations."

This state-of-art medical device was made possible from generous gifts from Bob and Earleen Agee, long-time supporters of the School of Medicine, and the Huntington Clinical Foundation. Along with the Agee's recent gift, in December 2002, they created the Robert and Earleen Agee Fund for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine to allow the associate dean for academic affairs to utilize these funds to support the Standardized Patient Program. These funds help to provide resources to employ evaluation methods that specifically assess students' achievement of the skills and behaviors needed to practice medicine.

Amy Smith, RN BSN, assistant director of medical education and clinical skills coordinator, is actively involved in using "Harvey" and other simulators. "Harvey will be built into the curriculum of the clinical skills lab and will be integrated through all four years of education experiences," Smith said. "Additionally, Harvey will allow us to provide these educational experiences in a highly technological manner that will enhance comprehensiveness at all levels involving a patient's medical encounter.

Congratulations to the Asso



Dr. Bradley J. Richardson, Class of 1993 and past president of the School of Medicine Alumni Association presents Dr. Chertow his honorary membership.

The School of Medicine Alumni Association board of directors unanimously voted to honor Dr. Bruce S. Chertow by naming him as the 2008 honorary member of the Association. Dr. Chertow was honored at the 2008 Investiture.

Dr. Chertow has been involved with the School of Medicine over the last 30 years. During those three decades, he made significant contributions in all three of the traditional domains of medical education.

- He has won several awards for his research here at Marshall, and has published and presented his findings widely.

- His many educational contributions include establishing the endocrinology fellowship training program, which trains residents to be endocrinologists and diabetologists for our region and beyond.
- Finally, he spearheaded the creation of Marshall's Diabetes Center, which continues his legacy of service and commitment to patients and was honored by School on August 5, 2008, when the Center was named the Bruce S. Chertow, M.D. Diabetes Center in his honor.

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Patricia L. Wilson, MD

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Bradley J. Richardson, MD
Joanne R. Wunderlich, MD

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(40 members, 1% participation)
William M. Miller, MD
William E. Passodelis, MD
Timothy B. Tabor, MD
Alice C. Thornton, MD

Class of 1991
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Harry H. Dinsmore, Jr., MD
J. Beth Day, MD
Deborah H. Gillispie, MD
Bradley D. Henry, MD
J. Terry Hummer, MD
Jack L. Kinder, MD
Joan B. Lehmann, MD
Eric A. Morgan, MD
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R. Todd Chambers, MD
Jeffrey L. Leaberry, MD
Robert C. Pennington, MD
Daniel W. Russell, MD
Bernie M. Simons, MD
A. Stephen Wachtel, MD

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(38 members, 18% participation)
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Pamela A. Cyrus, MD
Michael G. Douglas, MD
Michael W. Gibbs, MD
David F. Hubbard, MD
Joseph H. Locke, Jr., MD
William N. White II, MD

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Carolyn A. Cline Gordan, MD
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Darlene Y. Gruetter, MD
James T. Holbrook, MD
Pamela G. McClure-Smith, MD
Danny M. Phillips, MD
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Elaine L. Flanders, MD
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Joan M. Lebow, MD
Kenneth F. McNeil, MD
Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, MD
David S. Parks, MD
Patricia S. Schindzielorz, MD
Donna J. Slayton, MD
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Donald H. Trainor, Jr., MD
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(34 members, 32% participation)
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(36 members - 2 deceased, 28% participation)
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Robert A. Hess, MD
Michael A. Istfan, MD
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Christopher J. Whitten, MD
Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker, MD
Philip N. Zambos, MD

* School of Medicine Alumni • † Deceased

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(48 members, 23% participation)
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Phillip R. Spangler, MD
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Tanya C. Warwick, MD
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Class of 1999
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Donna M. Bolden, Jr., MD
Patrick M. Dom, MD
Frank E. Fumich, MD
Robert W. Galloway, MD
Indira Gautam, MD
Robert B. Gray, MD
Eric C. Jones, MD
Devin A. King, MD
Sharmila M. Matcheswalla-Jones, MD
Aaron M. McGuffin, MD
Nancy B. Norton, MD

Bethany A. Rogers, MD
Bryan D. Springer, MD

Class of 1998
(44 members, 16% participation)
Richard O. Booth, Jr., MD
Dawn R. Bridge-Alexander, MD
X. Johnny Chen, MD
Robert J. Cure, MD
Scott P. Duffy, MD
Angela B. Ferguson, MD
Curtis W. Harrison, MD

Class of 1997
(52 members, 33% participation)
R. Anthony Aprea, MD
Jodi M. Cisco, MD
Charles W. Clements, MD
David T. Cramer, MD
Teresa A. Duncan, MD
Darren L. Harris, MD
Mary J. Haynes, MD
Joseph L. Joyce, MD
B. Danielle King, MD
Stacey N. Knox, MD
Mary L. Marcuzzi, MD
Nimish K. Mehta, MD
Bobby L. Miller, MD
Sandra L. Skar, MD
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Jerome Puryear, Jr., MD
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Class of 1996
(45 members, 1 deceased, 23% participation)
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Jeffrey T. Gee, MD
Jeffrey C. Dameron, MD
Lisa R. Maselli, MD
Molly Robinson Mathews, MD
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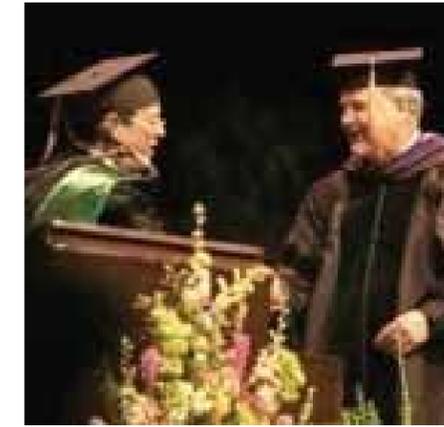
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Dr. Mahmood Heydarian



Michael J. Farrell

Dr. Mahmood Heydarian has served on the medical school's faculty for nearly three decades, sharing his insights into pediatric cardiology with hundreds of students.

He came to Marshall in 1981, after serving as dean of the medical school at Meshed University in Iran. A diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Pediatric Cardiology, he has been a journal reviewer for the American Heart Journal and been published in Pediatric Cardiology, the American Heart Journal, and JAMA.

Through his lectures and clinical teaching, Dr. Heydarian provides both inspiration and exemplary education to Marshall's students. Students' appreciation of that teaching is reflected in the nine teaching awards he has received from them, ranging from choosing him as Attending Physician of the Year to naming pediatric cardiology the Outstanding Clinical Department.

The founding and managing member of the law firm Farrell, Farrell & Farrell, Michael J. Farrell has a long-standing record of service to Marshall University and its medical school.

In addition to being a distinguished trial lawyer, author, and lecturer, he is an esteemed educational leader as well.

A former Marshall student body president, he served as Marshall's interim president in 2005. He also has served on multiple higher education governing boards, including the MU Board of Governors, of which he is vice chairman. He is a voluntary adjunct professor in the Departments of Surgery and Family Practice, and has led several medico-legal programs here.

In addition to his many other contributions, his singular voice in a class action suit against a drug manufacturer led to our medical school's receiving 3.5 million dollars to support diabetes outreach, endocrinology education and endocrinology services, with an emphasis on rural West Virginia and other areas we serve.

SOM School of medicine class scholarships

A new scholarship effort began recently in which each graduating class from the School of Medicine was asked to begin an endowment as a way for the class to give back to the school. The nature of and the guidelines for each scholarship are decided by each class.

The Class of 1981 chose to honor Dr. Robert W. Coon, vice president and dean of the School of Medicine, for his leadership and dedication during his tenure from 1976 – 1985. *The Class of 1981 Robert W. Coon, MD, Scholarship* stands as an

“enduring symbol of their fondness and appreciation for him.”

Patrick C. Bonasso has the distinction of being the first graduate of the School of Medicine when he received his diploma on May 9, 1981. As class president and primary donor to Robert Coon Scholarship, he said couldn't think of a better person to honor. “He was the first dean we had contact with,” Bonasso

said. “He could have retired but he took a chance starting this new medical school and sacrificed a lot. And he brought a lot of prestige to the school.

“Robert Coon set the example for paying it forward,” Bonasso added. “Because of his dedication, we got a good education, so it is important that we pay it forward as well. The Lord has blessed me, so why not help other kids get a degree and practice medicine.”

Bonasso is the owner of Womancare Inc., an OB/GYN practice with offices in Fairmont and Bridgeport. His wife, Barbara, works in the practice with him. They have seven children, Maria, Teresa, Barbara Jo, Sarah, Rebecca, Patrick and Vincent, and six grandchildren.

The Class of 2009 is accumulating funds for the MUJCESOM Class of 2009 Monica A. Chroussis Endowment. Marc Hettlinger, president Class of 2009, said his class had no problem making a

decision. “We came up with some possible ideas and allowed the class to vote on their favorite one,” Hettlinger said. “We ultimately decided to name a scholarship for a former classmate, Monica Chroussis, who passed away due to a rare lung disease. When the class voted, it was a unanimous decision to do this.”

In formulating the guidelines, the students worked with Linda Holmes, the medical school's director of development and alumni affairs, who has helped in the creation of many of these types of scholarships. “We also included another one of our classmates in the decision process, who happened to be the fiancé of the girl who passed away,” Hettlinger said. “Monica was from Preston County in West Virginia, so we decided the scholarship would be awarded to an incoming student from Preston County. If there were no incoming students from that county, it would go to a student from another rural county in West Virginia, to be determined by the scholarship committee.”

The next step is to determine if the scholarship would be a one-time gift to the incoming student, or renewable each year. “We decided we would like for it to be a one-time gift for the student,” Hettlinger said. “As far as the guidelines, it really was simple, mainly because of Linda's experience and her walking us through the decision-making process. Most medical students, especially those from rural areas, have to borrow money to cover all our expenses, from tuition to living expenses, so any amount that can help offset those costs is extremely helpful. Additionally, we felt this was a great way to help remember our classmate who was so beloved.

“My feelings on giving are that we, as graduates, owe a lot to the program that allowed us to reach a major milestone in our lives and careers” Hettlinger added. “Any way we can help the students who follow us, and/or to help better the program, is the least we can do. In all actuality we should always be looking for ways to help give back to the School of Medicine.”



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M Medical students get extra boost from alumni giving

Students often find that financing their medical education can be more daunting than the actual course studies. For this reason, many alumni have realized the need for their commitment and investment in the School of Medicine and its future growth.

Robert A. Hess, Class of 1984 and his wife, Jannelle, wish to award a first year medical student who is the first in his or her family to



Dr. Hess with cardiologist Dr. Pat Brown "duking it out" on the golf course for their favorite schools.

attend medical school. "When I was an undergraduate at Marshall, had it not been for scholarships I might not have been able to attend college," Hess said. "I received the precursor of the Promise Scholarship, the

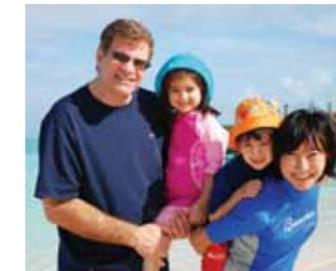
Regent's Scholarship. As long as I maintained my GPA, I could attend for free. My wife received scholarships as well. As for medical school, I was surprised to recall how substantially less it cost back then. Still, had it not been for private scholarships, I would not have been able to attend.

"We have been very fortunate, so we decided to help a first year student," Hess added. "Giving back to the school gave us the opportunity to help someone else. We hope to be able to do more in the future. If you have the ability to help, you should, especially if you are a resident of the community. Marshall University and the School of Medicine are very important to Huntington."

Hess is president of Ohio Valley Physicians, which manages emergency rooms in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, as well as some private practice and occupational medicine

offices. He also practices emergency medicine. After working in the pharmaceutical industry for many years, Jannelle became a homemaker in order to raise their family. Son Jonathan is a second year medical student at Marshall. They also have a daughter, Stephanie, who is 18.

Charlotte A. Rhee, Class of 1991, chose to establish a scholarship in her name for a first-year female medical student with financial need. "I am very grateful to the Marshall University School of Medicine for accepting me into the medical school and giving me the opportunity to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a plastic surgeon," Rhee



Dr. Charlotte Rhee, SOM Class of 1991, with her family – husband Paul and children T.J. and Isabella.

said. "I hope I can inspire other medical students to achieve their goals and also alleviate some of their financial burdens."

Rhee, who was born and raised in West Virginia, is in solo practice in Huntington (Long Island), N.Y. She is a board certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon. She and her husband, Paul, have two children, TJ and Isabella, and two golden retrievers, Max and Lady.

Andrew H. Schindzielorz, Class of 1985, and **Patricia S. Schindzielorz**, Class of 1986, also chose to help a first-year medical student. "We feel blessed to have received an education from Marshall University and we want to pass this blessing on to the next generation of hard-working students, Andrew Schindzielorz said. "We know that education is essential to all advancement and Marshall is an ever-present keystone for our progress. Marshall offers an opportunity to know and be part of the future and we are thankful that we can contribute to the future. "

The Schindzielorz family live and work in the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina.

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Dr. Rosencrance guest speaker at 2008 White Coat Ceremony



Dr. James "Greg" G. Rosencrance, MD, FACP, Class of 1988

The 13th Annual White Coat ceremony honoring the Class of 2012 was held at the Joan C. Edwards Center for the Performing Arts on August 7. James "Greg" G. Rosencrance, MD, FACP, Class of 1988, professor and chair at West Virginia University's Department of Internal Medicine, Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Charleston Division, was the guest speaker. As in the past, the School of Medicine graduates and friends purchased white coats or book credits at the Marshall University bookstore for each first-year student. The interest and response has been overwhelming which allowed each student to receive two \$50.00 book credits from the Marshall University Bookstore.

Toumas present stethoscopes to Class of 2012

Along with the white coats and book credits presented to the Class of 2012, long-time donors and loyal supporters of the school of medicine, Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma T. Touma, purchased and presented Littman Cardiology II stethoscopes to every student at the White Coat Ceremony. "We are very



Drs. Joseph and Omayma Touma with Price S. Ward, MSI, who is wearing the stethoscope presented to him by the Toumas. They also purchased his white coat.

proud and pleased to furnish the incoming class with the most important medical tool that will serve them for years to come," Joe Touma said. "It is our way to give back to the medical profession. In return, we hope someday they will do something meaningful for the future generations."



Dr. Joseph Touma presenting a stethoscope at the White Coat Ceremony.

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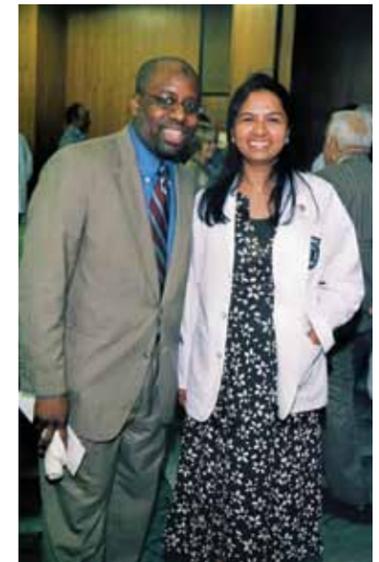
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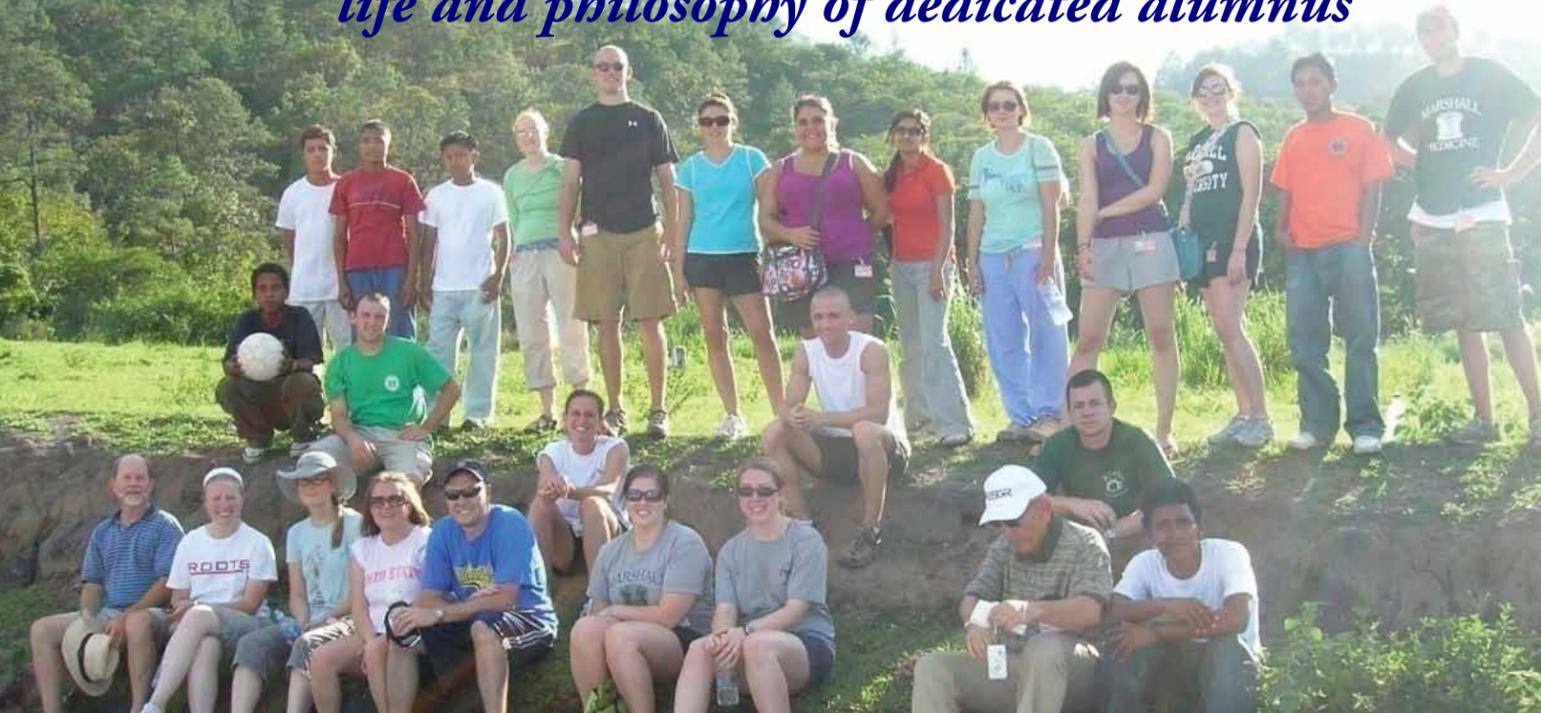


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Dr. Paul W. Ambrose Memorial Fund reflects life and philosophy of dedicated alumnus

'70s Flashback Weekend



Seventeen Marshall med students made the trip, along with Dr. Richard Crespo and four others. Underwriting the trip was the Dr. Paul W. Ambrose Memorial Fund, which honors the young Marshall medical alumnus whose big vision -- and bigger heart -- were stilled in the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. In presenting a book about their trip to Paul's parents, Dr. Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose, trip organizer Megan Thomas thanked them "for giving us a piece of Paul's heart."

Despite Dr. Paul Ambrose's tragic death in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, his philosophy and efforts are moving forward thanks to the memorial fund established at Marshall in his memory.

Through the generosity of Drs. John and Elizabeth Drinko, the Dr. Paul W. Ambrose Memorial Fund was endowed in 2001. Other donors, including Paul's parents, Dr. Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose, made memorial gifts. The Ambroses, knowing how important Paul's work was to him, decided the fund would be used to provide unique

opportunities, including international service, for students, residents and faculty.

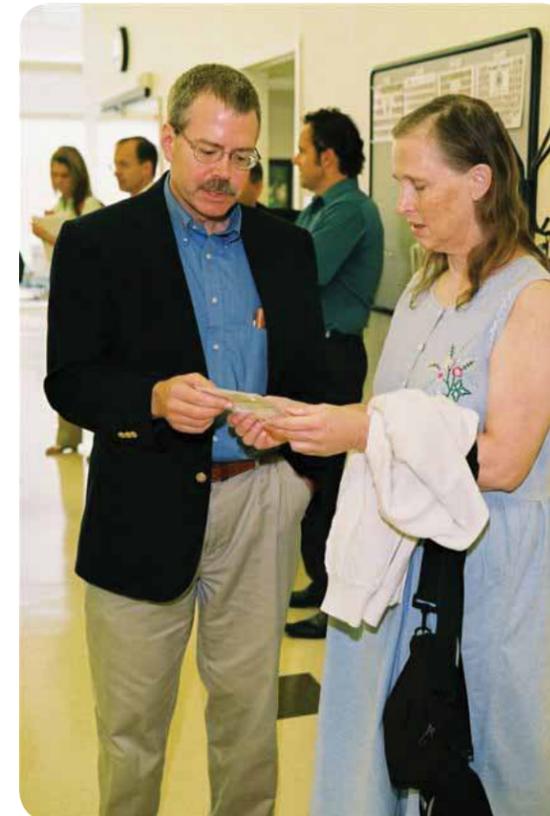
This year, for the second time, the fund sent a team of Marshall medical students to Central America.

"We are excited about sending another group of student to Honduras," Kenneth Ambrose said. "Paul was passionate about the need to improve health care on both a national and international level while also deeply caring for individuals. He sought different and unique experiences while in school to further these goals, i.e., a year in Salamanca, Spain, a clinic in Chile, etc. Therefore, it seemed appropriate to help others have similar broadening professional and life experiences."

Because of this generous fund, dedicated students from the School of Medicine traveled to Honduras in July to conduct a "medical brigade" that treated approximately 1,400 impoverished villagers. Accompanied by Dr. Dilip Nair of Marshall's Department



Megan Thomas (middle left) and Rebecca Child present Sharon & Ken Ambrose a bound book of the medical mission trip.



Dr. W. Douglas "Doug" Given, Class of 1983, and Anne Exner, wife of classmate Dr. Albert "Rusty" J. Exner, compare notes.



Dr. Mark F. Sheridan, SOM Class of 1987 and former Alumni Association President, enjoying the "good eats!"



Enjoying the tailgate party are Class of 2003 members. (L to R) Drs. Kerri L. George, Erik B. Hurst, Patrick I. Brown, former Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Professor of Anatomy, Allen J. Holmes and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Marie Veitia.



Dr. Robert W. Coon, Dean Emeritus of the School of Medicine, talks with Dr. W. Douglas "Doug" Given, SOM Class of 1983, who is sporting his football jersey compliments of the athletic department.

'70s Flashback Weekend



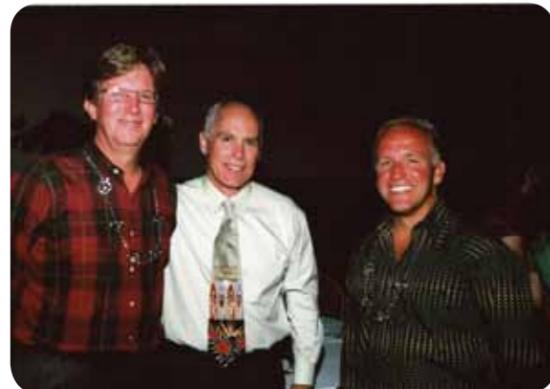
Two very lucky guys with their beautiful wives. Drs. Michael "Mike" K. Hurst and James "Jim" H. Morgan, both SOM Class of 1988, with Kara and Kelley.



Enjoying the company and the reunion luncheon are (L to R) Drs. William "Bill" S. Sheils, Class of 1983, Virgil W. Smaltz, president, Class of 1993, Albert "Rusty" J. Exner, Class of 1983, Dr. Patrick Brown, and LouGene Kingery Bartram, Class of 1983.



This looks like a consult instead of a 25-year reunion! Drs. William "Bill" S. Sheils, Class of 1983, and R. Mark Hatfield, Class of 1983 president.



Catching up at the homecoming reception are (L to R) Drs. Mark A. Studeny, Class of 1986, William "Bill" S. Sheils, Class of 1983, and Jeffrey "Jeff" B. Betts, Class of 1991.



Has it really been 25-years! Class of 1983 grads Drs. James "J.W." W. Endicott, Reginald "Reggie" J. McClung and Wayne E. Groux catch up with each other.



Dr. Samuel "Sam" R. Davis, Class of 1983, sharing a story that's much bigger and better than it was 25 years ago!

of Family and Community Health, the students functioned as a mobile medical unit, setting up small clinics to diagnose and treat patients at no cost.

The team was part of Global Medical Brigades (GMB), an international network of university groups that send teams to developing countries to provide health care in communities without access to medicine. In 2007, GMB volunteers provided aid to nearly 40,000 patients in 40 low-income villages.

This year's trip opened new horizons for first-year medical student Zach Grambos. "I am the first of my family to go to medical school," he said, "so what better way to expose myself to "field" medicine and to be able to experience the practice of cost-effective medicine than to go where healthcare service is most needed?"

Grambos credits Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose for this opportunity. "They have allowed us to ultimately increase the number of medical students able to go on brigade,

including myself. For that I am very grateful. They have also allowed us to buy a substantial amount of medicines for these people. Their selflessness in the entire matter of losing their son and still being such a part of the medical school is greatly appreciated from everyone involved."

Second-year medical student Megan Thomas, a leader of last year's trip, has gone to Honduras twice.

"It is an awesome experience," she said. "The Ambroses have been very generous to us, making it possible for us not to worry about raising money. Their son was so dedicated to the underserved population during his career. This is a full-circle situation because they have given us the money to help fulfill their son's goals. They are wonderful people."

"I found it invigorating to see people who are so grateful for what we do," Thomas added. "It is a lot of work once we get down there, but it is very rewarding."

The 2008 team was accompanied by Dr. Richard Crespo, a professor of community health at Marshall's School of Medicine who is involved in community health in West Virginia and overseas. His contributions went well beyond his ability to translate between the students and the Spanish-speaking Hondurans, Thomas said.

"He was proactive in teaching us what was and was not self-sustainable," she recalled. "He also taught us about local diseases."

Grambos said students in this year's group each spent a day with a separate public health brigade, helping to reduce disease by constructing concrete floors, outdoor latrines with drainage, small wells, and more efficient stoves with better ventilation. "Every day as a part of the medical brigade was immediately rewarding in that we were able to both practice our skills as future clinicians and help relieve



Students traveled light for the trip, except for medicine, that is. Much of their luggage space was filled with thousands of containers of medications and vitamins to give to the patients they saw. Sorting the mountain of medicine into take-home bags was a full-day job.

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Joshua C. Ferrell receives Award



Joshua Ferrell, a Barboursville native who has served his community extensively through the Boy Scouts and a student-led ministry to people who are homeless, is the second recipient of the medical school's Community Leadership Scholarship spearheaded by Dr. Aaron McGuffin, Class of 1999.

Ferrell's lifelong passion for Scouting actually led to his decision to become a physician. In earning his Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in Scouting, he took responsibility for building a dual wheelchair ramp for a woman whose multiple sclerosis had stolen both her mobility and her cherished hobby of gardening. Seeing the impact that made in her life – she conspicuously labeled it her "freedom ramp" – inspired him to enter medicine so he could continue to have a positive impact on the lives of others.

While a sophomore at Marshall, Ferrell and three other students founded a Christian service outreach and Bible study ministry named Vine, which reached out to people who are homeless. As director of the Vine Homeless Ministry at the Huntington City Mission, Ferrell has dedicated

hundreds of hours to the group's efforts to bring both food and fellowship to the Mission each Sunday afternoon. The fellowship, he said, is an essential and eye-opening part of the project.

"I have found that the greatest suffering at the Mission has not been the addictions or loss most commonly attributed to the homeless condition, but is the desire for human connection that people no longer receive," he said.

Volunteer Gary Moore of Huntington said Ferrell exemplifies compassion and dedication.

"It is not the amount of money or the amount of food that stands out," Moore said. "It is watching Josh interact with the people on Sunday. No preaching. No agenda. He just goes and serves."

Ferrell hopes to specialize in the area of community medicine so he can blend medical service with community service.

"I want to be a doctor that is invested in my community and actively seeking to improve not only the patients' health but also the state of the social community," he said.

The community leadership scholarship is awarded to medical students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to their community. It is renewable annually for four years in return for a total of 50 hours of volunteer service per year in community outreach programs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: musom.edu/scholarship/communityleadership/

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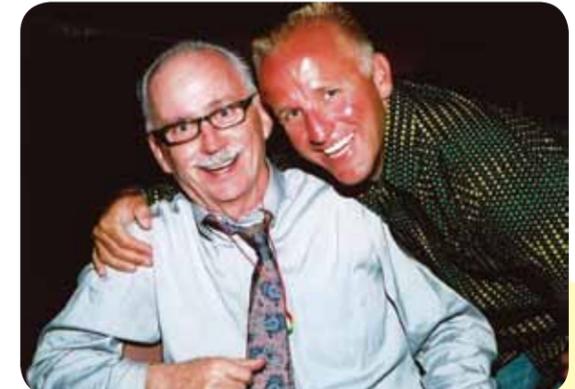
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Drs. Amanda K. Bennett, Shannon L. Smith-Maxery, Samia K. Ghareeb Turner, all Class of 2003 and Dr. Chad C. Turner, Class of 2002.



Dr. Jeffrey "Jeff" B. Betts, Class of 1991, showing Dr. Pat Brown "some love."



Tailgate time for Dr. Kevin J. Conaway SOM Class of 1991, and his wife Cathy.



Drs. Danny A. Rader, SOM Class of 1985, W. Douglas "Doug" Given and Albert "Rusty" J Exner, both of SOM Class of 1983, look like they are in microbiology instead of a reunion lunch.



Is this the football team and a lone cheerleader! No, it's the Class of 1983 with three special guests. Front Row (L to R) Drs. Samuel "Sam" D. Wellman, Pat I. Brown, former Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Professor of Anatomy, Robert W. Coon, Dean Emeritus, LouGene Kingery Bartram; Middle Row (L to R) Drs. R. Mark Hatfield, W. Douglas "Doug" Given, Frederick "Fred" D. Adams, William "Bill" S. Sheils, Jr. Back Row (L to R) Drs. Charles H. McKown, Jr., Dean and Vice President School of Medicine, Craig L. Bookout, Wayne E. Groux, Reginald "Reggie" J. McClung, James "J.W." W. Endicott, Albert "Rusty" J. Exner.

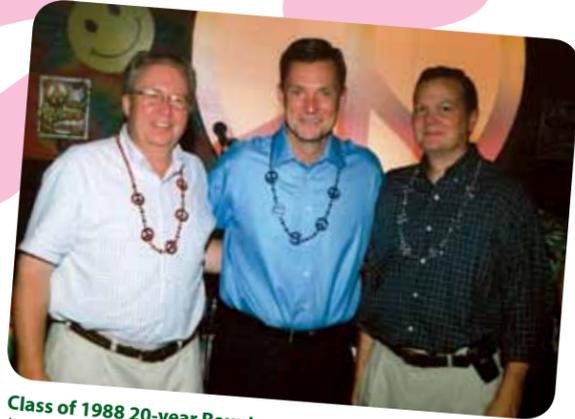
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Class of 1983 25-Year Reunion
 Front Row (L to R) – Drs. R. Mark Hatfield, William "Bill" S. Sheils, Jr., LouGene Kingery Bartram, Frederick "Fred" D. Adams, W. Douglas "Doug" Given
 Back Row (L to R) – Drs. James "J.W." W. Endicott, Wayne E. Groux, Reginald "Reggie" J. McClung, Ronald "Ron" DeAndrade, Jr., Albert "Rusty" J. Exner, Samuel "Sam" R. Davis



Class of 1998 10-year Reunion
 Drs. Michael "Mike" C. DeArment and Robert J. Cure



Class of 1988 20-year Reunion
 (L to R) Drs. Michael "Mike" K. Hurst, Class President, James "Greg" G. Rosencrance, James "Jim" H. Morgan III



Class of 2003 5-year Reunion
 (L to R) Drs. Samia K. Ghareeb Turner, Allen J. Holmes, Shannon L. Smith-Maxey, Erik B. Hurst, Kerri L. George, Jeremy D. Fuller, Amanda K. Bennett

M Marshall med students' training placements dubbed excellent

Graduating doctors at Marshall's medical school will enter the vital primary care specialties at more than 1.5 times the national average and enter some of the nation's most competitive training programs, according to results released Thursday by the National Resident Matching Program.

"These are excellent results for our students, said Dr. Marie Veitia, associate dean for student affairs at Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine." A significant number of our students were accepted into highly competitive specialties such as dermatology, ophthalmology, anesthesiology, and emergency medicine.

"We are happy that 18 students elected to stay at Marshall for their specialty training, and

that others were accepted to institutions such as Johns Hopkins, Mayo, UCLA and Emory," she said.

This year's graduates will enter surgery at more than twice the national average, pediatrics and family medicine at 1.5 times the national average. Other fields they are entering at above-average rates include psychiatry, dermatology, emergency medicine and general internal medicine.

Overall, 61.5 percent of Marshall graduates will enter the primary care fields of family practice, general internal medicine and pediatrics, compared to 39.7 percent nationally. In keeping with the state's historical average, 44 percent of the graduates will enter residencies in West Virginia.

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Drs. Joseph and Omayma Touma generously sponsored Match Day. He is pictured with Dr. Tamika D. Latta, Class of 2009. She was a four year recipient of the Touma Scholarship.

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Homecoming 2008 '70s Flashback Weekend experience

In 2008 the School of Medicine celebrated another historic milestone, when the Class of 1983 celebrated their 25-year reunion during the "70s Flashback Weekend." The School of Medicine's 21st Homecoming Weekend was September 12 – 13.

Also returning were the classes of 1988 (20-year reunion), 1993 (15-year reunion), 1998 (10-year reunion) and 2003 (5-year reunion).

Events included a reunion class luncheon, CME sessions, and a special celebratory dinner for the Class of 1983 at the Guyan Golf and Country Club. The dinner was followed by a reception at the Pullman Plaza Hotel with music by DJ Kevin Simpson. Tours of the MU Medical Center, the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center, the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center and the new Byrd Clinical Center showcased the recent growth of the school.

A tailgate party at "The Thunder Zone" prior to the MU vs. Memphis football game provided an opportunity for everyone to kick back and reminisce.

The Class of 1983 celebrated its 25-year reunion



Dr. Frederick "Fred" D. Adams



Dr. LouGene Kingery Bartram



Dr. Samuel "Sam" R. Davis



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Dr. William "Bill" S. Sheils, Jr.

Eleventh annual golf classic

Winning the 11th annual Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine golf classic with a score of 56 is Team Ledford. Congratulations on a great round of golf!



(L to R) Dr. Hank Goodman, Brent Clark, Dr. Loren J. Ledford, Class of 1994, and Brandon Caniff are the winning team for the 11th Annual School of Medicine Golf Classic on May 6, 2008, at Esquire Golf and Country Club.



Every golf classic has the winning team but we also have our “mega shots” team securing last place. This year’s “best of the worst” shot more strokes than we care to count, plus 19 but who’s counting! The “best of the worst” are (L to R) Drs. Emily McGuinn, Craig Seaman, Susie Saunders and Dwight Saulle.

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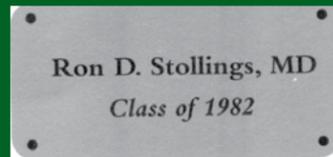
Take a Seat Campaign

Thanks to many of our 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 education conference rooms with the Harless Auditorium audio visual capabilities and add bluetooth technology.

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, and show your support for the School of Medicine.

Your generous gift will enable the School of Medicine to maintain and enhance its cutting-edge technological support for health sciences education.

Remember, your gift of \$1,000 may be paid over as many as three years and is tax deductible. For more information on the "Take a Seat Campaign," please call 304/691-1711 or toll-free at 877/691-1600.



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Elitsurs support the "Take a Seat" campaign

Dr. Yoram Elitsur and his wife, Esther, have continued their support of the Take a Seat Campaign at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine through the purchase of a third seat in the Harless Auditorium.

The Elitsurs most recent gift is in memory of Yoram's brother, Rafi Elitsur (1949-2007). Past gifts have memorialized Elitsur's father, Itzhak Elitsur (1921-98), and his mother, Rivka Elitsur.

"The base for the Jewish faith is summarized in the Ten Commandments," Yoram Elitsur said. "This includes the Fifth Commandment, 'Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.' As a growing child, my parents have taught me that education is the key to success in life. Considering these basic values, I found that the best way to honor my parents and family memories would be to carve their name on a chair that stays permanently in the Harless Auditorium. This way I know that their memories are remembered forever at a place where the spirit of education is always there.

"At the same time, it gives me the opportunity to contribute proudly to the Marshall University School of Medicine, a place that constantly teaches the students excellence and human compassion," Elitsur added.

Elitsur, who is the section chief of pediatric gastroenterology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is a graduate of the Haddasha Medical School, in Jerusalem, Israel. He received post-graduate training at the Soroka Medical Center, Israel; Childrens Hospital of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.; and the Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, Mich. Elitsur started with University Pediatrics August 1990.

The Elitsurs have four daughters and two of them have medical school ties. Noeet Elitsur, MD, is a graduate of the Class of 2008, and Rotem Elitsur just finished her first year and will be in the Class of 2012.

The Take A Seat Campaign began in 1998 to help generate funds to enhance medical education and provide upgrades to the technology in the Harless Auditorium. The auditorium has 210 seats and so far, 91 have been sold. Thanks to donors who have given \$1,000 for each seat, the School of Medicine's Educational Technology Fund has allowed David N. Bailey, Assistant Dean, Continuing Medical Education, to implement a continuing medical education database development upgrade, and enhance the document camera on the podium in the Harless Auditorium. The upcoming projects are to expand the auditorium public address system and to electronically integrate the auditorium projection options with two conference rooms.



The Elitsurs - Esther and Dr. Yoram Elitsur celebrate with their daughter Rotem after receiving her white coat. Rotem is a member of the SOM Class of 2012.