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Dr. Joseph Shapiro named Dean of Medical School

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, a nephrologist with more than 30 years of clinical and teaching experience, accepted the position of dean effective July 1.

Shapiro most recently served as associate dean for business development and chair of the department of medicine at the University of Toledo College of Medicine in Toledo, Ohio. He was chosen through a nationwide search that started last summer.

Shapiro succeeds Dr. Robert C. Nerhood, who served as interim dean following former dean Dr. Charles H. McKown's appointment to vice president for health sciences advancement last summer. Nerhood served in his interim role as Shapiro transitioned to full time at Marshall.

He will be the fifth dean since the School of Medicine was established under the Teague-Cranston Act adopted by Congress in the mid-1970s.

Marshall President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp said he and search committee members believe Dr. Shapiro is the right match for the medical school, and for the entire region.

"The School of Medicine at Marshall University has a rich history of educating the doctors our community needs the most," Kopp said. "Dr. Shapiro has been described by references as the epitome of academic medicine. He is a dedicated researcher, a consummate clinician, an exceptional teacher and a highly capable administrator. He brings to Marshall an impressive business acumen, a tremendous wealth of research knowledge and an impressive professional and clinical experience base. More than anything else, however, we believe he embraces the ideals that distinguish our School of Medicine, and he knows the direction we must take to continue to build on the great tradition and proud heritage at Marshall.

"He and his wife, Mary, are truly great additions to the greater Huntington community."

Nerhood said he is delighted Shapiro has accepted the position.

"After my first interaction with him, I was convinced that he was the person for the job," Nerhood said. "His broad background in all aspects of medical education, medical research and clinical care have prepared him exceptionally well to lead the School of Medicine into the next decade. I think that the future of the medical school under the leadership of Dr. Shapiro will be really exciting and I am certain the students, residents, staff and faculty will be stimulated, enriched and benefit from his skills and expertise."

Shapiro described the opportunity to lead at Marshall as a delightful one.

"It is a great honor and privilege to be associated with this fabulous organization, and I firmly believe that the coming years will present great opportunity for the school to expand its purview in the areas of education, research and service as we pursue our mission to improve the health of West Virginia."

Shapiro's medical teaching career began at the University of Colorado after completing his fellowship in 1987. He served as an instructor, assistant professor, and associate professor of both medicine and radiology at the University of Colorado until 1997 when he joined the faculty at the University of Toledo College of Medicine (Medical College of Ohio at Toledo).

He served as chair of medicine beginning in 1999, and in 2006, was appointed associate dean for business development at the University of Toledo. He also served as president of the University of Toledo Physicians, the university's medical practice plan.

In addition to his numerous teaching, clinical and administrative responsibilities at the University of Toledo, Shapiro was the principal investigator or co-investigator on nearly three dozen grant-funded projects totaling more than



Dr. Joe Shapiro and his wife, Mary

\$30 million and has been involved with the creation of three spin-off companies from that research.

Additionally, Shapiro holds the patents on 14 medical inventions.

He is the author or co-author of more than 100 original research articles, many of them focusing on his chosen specialty, nephrology.

Shapiro is the associate editor for the *Journal of the American Heart Association* and is on the editorial boards of 13 other journals. He is a member of the American Society of Nephrology, International Society of Nephrology, American College of Physicians, Association of Professors of Medicine and Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine. He also is active in the American Heart Association, and served as vice chairman of the association's Kidney in

Cardiovascular Disease Council from 2007 to 2008.

He was recognized with the Arnold P. Gold – Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey Humanism in Medicine Award in 2002, and the Mercy Health Partners – Northern Region Endowed Chair of Excellence in Internal Medicine Education in 2003.

A native of Newark, N.J., Shapiro received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1980. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania. After completing a medical residency in internal medicine at Georgetown University, he trained as a fellow in renal diseases at the University of Colorado. He is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology.

A Message from the Dean



Dear friends,

As the new dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University, I am very excited and optimistic about our future. It is a great honor and privilege to serve this great institution. I believe we are primed to serve a leadership role in medical education as well as health care delivery as we go forward. Moreover, I sincerely hope that we can continue our decades-long tradition of educating physicians, many of whom will become the primary care doctors so desperately needed in West Virginia's rural areas.

However, your continued support is absolutely essential for our continued success. Our mission remains unchanged; we will provide clinical care, including primary care in rural underserved areas, focused and responsive programs of biomedical science graduate study, biomedical and clinical science research, academic scholarship and public service outreach. I am eager for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

I want to personally thank you for your support of the JCESOM, and I look forward to meeting many of you very soon.

Best regards,

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

School of Medicine appointments

Dzwonek is new associate dean of medical education



Dr. Brian R. Dzwonek, an educator with international experience, is the new associate dean of medical education. He assumed his duties April 2.

Dzwonek is responsible for oversight of the medical education program that includes curriculum

improvement, development and implementation; assessment and improvement of pedagogy; and assessment and improvement of medical education evaluation methods. In addition, he assists in faculty development and student assessment.

He most recently served in Singapore as deputy director for medical education research and evaluation at Duke-National University of Singapore (Duke-NUS) where he oversaw curriculum and faculty development as well as education technology.

Prior to his affiliation with Duke-NUS, Dzwonek was the associate director of educational service at the Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota in Sioux Falls.

Dzwonek has a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, as well as a doctorate in educational administration with an emphasis on adult and higher education from the University of South Dakota.

Dial named chair of Department of Internal Medicine



After serving for seven months as interim chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, Dr. Larry D. Dial Jr. has been named chair of the department. He assumed his duties Feb. 29.

Dial, a native of Huntington, graduated from Marshall University in 1994

with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Following his graduation from the School of Medicine in 1999 as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha (medical honorary), he completed a residency in internal medicine at Marshall and has since served the school in a variety of academic, clinical and administrative posts.

In addition to his clinical duties at the School of Medicine, Dial has been active with the Ebenezer Medical Outreach Center since 2005 and with St. Mary's Medical Center, Cabell Huntington Hospital and Veterans Affairs Medical Center since 2002.

He has been honored with several teaching awards including Outstanding Teaching Attending Physician of the Year and the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey Humanism in Medicine Award.

Dial has been serving as interim chair since July 1, 2011, when he replaced Dr. Kevin Yingling, who was tapped to lead Marshall's School of Pharmacy as founding dean.

Evans named chair of pediatrics



Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, has named Dr. Joseph Evans, Class of 1982, chair of the Department of Pediatrics. Evans, who previously served as interim chair, is an associate professor of pediatrics and serves as director for the pediatrics clerkship. He is devoted to medical student education.

Evans completed his pediatrics residency at Columbus Children's Hospital, and remained there for an additional year after being selected chief resident. He has practiced in Huntington since 1986. He was elected to the medical honorary Alpha Omega Alpha in 1999.

Evans and his wife, Teresa, have two sons: Clark, a University of Michigan graduate who works in Chicago, and Ross, a student at Cornell University.

Campbell named director of diversity for schools of Medicine and Pharmacy



Dr. Shelvy L. Campbell has been named director of diversity for the schools of Medicine and Pharmacy, effective March 1. Campbell is responsible for developing diversity and equity programs for the schools, ensuring a quality and

inclusive educational experience for all students, faculty and staff.

A veteran of higher education administration, Campbell has served in human resources and admissions positions at both West Virginia State University and Marshall University for the past 18 years. She worked at Marshall's South Charleston campus for more than a decade as the graduate records and admissions supervisor. She most recently was the civil rights and equity compliance administrator at West Virginia State University's Gus R. Douglass Institute, a position she had held since 2008.

Campbell has participated in dozens of professional and community activities including the 2011 West Virginia Minority Health Advocacy Group, the City of Dunbar Recreational Commission and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Virginia State University, a master's degree in industrial and employee relations from Marshall University, an education specialist degree from Marshall as well as a doctorate in higher education leadership from Capella University.

Payne named director of public affairs for schools of Medicine and Pharmacy



Leah Clark Payne has been named director of public affairs for the schools of Medicine and Pharmacy. She assumed her duties January 16.

A native of Charleston, Payne has worked for more than two decades in radio and television news,

public relations and advertising, most recently as the media communications specialist in Marshall's Office of University Communications.

She started her career as a radio news journalist at WTCR in Huntington before moving to Lexington, Ky., where she served as midday news anchor for WVLK-AM. She also served as a news producer for WKYT-TV in Lexington and as a broadcast information specialist for the University of Kentucky.

After returning to Huntington in 1996, Payne freelanced as a healthcare marketing writer for The Herald-Dispatch and also worked in the paper's advertising department.

Payne was presented with the 1990 Barry Bingham Senior Media Award for excellence in reporting on mental health issues during her time at WVLK. In 2010, she was honored as a Star Volunteer by the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce for her work with the chamber's Downtown Live Committee.

She has bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism, both from Marshall.

Research institute named in honor of longtime dean, Charles McKown

The Charles H. McKown Jr. M.D. Translational Genomic Research Institute at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine was dedicated in a ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 6. McKown served as the school's dean for more than 22 years before becoming Marshall's vice president for health sciences advancement July 2011.

The Marshall University Board of Governors cited McKown's "extraordinary service to the university" in approving the facility's naming, which Interim Dean Robert C. Nerhood, M.D., announced Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011, at a School of Medicine reunion dinner.

Nerhood said McKown's contributions to the medical school were many.

"His uncanny ability to almost instantaneously perceive convoluted relationships and unintended consequences of simple or complex actions has ideally suited him to be an eminently successful dean of a community-based medical school in West Virginia," he said. "I am not at all sure that this talent can again be found."

Nerhood said the genomic research facility is an outgrowth of McKown's vision and advocacy.

"Dr. McKown foresaw the importance of the new field of translational research in the area of cancer care, and then worked with philanthropist Joan Edwards and U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd to turn that vision into reality," he said.

In addition to Nerhood, speakers at the dedication ceremony included Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp; Dr. Richard Niles, senior associate dean for research and graduate education at the medical school and professor and chair of the university's Department of Biochemistry



Dr. Charles H. McKown speaks during the December 6th dedication ceremony. From left, Dr. Robert Nerhood, President Stephen J. Kopp, Dr. Richard Niles, Edward Seiler and Jacqueline Proctor.

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and Microbiology; Edward Seiler, director of the Huntington VA Medical Center; and McKown.

Videotaped greetings were given by U.S. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin III and U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall II. Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin was represented by Jacqueline Proctor, his director of communications.

The institute is located on the top floor of the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center. Completed this summer, it includes more than 10,000 square feet of research space and has advanced scientific equipment including a "next-generation" genetic sequencer. Several university researchers already are working at the institute.

At the ceremony, Nerhood also announced that the medical school has established a scholarship in McKown's honor.

Dr. Shirley M. Neitch named first Maier Clinical Research Professor

Dr. Shirley M. Neitch, professor of internal medicine and chief of geriatrics at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been named the inaugural Maier Clinical Research Professor.

The professorship will support interdisciplinary translational research investigating the causes, management and treatment of dementia. Briefly, translational research involves translating human health and scientific discoveries into practical applications more efficiently in order to benefit patients.

“It is a tremendous honor to be named as the first Maier Professor,” Neitch said. “I’ve been able to do some small research projects before, but this will allow me, with the help of many dedicated colleagues, to pursue more in-depth clinical research projects, which will have significant impact on the lives of persons with dementia.”

Neitch said the first goal is to complete a genetics study of a family whose affected members develop symptoms at a very young age, in their late 20s. The next step, she added, will be to pursue treatment options.

Dr. Larry D. Dial Jr. chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, applauded Neitch’s efforts to find answers about a disease that affects thousands of West Virginians.

“This selfless gift from the Maier family will ensure that critical research support is available to talented individuals like Dr. Neitch who are the forefront of defining etiology of and therapies for dementia and other debilitating brain disorders,” Dial said.

The Maier Clinical Research Professorship was named in honor of Marshall University alumnus Edward “Ed” Maier, following his retirement from General Corporation, a real estate business owned by the Maier family.

“I’m very gratified my family chose to honor me with the establishment of an endowed professorship at the School of Medicine,” Maier said. “We are pleased to help support research which will benefit future generations of West Virginians.”



Dr. Larry Dial Jr., chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, presents a plaque to Dr. Shirley Neitch after she was named the first Maier Clinical Research Professor.



From left, Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp, Susan Maier, Dr. Shirley Neitch and Ed Maier.

General Corporation’s gift of \$1 million for establishment of the professorship was matched dollar for dollar by the “Bucks for Brains” West Virginia Research Trust Fund. The fund was established in 2008 to serve as a catalyst for economic development across the state. The trust fund program allows Marshall to double private gifts that support expansions to research faculty and infrastructure in key areas linked to economic development, health care and job growth.

Class of 2014 excels on national exam

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, announced on July 18 that 64 members of the Class of 2014 have passed the United States Medical Licensing Examination Step 1, marking a 100 percent pass rate for Marshall students taking the test.

The national exam is taken at the end of the second year of medical school and students must pass in order to continue into the third year of training.

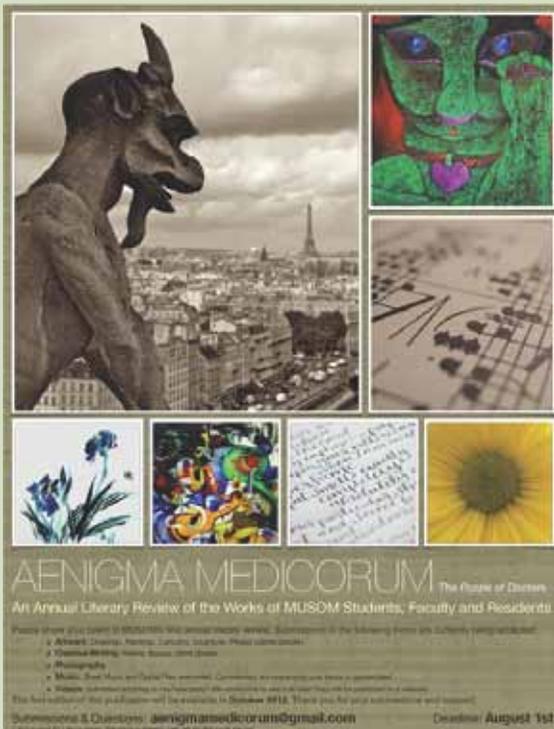
“I am thrilled with our students’ outstanding performance on Step 1. They have put in hours and hours of studying and are deserving of our praise for this historical accomplishment,” Shapiro said. “I also want to publicly commend our dedicated faculty and staff for their service and commitment to the medical school and our students.”

Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education Dr. Aaron McGuffin congratulated class members for their exceptional performance, which included a mean score of 227. This score is higher than the 2011 national mean, which was 224. The 2012 national mean will be released later this year.

McGuffin said, “This is a tribute to their hard work and dedication in concert with the excellent teaching provided by our basic science and clinical faculty. We at the medical school are privileged to be a part of continuing to produce the best and the brightest students for tomorrow’s physician workforce.”

The United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) is a multi-part professional exam. All three steps of the USMLE exam must be passed before a physician with an M.D. degree is eligible to apply for an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States.

Aenigma Medicorum The Puzzle of Doctors



Take a break from your laboratory or clinic responsibilities and put the right side of your brain to work. The second annual MUSOM literary and art review, *Aenigma Medicorum*, is now accepting original artwork, creative writing, photography, music and videos by MUSOM faculty, students and staff for its second volume. This student-driven project was initiated through the Multicultural Advisory Council (MAC).

The deadline for submissions is August 1, 2013, with publication next October.

Look for Volume I in October of this year.

For additional information, please e-mail aenigmamedicorum@gmail.com.

Conference room named for the late Frederick J. Lotspeich, Ph.D.

A conference room located in the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center has been named in honor of the late Frederick J. Lotspeich, Ph.D., who was the founding chair of the School of Medicine's Department of Biochemistry. Lotspeich served as the chair from 1977 until 1991.

For 35 years, Lotspeich served medical education in West Virginia, beginning as an assistant professor of biochemistry at the West Virginia University Medical Center in 1956 and then joining the Marshall faculty in 1977.

Following his death in 1994, the School of Medicine dedicated a reading room at the Robert W. Coon Medical Education Building at the Huntington VA Medical Center in Lotspeich's honor. The room was relocated to the Science Center due to the renovations for the new School of Pharmacy.

In 1996, Kay Lotspeich created the Dr. Frederick J. Lotspeich Scholarship in Biomedical Sciences in memory of her husband. This year the scholarship was awarded to Wood County native M. Allison Wolf, a doctoral student working with Dr. Pier Paolo Claudio, an associate professor in the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program and Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology. The award goes to a full time student pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in biomedical sciences in the School of Medicine. Preference is given to West Virginia residents, with first priority given to students from Mineral County; second Pendleton County, third from Grant County, and fourth for any other counties.

Lotspeich was a native of Keyser. He graduated with his bachelor's and master's degrees from West Virginia University and completed a doctorate at Purdue University.



Kay Lotspeich, left, and Dr. Richard Niles, chair of biochemistry and microbiology, pose beside a portrait of the late Frederick J. Lotspeich during a ceremony in the conference room in the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center named in Frederick J. Lotspeich's honor.



Kay Lotspeich with the 2012 Lotspeich award recipient, Mrs. M. Allison Wolf.

SOM picks up national AAFP award for family medicine

The 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 2011, AAFP reports 16.8 percent of Marshall medical school graduates have chosen family medicine residencies. The average places the school as number six in the country.

“Marshall’s school of medicine has consistently found itself in this top ranking because we are committed to educating students about the importance of primary care and more specifically, family medicine,” said Dr. John Walden, chair of the department of Family and Community Health. “We have long been aware of the critical nature of educating doctors for rural America and remain steadfast in our efforts to promote this very important specialty.”

Dr. Sarah Chouinard, president of the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians and a 1998 graduate of Marshall’s medical school, echoed Walden’s assessment.

“Family docs are THE key players in our nation’s ability to reform our healthcare system.

With the changing business of medicine to include technology and quality-driven outcome measures, we need well-educated, engaged family docs to be present in our communities,” Chouinard said. “Marshall trained me to be a family doctor who understands the value in serving our rural West Virginia communities.”

The awards were presented during a ceremony on April 27 at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference in Seattle. The Top Ten Awards were created more than a decade ago by the AAFP to promote the goal of having more U.S. medical school graduates become family medicine physicians.

The other nine schools are The University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, University of New Mexico School of Medicine, University of Kansas School of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, University of Minnesota Medical School, Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine, and Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota.

Joshua Ferrell honored with Faculty Choice Award



At the annual student awards ceremony on May 3, 2012, Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, presented Dr. Joshua C. Ferrell with the Faculty Choice Award sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association. This annual award, which goes to the most outstanding MS-IV student as selected by the faculty, comes with a plaque and monetary award.

Ferrell is a 2009 summa cum laude graduate of Marshall University with a bachelor of science in biology. He began his residency in family medicine at Washington Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Dual-degree program emphasizes research

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, announced on July 31 the revitalization of a research-focused dual degree program at the School of Medicine.

The M.D./Ph.D. program has existed at Marshall since 1992, but operated on an ad hoc basis as students expressed interest.

The revised M.D./Ph.D. program is a seven-year commitment that allows students to graduate with both degrees, preparing them for careers in patient care and medical research.

“The School of Medicine is positioned to offer students interested in medical research an enriching experience that combines traditional medical education with laboratory research in an effort to develop new treatments for their patients,” Shapiro said. “The field of biomedical research is exploding with opportunity and we are thrilled to offer this degree option to our students.”

Dr. Richard Niles, senior associate dean for research and graduate education, says most of the

students interested in the dual-degree program are interested in careers in academic medicine.

“Students exploring careers in research and medicine have historically found themselves having to choose one field or the other,” he said. “This option allows them to pursue dual goals, combining their desire to help others through both clinical and research experiences.”

Niles says students interested in pursuing the combined degree will check off the corresponding box on their American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application. When Marshall receives the applications, they will be flagged for review by a subcommittee consisting of members of the medical school admissions committee and the graduate studies committee which, in turn, will make admissions recommendations.

Additional application information is available at www.musom.marshall.edu/md-phd/.

Dr. Gary Rankin shares research in China

Dr. Gary O. Rankin, professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology, gave a presentation in May at BIT’s Fifth World Conference in Beijing. He spoke about his research regarding how a substance found naturally in red wine can reduce some of the harmful effects of a commonly used anti-cancer drug.

According to Rankin’s study, conducted in cooperation with colleague Dr. Monica A. Valentovic, resveratrol, a natural component of red wine, grapes, blueberries and peanuts, can reduce toxicity to the kidney caused by the chemotherapy drug cisplatin. The work is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health.

“Dr. Valentovic and I are using a human kidney cell line to look into the protective effects of resveratrol,” said Rankin. “We have found that the compound’s powerful antioxidant properties

may be important in helping to protect the kidney from cisplatin’s harmful effects.”

Also at the conference, Rankin led a scientific session, “Cancer rehabilitation, nutrition and management of cancer related complications.”

Prior to the meeting in Beijing, Rankin visited the School of Biosystems Engineering and Food Science at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China, where he gave a seminar about his work in the field of chemical-induced injury to the kidney.

Rankin was accompanied on the trip by Dr. Yi Charlie Chen, an associate professor of biology at Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi.

Both Rankin and Chen are lead researchers in the West Virginia IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence—a federally funded program to help build biomedical research expertise across the state. Rankin is the principal investigator of the project and Chen is on the steering committee.

PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. continues to attract potential medical students

Marshall University's initiative to increase the number of minority students enrolled in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is entering its second year. PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D., Providing Real World Experiences for future Marshall Educated Doctors, offers participants an opportunity to attend medical school classes, meet faculty and students conducting medical research, receive specific information on medical school preparation including the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), and tour the School of Medicine facilities.

"PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. was extremely well received across the county," said Dr. Shari Clarke, vice president of multicultural affairs. "Last year we received 34 applications from students representing a variety of higher education institutions. Seven students were selected to participate in the program. The goal is to increase the number of student participants and still provide an intimate immersion experience on campus that enables the PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. students to actively engage with a potential medical school mentor."

"Over the years, in response to the country's rapidly changing demographics, calls to increase the supply of minority physicians have become louder," said Shelvly L. Campbell, Ph.D., director of diversity for the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy. "By seeking diverse students who possess the abilities to be great physicians, the School of Medicine will continue its efforts to



Urada receives the Outstanding Leadership in Student Diversity Award from Dr. Marie Veitia, associate dean for student affairs.

attract, admit and produce a physician workforce that is representative of 21st century demographics and will be the next generation of physicians to improve West Virginia health and health care."

PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. was created by first-year resident Lawrence Urada, M.D., SOM Class of 2012, who had a firsthand understanding of the importance of diversity in an institution, having come to Marshall from a predominantly African American college. "The problem with an institution of learning that lacks diversity is the possible difficulty a student from such a program may have with fitting into a diverse world," he said. "This is especially important when it comes to the medical field because as physicians, we take care of people of all races and from all parts of the country/world.

"Through PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D., I hoped to accomplish two things. In the short term, I wanted to encourage my institution to go out and search for qualified underrepresented students to achieve the obvious goal of diversifying the



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program,” said Uradu. “My long term goal is to show that education in a diverse program creates better informed human beings and better doctors.”

“We are thrilled that PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. has enabled us to encourage students from the underrepresented minorities to consider a career in medicine and to mentor those who are seeking admission,” said Marie Veitia, Ph.D., associate dean for student affairs. “By increasing the diversity of our student body, we can make students more aware of and knowledgeable about working with individuals who have a different background from their own.”

There is no charge for the program for the selected applicants. On-campus lodging and meals are provided as part of the program, and assistance with transportation costs may be available.

Requirements for applicants include a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and college sophomore, junior or senior status. Application materials, which will be evaluated competitively, must include the PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. application form and resume, a written summary of the student’s interest in the program and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or university administrator.

Project P.R.E. M.E.D. takes place this year November 7-10. Forms are available online at musom.marshall.edu/diversity/.

Cancer risk drops when diet includes walnuts

The risk of breast cancer dropped significantly in mice when their regular diet included a modest amount of walnut, Marshall University researchers report in the journal *Nutrition and Cancer*.

The study, led by Elaine Hardman, Ph.D., of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, compared the effects of a typical diet and a diet containing walnuts across the lifespan: through the mother from conception through weaning, and then through eating the food directly. The amount of walnut in the test diet equates to about 2 ounces a day for humans.

Hardman said that during the study period, the group whose diet included walnut at both stages developed breast cancer at less than half the rate of the group with the typical diet. In addition, the number of tumors and their sizes were significantly smaller.

“These reductions are particularly important when you consider that the mice were genetically programmed to develop cancer at a high rate,” Hardman said. “We were able to reduce the risk for cancer even in the presence of a preexisting genetic mutation.”

The paper notes that dietary modification studies do not show whether benefits result from

what is added to a diet or what is removed. In this case, adding healthy fat and other components meant that unhealthy fat was reduced to keep total dietary fat balanced in the mice. Hardman said other studies have clearly shown, however, that multiple ingredients in walnuts reduce the risk of cancer or slow its growth.

Using genetic analysis, the Marshall study found that the walnut-containing diet changed the activity of multiple genes that are relevant to breast cancer in both mice and humans. Other testing showed that increases in omega 3 fatty acids did not fully account for the anti-cancer effect, and found that tumor growth decreased when dietary vitamin E increased.

Hardman said the findings highlight the vital role diet plays in health.

“Food is important medicine in our diet,” she said. “What we put into our bodies makes a big difference – it determines how the body functions, our reaction to illness and health. The simple stuff really works: eat right, get off the couch, and turn off the TV.”

“The results of this study indicate that increased consumption of walnut could be part of a healthy diet and reduce risk for cancer in future generations,” she said.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation awards major grant to Center for Rural Health

The Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation has awarded \$2.6 million to Marshall’s Center for Rural Health to help diabetes coalitions in 10 Appalachian communities implement effective local solutions to the widespread problem of diabetes.

The coalitions are part of Marshall’s Appalachian Diabetes Control and Translation Project, which since 2000 has created 66 such coalitions in nine states through funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Patricia Doykos, director of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, announced the five-year grant at the Appalachian Regional Commission annual conference in Prestonsburg, Ky., on Sept. 8, 2011. The grant is part of the foundation’s “Together on Diabetes” program, which supports efforts to develop and expand effective patient self-management programs and to draw whole communities into the fight against type 2 diabetes.

“Type 2 diabetes is one of the United States’ greatest health challenges and disproportionately

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affects the poor, minorities and the elderly,” said Lamberto Andreotti, chief executive officer of Bristol-Myers Squibb. “‘Together on Diabetes’ draws on the strengths of communities and supports public- and private-sector partners coming together to identify and implement disease management approaches that work for large segments of the population.”

Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp was pleased with the announcement of the grant.

“Study after study has shown that we have an alarming situation with type 2 diabetes in the areas served by the Marshall University Center for Rural Health,” he said. “The awarding of this five-year grant will allow us to continue to work toward effective solutions to our region’s unique challenges. We appreciate the vision, collaboration and generosity of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation in assisting us in our work to alleviate a pressing medical need.”

Appalachia has a higher rate of diabetes than the nation as a whole, and the problem is especially acute in the rural Appalachian counties classified as “distressed.” A recent study showed

the rate of diabetes there was more than 1.6 times the national average.

“Diabetes is such a big problem in distressed Appalachian counties in part because lifestyles have changed over the last 20 years,” said Richard Crespo of Marshall, who is the project coordinator. “People have become more sedentary, leading to obesity, which is a major risk factor for diabetes. Thus the solution is in the community, not the doctor’s office.”

The grant will provide support for coalitions in 10 distressed counties, helping them to implement evidence-based programs that promote long-term behavior change and improve the health of people who have type 2 diabetes.

The CDC and ARC will provide training, and Marshall will guide the 10 diabetes coalitions through a planning process, equip them with evidence-based programs, and provide ongoing technical assistance. Marshall also will evaluate the program, looking at the coalitions themselves, changes in their communities, and improvements in patients’ diabetes health.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

At the end of June, the School of Medicine announced the following retirements.

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Cancer research included in Department of Defense publication

Ongoing research by two Marshall University scientists has been published in the latest program book for the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs' Breast Cancer Research Program (CDMRP).

Dr. Elaine Hardman, professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, and Dr. Philippe Georgel, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, are specifically looking at whether maternal consumption of omega-3 fatty acid, found in some plants and fatty fish, can reduce the risk of breast cancer in the offspring.

Their project, funded by a grant from the Department of Defense in 2010, will determine if there are any specific gene expression changes induced by omega-3 consumption in the offspring by feeding pregnant mice a diet containing canola oil (a source of omega-3) or a diet containing corn oil (not an omega-3 source).

"I think the things that made our research especially interesting were the high quality preliminary data that we had to get the grant funding and relevance for a very practical way, a simple dietary change, to prevent breast cancer," Dr. Hardman said. "We expect to have our complete results published in the fall."

CDMRP was developed in 1992 through a grass-roots effort generated by breast cancer advocacy groups. Since then, CDMRP has received more than \$6.5 billion in appropriations from its inception through fiscal year 2011. Funds for the CDMRP are added to the U.S. Department of Defense budget, and are allocated for support of individual research programs.



Ongoing research by scientists Dr. Philippe Georgel, left, and Dr. Elaine Hardman has been published in the latest program book for the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs' Breast Cancer Research Program (CDMRP).

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SOM places 100 percent of graduating seniors in national match

Every single graduating medical student has been placed in a residency program via the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), marking the first time ever 100 percent of the class has matched.

The NRMP pairs graduating seniors with graduate medical programs across the country where they will train for the next three to five years.

“For the first time in the history of the School of Medicine, 100 percent of our students have matched in their chosen medical specialties, exceeding the average of 95 percent that we’ve had for the last five years,” said Dr. Marie Veitia, associate dean, student affairs.

On March 16, 64 seniors gathered in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center to learn their residency placements when they and their counterparts nationwide opened envelopes containing their residency decisions.

Just over 67 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. Additionally, about one-third of the class will remain in West Virginia, 17 of them training at Marshall.

“We are delighted that a significant number elected to remain at Marshall while others matched in primary care and highly competitive fields of medicine such as emergency medicine, radiology, and anesthesiology at schools across the country,” Veitia said. “Marshall students matched at programs at Duke, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth, Emory and three outstanding programs in California.” The California programs are University of California-Irvine, University of California-San Diego, and Loma Linda University.



Thumbs up from Yesha Patel on her residency in pediatrics at St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

You can watch a video of Match Day at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROkBwrqPvG0, or use the tag below.



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Price Ward, class president, and Erin Hare are excited about their match results.

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They met their Match!



*Jody M. Pitsenbarger and Courtney N. Dugan
are all smiles at Match Day.*



*Class of 2012 members are happy about
their match results.*

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine 2015 White Coat Ceremony



Toumas' tradition

Along with the white coats and book credits presented to the Class of 2015 at the White Coat Ceremony, students received Littman Cardiology II stethoscopes from Drs. Joseph B., keynote speaker, and Omayma T. Touma, long-time donors and loyal supporters of the School of Medicine.

"We are very 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. We like to say this gift is from the physician's ears to the patient's heart, you can learn to care FOR your patients." The Toumas began giving stethoscopes to the entering students in 2006. The first class to receive them graduated May 5, 2010.



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Kelley Groves with her uncle, C. Dwight Groves, M.D., Class of 1981, and her Aunt Emily, at the White Coat Ceremony

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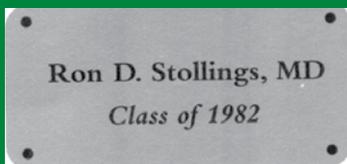
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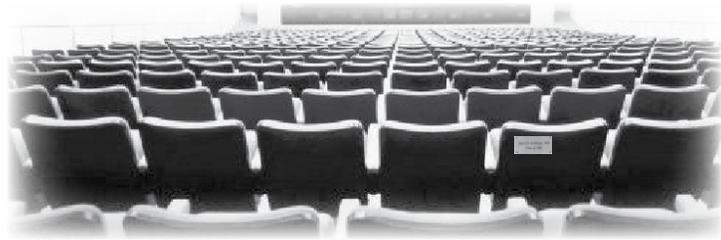
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School of Medicine students and faculty inducted into national honor society

Twelve fourth-year medical students were inducted on September 10 into the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) in a ceremony at the Harless Auditorium in the Marshall University Medical Center.

The society, established in 2002, is an association of individuals and medical school chapters whose members are selected as exemplars of empathy, compassion, altruism, integrity and service in working with patients, their families and others in the field of medicine.

The GHHS is an initiative of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation which was created in 1988 by Dr. Arnold P. Gold and his wife Dr. Sandra Gold in an effort to nurture and preserve the tradition of the caring physician. The Gold Humanism Honor Society now celebrates 10 years and 101 chapters in the United States and Canada.

“My husband and I are delighted to represent the Arnold P. Gold Foundation at this inaugural induction of the Gold Humanism Honor Society,” Dr. Sandra Gold said. “The creation of this new chapter signifies the students and faculty at Marshall place high value on the interpersonal skills and attitudes that are essential for excellent patient care.”

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, was honored in 2002 with the Arnold P. Gold-Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey Humanism in Medicine Award.

“The GHHS honors that aspect of being a health care provider which I think is most admirable. Of the different distinctions that I’ve been fortunate enough to receive, being selected as an honoree from the GHHS in 2002 is probably the one I’m proudest of,” Shapiro said.

Shapiro went on to say he’s extremely proud of the Marshall students and Marshall faculty who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to excellence and compassion in patient care and are now being inducted.

The following students were inducted into the honorary: Brian Abadir, Proctorville, Ohio; Matthew Q. Christiansen, Gandeeville, W.Va.; Matthew B. Curry, Huntington, W.Va.; John B. Epling, Summersville, W.Va.; Joshua A. Hess, Hurricane, W.Va.; Caleb R. Huff, Glenwood,



Drs. Arnold P. & Sandra Gold

W.Va.; Jacob T. Kilgore, Kenova, W.Va.; P. Gordon McLemore, Murray, Utah; Bi Mo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kathleen H. Richardson, Long Valley, N.J.; Melissa A. Rowe, Huntington, W.Va.; Adam T. Short, South Charleston, W.Va.

Several faculty members were also inducted into the society and recognized as recipients of The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. They include: Dr. Renee S. Domanico, associate professor, pediatrics; Dr. Shirley M. Neitch, professor, internal medicine; and Dr. Gerard J. Oakley, professor, obstetrics & gynecology. Dr. Darshana T. Shah, professor, pathology and associate dean of faculty affairs & professional development was also inducted and will serve as chapter advisor.

Attending today’s ceremony was Dr. Richard I. Levin, newly-selected president and CEO of the Gold Foundation. Levin formerly served as vice principal for health affairs and dean of the faculty of medicine at McGill University in Montreal, as well as vice dean for education, faculty and academic affairs at New York University.

In addition to creating the Gold Humanism Honor Society, the Arnold P. Gold Foundation is credited with starting the White Coat Ceremony welcoming medical students into their first year of education. The White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at more than 90 percent of the schools of medicine and osteopathy in the United States. The Foundation also facilitates nearly a dozen other programs all geared toward nurturing the relationship between physician and patient.

Sixth Medical Brigade Mission to Honduras makes lasting impression

In June, 33 medical students and four Marshall physicians joined other health care professionals, college students and community members on the sixth annual trip to Honduras as part of Global Medical Brigades (GMB). GMB is an international network of university groups that travel to developing countries with little or no access to medical care.

The trips to Honduras have been made possible in part through the generosity of Kenneth Ambrose, Ph.D., and his wife, Sharon. The couple supported the project in honor of their son Dr. Paul Ambrose, Class of 1995, who was killed Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon. With the assistance of Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, a scholarship endowed by John and Elizabeth Drinko (and supplemented by the Ambroses and many other donors) was amended to support the medical mission trips.

“Ken and I decided to utilize the funds from the scholarship to benefit a larger group of people, and support something that went along with Paul’s interests,” Sharon Ambrose said. “The program has grown so much and we are so proud to be part of it.”

This year, Sharon, a retired registered nurse, made the trip to Honduras for the first time, and was very glad she did. “It was even better than I expected,” she said. “I was thrilled by the whole experience, and loved the people. Honduras is so beautiful.”

The hard work put in by the Marshall family was beyond her expectations. “I was overwhelmed by the students, faculty and others who worked so hard, and with the way Brent Kidd and Jacob Kilgore, both fourth year medical students, organized everything,” she added. “And, the fact that they all gave their time when they had so much else going on was amazing. It was hard work but it was fun, too, being with the whole group and getting to know them individually.”



Jacob Kilgore and Maggie Soltis take a much-deserved break

Sharon worked with other nurses, helping to process patients and participating in Public Health Day. She also helped build latrines. “How many 70-year-old grandmothers do you know who can help build a latrine out of cinderblock?” she quipped. “But that was fun too. And rewarding, being able to see the impact of what we were doing.”

The people of Honduras had an impact on Sharon as well. “Our hearts went out to all of them,” she said. “They are just so friendly and appreciative. Their lives are so simple and they don’t have a lot of material things, but they are happy. It impressed upon us how lucky we all are, and made us wish we could do even more for them.”

Would she go back again? “I would sure consider it,” she said. “It made me so proud of Marshall, the students and faculty. It was a privilege to be there with them and to see the program growing. If I do go back, I will study my Spanish a little more, though!”



A plaque was dedicated in honor to Dr. Paul Ambrose. In accordance with the entire Global Medical Brigades team, the plaque will forever hang at the compound in Honduras.

“Dr. Paul Ambrose was very involved with preventive medicine and public health, so it was exciting to have Sharon with us,” said Jacob Kilgore. “The Ambroses have done so much to aid this program’s development. Their support has been unwavering. I quickly realized that our vision for the program was merely an extension of the goals Dr. Ambrose had for medicine. And now to have experienced this amazing journey with Sharon as a member of our team, it truly has been an experience come full circle.

“Our Global Medical Brigades program, MUJCESOM, and our local community are forever indebted for the contributions the Ambroses continually make to improve health care both locally and abroad,” Kilgore added.

Brent Kidd learned a lot from Sharon Ambrose. “This year was special in that Sharon had the opportunity to come on the trip personally and experience what we had been describing to her in years past,” he said. “She was an excellent team member and was always asking what we needed to do next. Her past experience as a nurse was invaluable and I think she had a lot to offer the students, especially the first year students she worked with in triage.

“The first two years of medical school are primarily classroom-based, so having someone like Sharon with clinical experience is very beneficial to those students just getting their first taste of

what a busy triage is like,” Kidd added. “Without the support of Dr. and Mrs. Ambrose there is no doubt that many medical students would not have been able to participate in this life-changing experience.”

Part of the trip focuses on treating patients in a mobile primary care clinic organized into stations such as triage, doctors, optometry, OB/GYN, dentistry, pharmacy and charlas. “The charla is a ‘chat’ about healthcare and hygiene in general which helps supplement the care the



Brent Kidd takes time out for a patient

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The team assembles medical supplies

patients have already received,” said Kidd. “The one for children focuses on good dental and oral hygiene while the adult charla focuses on diet, taking medications, personal hygiene, etc.” The brigade typically saw between 300-600 patients per day.

The other half of the trip focuses on public health, which would have pleased Paul. “Every day we sent part of our group to a different rural site where they worked to build latrines, pave floors (most have dirt floor homes) and build proper ventilation for the kitchen of a particular family in need,” Kidd said. “This, in addition to helping build clean water storage units, helps improve the overall quality of health for the families involved. These projects are much more enduring than the medicines that we prescribe in the clinic.”

My heart was broken every day, not only for the substandard living conditions and little to no access to medical care, but for the outpouring of love that each Honduran showed our team,” said Kilgore. “The Honduran people are so resilient. In fact, I often wondered if I was impacting their lives more than they were mine.”

Kidd hopes to contribute to international medicine throughout his career. “I am always impressed by the attitude of those we treat,” he said. “The patients sometimes must walk extended distances in the early morning to arrive



Fourth year student Michael Kinder examines a local child

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at the clinic. Sometimes they wait for hours on end in the sun and the heat to see a physician from the United States. They are always patient, always grateful, and always kind. They do not view their ‘hardships’ from the perspective that we as Americans might. They tend to dress up to come see us and will bring us gifts of food or trinkets.”

Kilgore praises Linda Holmes for her involvement. “Linda has done a fantastic job

helping secure necessary funds, involving the Ambroses and other alumni, and serving as our PR liaison,” he said.

Dr. Amy A. Vaughan, Class of 1992, also attended the trip this summer. “It was definitely a life-changing and challenging trip,” said Vaughan. “I’ve never been prouder to be part of a group of doctors. The students were amazing! We all have a new appreciation for the simpler things in life that we take for granted.”

In addition to the funding from the Ambrose family, proceeds from the annual Mission M-Possible 5K Run & Walk go toward purchasing and transporting medications to Honduras. This year the race, which was held on May 12 at Ritter Park, raised more than \$1,000. They also received a number of non-monetary donations via 5K participants and sponsors. Students pay their own way for the trip.

“We are always looking for individuals willing to go abroad and help make a difference,” said Kidd. “We take people of all professions. There is a lot that can be done on our brigades that just require someone willing to do the work and put forth their time and compassion for those in need. We think the program as a whole has a very bright future as we continue to grow community awareness and seek out more donors. The real future of the program, though, lies with the first year medical students who had the opportunity to travel with us this summer. It falls on them to continue the project and further Marshall’s work and commitment in Honduras over the years to come.”

For more information on how to participate in next year’s medical brigade, contact Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, at 304.691.1711 or email Kidd at bkidd@marshall.edu or Kilgore at kilgore14@marshall.edu.



Two School of Medicine graduates participated in the trip: Dr. Amy Vaughan, Class of 1992 (front right, top photo) and Dr. Chuck Clements, Class of 1997 (far right, bottom photo).

Lewis Technology Center gets facelift thanks to team effort

With the assistance of a \$5,000 grant from the Huntington Clinical Foundation (HCF), the Lewis Technology Center has undergone a much-needed remodeling project. By providing new computers, the grant has made it possible for medical students to benefit from faster technology and a more comfortable setting for those crucial exams.

“The upgrades to the Lewis Technology Center will directly benefit our students and faculty by facilitating accurate and timely student assessment,” said Brian Dzwonek, Ed.D., associate dean for medical education. “The enhancements also create a more user friendly student learning space and allow for applications that expand on the learning tools currently used to achieve our mission of preparing competent physicians.”

The entire project was a team effort sparked by the HCF, followed by the purchasing of new tables, chairs and removable privacy screens by the Office of Finance.

“Thanks to the generous help provided by the Huntington Clinical Foundation, we are able to provide a central facility of sufficient capacity that is optimized for the computer-based examinations which are becoming increasingly common for both our residency programs and the clinical rotations of our undergraduate curriculum,” said Michael J. McCarthy, assistant dean for information technology. The Division of Information Technology also contributed funds for the project.

Exams were formerly administered at the Information Technology Building across the street on Hal Greer Boulevard.

The Lewis Technology Center is located on the first floor of the Marshall University Medical Center. In addition to exams for third year surgery students, senior medical students, and a number of residency programs, the on-line radiology exam will be given at the center next spring. The center also will pilot a web-based National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Surgery clerkship exam at the end of Rotation 1.





On behalf of the entire Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine family, I want to personally thank each of you for your generosity and support of our mission of educating future physicians. I am truly grateful you have chosen to include the School of Medicine in your personal philanthropy and hope you will continue to do so in the future.

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Mary M. Griffith, MD	1989	Joseph E. Evans, MD	1982
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R. Mark Hatfield, MD	1983	Bijan J. Goodarzi, MD	1983
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J. Douglas Kirk, MD	1988	Lee C. Haikal, MD	1994
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Melody A. Swavelly, MD	1988	Bradley J. Richardson, MD	1993
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Jimmy V. Wolfe, MD	1984	Daniel W. Russell, MD	1990
Kevin W. Yingling, MD	1985	*Joseph C. Shanklin, MD	1996
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Sandra L. Mehringer Skar, MD	1997
Mary E. Smyrnioudis, MD	2009
Lucia I. Soltis, MD	2008
Bryan D. Springer, MD	1999
Barbara G. Wells Nelson, MD	1996
Donald W. Wickline, MD	2006
Marc A. Workman, MD	1986

The following Associate Members – West Virginia physicians, former residents, present and previous faculty – joined from July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Dr. Ahmed S. Aboraya
Dr. Hoyt J. Burdick
Dr. Harry K. Driscoll
Dr. Salah Elbash
Dr. Charles E. Giangarra
Dr. Subhash Kumar
Dr. Tracy LeGrow
Dr. Robert C. Nerhood
Dr. John a. Parker, Jr.
Dr. James D. Perry III
Dr. Gary O. Rankin
Dr. Bruce A. Ratcliff
Dr. Gilbert A. Ratcliff, Jr.
Dr. Deborah A. Ross
Dr. Asma Safder
Dr. Thomas K. Savory
Dr. Tara C. Sharma
Dr. Vincent E. Sollars
Dr. Maria T. Tirona
Dr. Harry K. Tweel
Dr. John B. Walden
Dr. Daniel J. Whitmore
Dr. Kendall L. Wilson, Jr.

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School of Medicine benefits from new scholarships

Scholarships can make the difference in whether or not a student is able to attend medical school. Nurturing a student's talents and career ambitions can be rewarding, and one way to help do this is by contributing to or endowing a scholarship. Several significant scholarships have been created in the past year. Here is a look at the awards and the donors.



Dr. Ali Oliashirazi, chair, Department of Orthopaedics, presents a check for two endowed scholarships to Dr. Joseph Shapiro, School of Medicine dean, and Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs.

Two students benefit from Orthopaedics Third Year and Fourth Year Scholarships

Under the leadership of Dr. Ali Oliashirazi, the Department of Orthopaedics faculty and staff have endowed two scholarships to assist future physicians with an interest in orthopaedics.

"This is our pleasure and the right thing to do" said Oliashirazi, department chair. "We hope not only to help reduce the medical students' burden of debt, but also to promote and reward excellence amongst them."

The Department of Orthopaedics Third Year Medical Student Scholarship will be given to a third year student (no residency requirements) who is planning a career in orthopaedics, has financial need and excels academically.

The Department of Orthopaedics Fourth Year Medical Student Scholarship will be given to a fourth year student (no residency requirement) who has financial need and has the top grades in his or her class. If there are multiple students with the same G.P.A. and financial need, the Department of Orthopaedics education committee will make the decision on the recipient.

Both scholarships have been endowed and will be awarded this year.

"What a wonderful and inspiring gesture!" said Cindy Warren, assistant dean for admissions. "We can't thank you enough for your support and encouragement of our students. You are a wonderful physician, leader and human being!"

The Mr. Fred L. and Mrs. Louise J. Janssen Scholarship

Dr. Eric W. Janssen, Class of 1986, has generously endowed a scholarship for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in memory of his parents, Mr. Fred L. and Mrs. Louise J. Janssen. This renewable scholarship will be awarded for the first time this fall to a first-year medical student, and is renewable for three additional years.

Janssen and his family have had quite a connection with Marshall over the years. His mother was a graduate and his father taught accounting in 2003. Both parents would go on to teach at Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia. Eric's oldest daughter, Kristina, is a Marshall alumna.

"Marshall has meant a lot to my family," Janssen said. "My father had many fond memories of his time there. I was a member of the Thundering Herd football team as an undergraduate, so I attended on a football scholarship.

"Plus, I am very aware of how expensive medical school is, as my daughter, Kristina, graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine four years ago. I had mentioned to Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, that I was looking for a way both to honor my parents and give something back by helping other medical students. She suggested the idea of a scholarship as a way to do both.

Janssen knew he wanted to go into medicine at an early age. While a high school athlete in Columbus, Ga., he became aware of the Hughston Clinic, named for Dr. Jack Hughston, one of the fathers of sports medicine. From this point, he knew that was where he wanted to focus his career. After graduating from Marshall's School of Medicine, he completed a residency at Mount Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio, and a sports medicine fellowship at Hughston Orthopaedic Clinic in Columbus, Georgia, the venue that first inspired him.

Janssen is now an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine at Sportsmed Huntsville Clinic in Huntsville, Ala. Daughter Kristina has joined his practice. Janssen and his wife, Vicki (B.S. 2003), have six other children: Amanda, Kelsey, Drew, Kaitlyn, Alexa and Kelli.

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Class of 2012 Endowed Scholarship

Members of the Class of 2012 have established the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Class of 2012 Endowed Scholarship. The goal of this award is to strengthen the already successful and beneficial Clinical Skills Center, thus helping medical students learn and improve patient care whether in a clinic setting or while performing procedures in more acute stressful situations.

"After visiting other medical schools and seeing the capabilities of Simulation Labs, I knew this was the direction the School of Medicine should take," said Dr. Price S. Ward, class president. "We wanted to help as many future students as possible. We felt we could accomplish this by helping Sim technology become a reality."

The Clinical Center currently uses computer-based models and live simulated patients. The students then move on to live patient care settings. "Marshall's patient care classes are very strong," added Ward. "The more elaborate Sim Lab procedures would benefit all residency programs and draw new residents to Marshall."

Ward, a native of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., attended Ripon College in Wisconsin before coming to Marshall. He is now a first year pediatrics resident at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He is married to Dr. Erin Hare Ward, also from the Class of 2012. She is doing a residency in OB/GYN at the University of Florida College of Medicine – Shands Hospital.

The Class of 2012 is the third class to leave with their class scholarship endowed.

The Dr. Jerome Puryear, Jr. & Dr. Latonya Brown-Puryear Diversity Scholarship

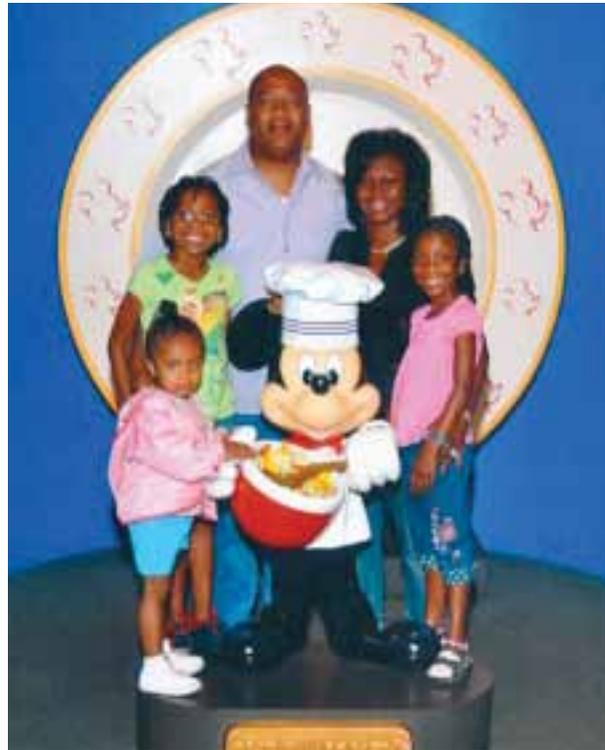


Jerome Puryear, Jr., M.D., Class of 1997, and his wife, Dr. Latonya Brown-Puryear, have endowed a scholarship for the School of Medicine in memory of his mother, Ethel Robinson Puryear. The Dr. Jerome Puryear, Jr. & Dr. Latonya Brown-Puryear Diversity

Scholarship will be awarded to an entering medical student with demonstrated financial need, first preference being qualified students who are members of minority groups who help achieve and sustain the diversity of the student body.

Puryear, an interventional and diagnostic neuroradiologist at Kettering Network Radiology Inc. in Kettering, Ohio, was inspired to go into medicine by his mother, a surgical nurse back in the early seventies. “I saw her commitment to something she loved to do,” said Puryear. “Plus, I had a keen interest in science in high school. I wanted to put those two things together—passion for what I wanted to do plus my interest in science. Early on I had a special affinity for the oncology population. The death of my mother from multiple myeloma even further inspired me to address oncology patients.

“She was always very proud of me,” Puryear added. “Sometimes we give things to our children and don’t realize what we give. She was just being who she was. The fact that she gave me additional inspiration to follow that pathway had a long lasting impact in multiple ways.” Ethel Puryear passed away in 1986, so she was able to see her son not only graduate, but complete his residency, two radiology fellowships and practice interventional oncology.



The Puryear’s scholarship is a way for them to show appreciation to the School of Medicine as well as help others achieve their goals. “I have always felt a need to contribute back to Marshall,” Puryear said. “I have a high regard and respect for the school and its administrators. The faculty commitment to students was unparalleled. They were good at what they did and they wanted you to learn. The overall experience was fantastic. For this reason, I think every student and alumnus should contribute to the school as well.”

His wife, Latonya, is a pulmonary critical care physician. They met in Birmingham, Ala., during their residencies. They would eventually move to a suburb of Cincinnati to join their respective practices. The couple has three daughters, Jayden (3), Payton (7) and Kennedy (8). “They have active schedules themselves, from karate to gymnastics to tennis to voice. Their schedules are busier than mine!”

The Edward and Anne Valentovic Memorial Scholarship



Monica Valentovic, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology, physiology and toxicology, has endowed a scholarship to be awarded to a third or fourth year medical student in the School of Medicine who has financial need and is involved in research. The Edward

and Anne Valentovic Memorial Scholarship is named for her parents.

“My parents were hard working individuals,” said Valentovic. “My dad was a foundry engineer and my mom worked in clothing manufacturing. They lived most of their lives in Cleveland, Ohio. I wanted them to be remembered in a way that would have an impact for a long time. I thought this scholarship would help future physicians who will have patients similar to my parents, thus perpetuating my parents’ inclination to help others.”

Valentovic considers research to be an important aspect of training medical students. For this reason, first preference for the scholarship will be a student who has done or is currently involved in research with a faculty member in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology, either while a medical student or prior to entering medical school.

Second preference is for a student who has done research while in medical school with a full-time School of Medicine faculty member who is associated with a department other than Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology.

“Very few students take the time to do research, either prior to starting medical school or while they are in medical school,” said Valentovic. “In order to have a valuable research experience, students must invest time and dedication to a project. I believe this is the first scholarship at the medical school that targets students in this area.

“In my opinion, students doing research are often not recognized,” added Valentovic. “This scholarship is a small way to recognize



and reward students who have taken this extra effort. Research is a critical component for the development of new drugs, medical devices and treatments. A research experience emphasizes the approach to answer a question such as the mechanism for a drug interaction, including how to properly design a study as well as the endpoints and analysis. I believe a research experience broadens a student’s approach to answering clinical problems. This scholarship is a way to give them financial assistance and remember my parents.”

Valentovic is well aware of the significant financial investment students have while they are in medical school. “Reducing student debt is important,” she said. “Medicine is a practice that helps other individuals in need. My parents were active in helping others and this scholarship is a long term commitment to help our medical students and, eventually, they will help others.”

The Sekar Family Scholarship

The Sekar Family Scholarship was created in honor of Dr. Chandra S. Sekar’s son, Dr. Krish D. Sekar, Class of 2012, in memory of his late wife, Hema Sekar, and to show appreciation to the School of Medicine for his son’s medical education. The award will be given to a first-year student who has financial need, and is renewable based on normal academic progress.

Krish Sekar is a third generation physician following in his grandfather’s and father’s footsteps. Plus, there are multiple physicians on both sides of his family.

Chandra Sekar is a retired radiation oncologist living in Parkersburg, W.Va. He, along with Dr. W. Michael Hensley of Parkersburg Radiology Services, is a major supporter of the Clinical Skills Lab. Hensley is the parent of three MUSOM graduates, Laurel (Fedor), Class of 2007; Alice, Class of 2011; and Brian, Class of 2012.

James “Jim” J. Schneider Endowed Scholarship honors retiring administrator

James “Jim” J. Schneider retired from the School of Medicine in June, but his service to the school will live on through the creation of an endowed scholarship in his name. The James “Jim” J. Schneider Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to an entering first-year medical student.

“Jim was a steady and effective leader during the School of Medicine’s expansion to the Marshall University Medical Center in the 1990s,” said Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs with the School of Medicine. “He also guided several other multi-million dollar School of Medicine building projects. The formation of this scholarship is quite fitting because of Jim’s commitment to our students for so many years.”

Schneider served the School of Medicine and University Physicians & Surgeons Inc. for 21 years, finishing his career as the senior associate dean for finance and administration and executive director, respectively.

Anyone interested in making a gift to the Schneider scholarship may contact Holmes at 304. 691.1711 or holmes@marshall.edu.

Huntington Clinical Foundation creates second scholarship for School of Medicine

The Huntington Clinical Foundation has pledged \$40,000 to create a scholarship for the School of Medicine. The scholarship will provide a \$10,000 award for an entering first-year medical student for each of the next four years.

“This is the second scholarship created for the School of Medicine by the Huntington Clinical Foundation and we are exceedingly appreciative of their generosity,” said Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs. “Helping medical students achieve their dream of becoming a doctor is a noble endeavor and we salute the Huntington Clinical Foundation for their commitment to medical education.”

Dr. Ken Wolfe, a trustee with The Huntington Clinical Foundation, and Jim Morgan, secretary-

treasurer, say the local private foundation supports scientific research and scholarships. “The Huntington Clinical Foundation, which is funded by the Switzer Trust, has the mission to provide funds to help improve medical care and education in West Virginia,” Wolfe said.

“Helping Marshall’s medical school attract the best and brightest students is an excellent example of the goal of our foundation and should pay significant dividends to our region in the future.”

“The trustees are pleased to be able to fulfill the object of the foundation in providing this medical education scholarship,” Morgan said. “The efforts will benefit the entire region.”

The Huntington Clinical Foundation created the first expendable scholarship for medical students in 2010.

Radiology Inc. establishes scholarship at med school

Radiology Inc., a Huntington physician group, has pledged a total of \$24,000 toward the establishment of a scholarship at the School of Medicine.

The gift will be given in increments of \$6,000 annually for four years. One entering first-year medical school student who has a demonstrated financial need will be awarded the scholarship, which will be renewed based on continued need and academic performance.

“Radiology Inc. is pleased to expand its support of the School of Medicine and its students through this scholarship,” said Dr. Peter Chirico, vice president of Radiology Inc. and chairman of the SOM’s Department of Radiology.

Linda Holmes, the medical school’s director of development and alumni affairs, praised Dr. Chirico and his group for their commitment to medical education at Marshall University.

“The importance of scholarship support from partners like Radiology Inc. is essential for our medical students,” Holmes said. “We are very appreciative of their generous gift and past support.”

The scholarship was awarded Fall 2012.

Sen. Ron Stollings, M.D., receives Distinguished Alumnus Award



Dr. Stollings being sworn in as president of the West Virginia State Medical Association

Sen. Ron Stollings, M.D., a member of the Class of 1982, is the second recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award in recognition of his successful internal medicine practice and his honorable service in the West Virginia State Senate. He accepted the award during the 26th Annual Homecoming Banquet on Friday, Sept. 7.

“It is a tremendous honor to be recognized for this award as I am very proud of my medical school and its mission,” Stollings said. “We have outstanding physician alumni who have left a great mark on healthcare and society not only in our region and state but nationally.”

Stollings, a native of Madison, W.Va., received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from West Virginia University before coming to the School of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University and has been in private practice at Madison Medical Group and on the staff of Boone Memorial Hospital since 1985. He is a professor of medicine for the West Virginia University School of Medicine and serves as field faculty for the Rural Health Education Partnership.

Most recently, he has been elected as a Fellow to the American College of Physicians and is a past president of the West Virginia State Medical Association (WVSMA). He is a founding trustee of the West Virginia Medical Foundation.

In 2006 Stollings was elected to the 7th Senatorial District in the West Virginia State Senate and reelected in 2010. He serves as chair of the Senate Health and Human Resources Committee, and serves on a number of other committees.

In June Stollings joined more than 80 primary care physicians from across the country in a White House Health Information Technology Town Hall event in Washington, D.C., hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The physicians were recognized for their successful implementation of electronic health record (EHR) technology. Stollings’ practice, the Madison Medical Group, was the first health care practice in the state to meet the requirements of Stage 1 of Meaningful Use, i.e., using certified EHR technology in ways that can be significantly measured.

In August, at the West Virginia Primary Care Association’s 27th Annual Conference in Charleston, Stollings received the Inaugural Distinguished Community Health Champion Award in recognition of his leadership on issues that impact the lives of the 365,000 West Virginians who rely on community health care centers, as well as his continued fight for the advancement of primary care since he joined the West Virginia Senate.

Stollings has found a way to give back to his alma mater as well. In 1996 he established an endowed scholarship in memory of his mother, Alma Stollings. “My mother did not have a college education, but she knew the



Dr. Stollings with his brother, Barry

value of education and wanted her baby boy to excel,” Stollings said. “Looking back I can only understand how hard she worked so I could have a ‘normal’ childhood as the child of a single mother. I just wish she would have lived long enough to know that her investment paid off and so I could show her the deep appreciation I have for her. This is a way to pay it forward so other students with similar backgrounds may benefit. My hometown knew my situation. I was so blessed to have people like Gus and Mary Lee Shaffer, Don and Margie Weaver, Ira and Judy Handley and many others who were supportive of me.”

Another strong influence in Stollings’ life is his older brother, Barry. “He always challenged me to succeed,” Stollings said. “I know I would not have turned out the same without his guidance and love. He raised two of the best guys—Travis, a graduate of MU, and Barry II. They both have a great work ethic and are so fun to be around. My daughter, Whitney, who lives in Lexington, Ky., is a work in progress. I see so much of me in her. My soon-to-be 7-year-old grandson, Seth, has me in the palm of his hand.”

Wehner takes reigns as new SOM Alumni Association president



Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, Class of 1989, has taken the reigns as president of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association, effective July 1. Wehner is a cardiologist at the School of Medicine as well as the school’s senior associate dean for graduate medical

education. She replaces outgoing president Dr. Aaron M. McGuffin, Class of 1999, senior associate dean for medical education of the School of Medicine and associate professor of the Department of Pediatrics.

Wehner is excited about her role as president of the association in this new era of leadership. “The School of Medicine has been extremely successful in the past,” said Wehner. “I would like to reopen contact with a significant number of alumni and let them know the outstanding graduates that we continue to produce and how well they do in their residency matching programs. Essentially, I would like to let them know the school is alive and well and moving ahead.”

Wehner has also recently assumed the role of designated institutional official in concert with

her current position as senior associate dean. In this capacity, she provides oversight for all of the residency and fellowship programs associated with the School of Medicine.

“There were several wonderful achievements that occurred on behalf of the leadership of Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the School of Medicine, as well as by our dedicated alumni,” said McGuffin. “Among those include a refinement of the association’s constitution and bylaws; successful association-sponsored homecomings that saw the first class of the SOM (’81) have its 30-year reunion; the first distinguished alumna, Dr. Elizabeth Spangler, Class of 1986, was announced at Homecoming 2011; continuation of the white coat sponsors through our generous alums and friends; increased numbers of scholarships to the SOM; an annual Faculty Choice Award sponsored by the association; and strengthened communications with alum and friends through the *Benefactor* and through the creation of a MUSOM Facebook Page. In addition, we had the privilege of inducting several wonderful faculty as honorary alumni: Drs. Bruce Chertow, Mahmood Heydarian, Bob Walker, Gilbert Ratcliff and this year, Dr. Bob Nerhood.

“It was a privilege to work with the ever effervescent and tireless Linda Holmes as she continues to promote the SOM in any way she can,” added McGuffin.

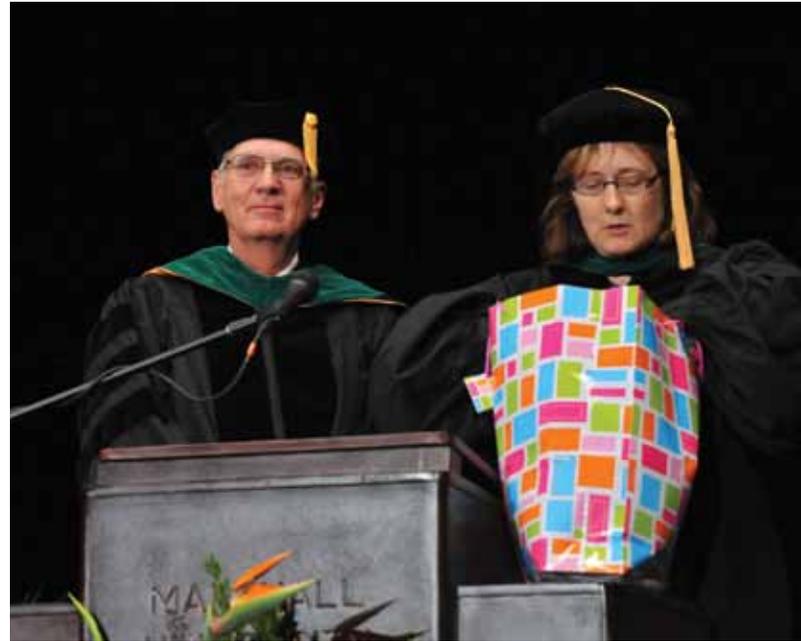
Robert C. Nerhood named honorary member of the SOMAA

The School of Medicine Alumni Association board of directors unanimously voted to honor Dr. Robert C. Nerhood as this year's honorary member of the association. The award was announced at the 2012 Graduation and Investiture on May 4 at the Keith Albee Theater and presented by Dr. Paulette Wehner, then president-elect of the School of Medicine Alumni Association.

"Though he is not a graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, he has significantly contributed to its success through dedication of time, talent, and in many cases, good old-fashioned tireless tenacity," Wehner said. "He has been a true leader in a time of transition for our medical school. Faculty, students and staff have commented on his easy-going personal nature, along with his ability to make the difficult seem easy."

Nerhood served the school admirably as interim dean on two occasions, from July 2009 through September 2009 and from July 2011 until July 1, 2012, during the search and transition for the school's new dean. Nerhood is also an emeritus faculty member, and served as the school's senior associate dean for clinical affairs and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology prior to his retirement in 2010.

Nerhood is a graduate of the West Virginia University School of Medicine, with internship and residency training at Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital and WVU. He has previously served as chairman of the West Virginia Section of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and his other roles in that organization included



Dr. Nerhood receives the honorary award from President-elect Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, Class of 1989

serving on its Advisory Council, as chair of the Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality Committee, and as chair of the ACOG District IV Perinatal Committee. He is a former chair of the West Virginia Perinatal Task Force, and was 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.

The SOM Alumni Association's board of directors is pleased to name him an honorary alumnus.

Peggy Theis, first SOMAA secretary retires



Peggy Theis, a mainstay in the School of Medicine and the Alumni Association, is retiring for the second time effective September 21.

Theis began working with the School of Medicine in 1979 along with the first graduating class. At that time, she and Dr. David Charles, department chair, were the only ones in the OB/GYN department. Together, they would build the department by the time the third year students were ready to take OB/GYN classes. She moved to the School of Nursing for a brief time, but came back to the medical school as secretary for Dr. Charles McKown in the mid-1980s.

In 1986, a steering committee was established to form the alumni association, and Theis became registrar. She began working with Linda Holmes in 1998 when Holmes became director of development and alumni affairs. Theis retired in 2002, but returned to work part-time for Holmes later that year.

“Linda is absolutely awesome,” Theis said. “I had no experience at all with alumni work. The association had very little money, but she

was able to make it what it is today. She truly is Miss Marshall—the greatest ambassador for the university. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her, and love her as a good friend.”

Holmes knows they both put in a tremendous amount of effort. “Peggy, who is always vivacious and upbeat, has been instrumental in the development of the alumni association with her positive, caring attitude,” Holmes said. “She makes everyone feel important and welcome with her infectious, pleasant personality. I have enjoyed working with Peggy and will miss her. I want to thank her for making a difference.”

Theis has no plans for retirement, per se. She will do volunteer work, either at the hospital or with hospice. She also likes to sew, read and do yard work. “There is a group of retirees at the medical school,” said Theis. “We have lunch every Friday, and that is a given!” She also plans to spend time with her rescue dog, Toby, a corgi mix, and her two cats, Kitten and Baby.

Theis has two daughters, Sandra Kilgore, a registered nurse at the VA Medical Center, and Cynthia Jones, a teacher and counselor in Birmingham, Ala. There are six grandchildren, two of whom became physicians, and five great-grandchildren.

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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).



Dr. J.W. Endicott a big part of Kermit

Former basketball player has given back to his hometown

by Kyle Lovern, Sport Editor, Williamson Daily News



There are not many people who give back to their community like Dr. J.W. Endicott has done.

As a youngster he ran the streets of Kermit, dribbling a basketball, riding his bicycle and playing with his friends.

Endicott grew up in Kermit where he went on to help lead the Blue Devils to the Class A state championship back in 1975 as the point guard. He was an all-state performer and played for the late John Preece.

He walked on at Marshall University and made the squad, but decided he needed to concentrate on his studies and his goal to become a doctor.

After graduating from Marshall, he was accepted into one of the first classes of the university's new medical school. He went on to graduate and then came back home and set up his practice in his little hometown.

"I was always interested in science, but when I was in junior high, my first love was archaeology," Endicott recalls. "Then in high school, I really got interested in medicine and started planning to try to go to medical school. Dr. Russell Salton and Dr. Evans (a general practitioner in Grey Eagle, W.Va.) were role models that I aspired to be like and practice good, rural medicine in order to make a difference in the lives of the people in our area."

The local boy came back to set up shop on the main street of Kermit. "In August it will be 25 years," Endicott said of his practice. "I started in 1986 at Guthrie Memorial Hospital in Huntington and opened my practice in Kermit, my home town, in 1987."

Endicott married his high school girl friend, Elaine Thornton, whose family ran a department store on the main street in Kermit for many years. She now helps him run his office.

"We did not date until we were about to

graduate from Kermit High School in 1975," Endicott said. "We were classmates from first grade on. We married my second year of medical school in 1981. We had a long courtship. In July we will be married 31 years."

The Endicott's have two daughters, both played basketball at Kermit Middle School and Tug Valley High School. Elizabeth 24, will be attending the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in August, and Katherine 21, who will be a senior at Marshall, is majoring in history. She wants to get her doctorate and teach at the college level.

He also coached middle school and high school girls' basketball for almost 10 years and is still helping with the Kermit teams. His middle school teams have won two county championships. He assisted with Tug Valley and they made two state tournament appearances. The Lady Panthers won three sectional titles and two regional championships with his guidance.

"I love the game of basketball. When it is played the right way, it is a beautiful game," Endicott said. "When five players play as one, unselfishly, sharing the ball, knowing their roles and playing hard with a shared goal, there is no other sport that even comes close."

His Kermit High School teams did just that in the mid 1970's and he has tried to instill that same passion to the players he has coached today. "The Tug Valley Panther team this year was a good example of what it takes to win a state championship. They were the best 'team' I have seen in many years, and they were rewarded for their hard work and unselfish play with memories that will last for a lifetime," Endicott stated.

Endicott also served on the Mingo County Board of Education for 12 years. He says there were good times and bad times with that experience.

"The last four years were very difficult. Overall, it was a great experience," Endicott said. "I served with some very good board members and

administrators who put education above politics and tried to do what was right for the children in order to provide the best education we could for the students of Mingo County.”

Not only has he treated hundreds of local citizens at his medical practice in Kermit, but he is also a community leader. He spearheaded two different committees, one to help build a trophy case for Kermit K-8 to help them display trophies of what they have achieved, and the other to preserve the history and memories of the old Kermit High School athletics.

“I want future generations to see what a proud heritage we have and what it means to wear a Blue Devil uniform. I am proud and honored to have played a small part in helping to preserve the history of Kermit High School and contributed, along with other teammates,” Endicott said proudly.

“Kermit graduates and Blue Devil fans old and young know just what it means to be a Kermit Blue Devil,” he added. “We have had some great teams and players over the years and I wanted the younger generation of kids to be proud of their heritage, and the old timers, like me, to be able to reminisce about the good old days when looking at the trophies of our accomplishments of by gone days.”

“I could not have made it through college and medical school without the love and support of my mother, Lois Endicott Booth, my grandparents, Jim and Stella Preston, and my stepfather, Bill Booth,” Endicott added.

There is no doubt that Dr. J.W. Endicott is a big part of Kermit, past and present. But it is also quite obvious that Kermit is a big part of him.

Kyle Lovern is the sports editor for the Williamson Daily News. Comments can be sent to klovern@williamsondailynews.com. Story reprinted with permission.

Hudak honored with national teaching award



Dr. Jason A. Hudak, a three-time Marshall University graduate, has been selected as a recipient of the 2012 Pfizer Teacher Development Award. The prestigious honor is given to only 13 physicians nationwide by the American Academy of Family Physicians

(AAFP) Foundation.

The Pfizer award is presented to community-based, new physicians who combine their clinical practice with part-time teaching of family medicine. Hudak has a private practice in Barboursville and serves as volunteer clinical faculty member with the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“I was really surprised to receive this award,” Hudak said. “As a new volunteer faculty member, I was learning to teach just as much as the students were learning to learn. It’s been an unexpected blessing.”

Hudak graduated from Marshall with his undergraduate degree in 2001 and then with his medical degree in 2005. He completed a residency in Family Medicine in 2007.

Hudak was nominated by colleagues in the Marshall Department of Family and Community Health, including Dr. Mitch Shaver, who is residency director for the department.

“We are so proud of Dr. Hudak,” Shaver said. “A professional demeanor was one of many outstanding attributes Dr. Hudak exhibited during his residency and I think a reason why students really enjoy their rotation in Family Medicine with him – he portrays such a great example.”

This is the second consecutive time a Marshall University Family Medicine residency graduate has received the AAFP Pfizer Teaching Development Award. Last year, Dr. Scott Davis was also recognized.

Hudak will be honored at the AAFP’s Scientific Assembly meeting later this year in Philadelphia.



In 2011, the School of Medicine celebrated the first 30-year reunion, with the Class of 1981 during the 25th Annual Homecoming Weekend, September 9 –10. Also celebrating milestone reunions were the classes of 1986 (25-year reunion), 1991 (20-year reunion) 1996 (15-year reunion), 2001 (10-year reunion) and 2006 (5-year reunion).

Friday's events included continuing medical education sessions moderated by perennial favorite Dr. Patrick I. Brown, retired professor of anatomy and associate dean for student affairs, and a reunion class luncheon and reception. Saturday was highlighted by a tailgate party with all the "game day" and "homecoming weekend" trappings, including music by deejay Kevin Simmons, great food and beverages, fellowship and the MU vs. Southern Mississippi football game, which the Herd won 26-20!



Drs. Paul Ferguson, Class of 2007, and Aaron McGuffin, Class of 1999, look like their conversation is too serious for a tailgate



Drs. Lurleen Benzian Maducdoc and Debbie Gillispie, both class of 1991, catching up at their 20-year reunion



Drs. Reggie McClung, Class of 1983, and Danny Rader, Class 1985, enjoying the tailgate



Dr. Jeff Gee, president of the Class of 1996, giving his son a lesson on the education mannequin



That's a great group - Drs. Gil Ratcliff and Bruce Ratcliff with Joe Assaley, Class of 1988



Dr. Henderson McGinnis, Class of 2001, looks like he is back in anatomy class



Drs. John Hoffman and Mark Studeny, both Class of 1986, at the reunion breakfast



It's the two Smiths from the Class of 1981 – Nina and Brenda



Dr. Les Heddlestone, Class of 1981, making his point



welcome home



Dr. Pat Brown with a great group of Class of 1986 members (L to R): Drs. Sue Hanks, Pat Brown, Elaine Young, class president, Betty Spangler and William Haney



We are all glad Dr. Robert Coon, former SOM dean, has a smile on his face



So, Dr. Cindy Zhao Pinson, Class of 1996, what are you sharing with Dr. Tom Styer, Class of 1982



Dr. Dan Bledsoe, Class of 2001, and Dr. J. D. Harrah having a meeting of the minds



Dr. Tracy Hendershot, Class of 2008, enjoying the conversation



Members of the Class of 1986 at their 25-year reunion. Front row (L to R) Drs. Elaine Young, class president, Patricia Schindzielorz, Sue Hanks, Kathy O'Hanlon, Betty Spangler, Donna Slayton
Back row (L to R) Drs. John Hoffman, Eric Janssen, Terry Triplett, Ken McNeil, William Haney, Marc Workman, Scott Miller, Steve Milhoan, Mark Studeny



Drs. Jeff Gee, class president, and Cindy Zhao Pinson are fist bumping at the Class of 1996's 15-year reunion



Dr. Betty Spangler, Class of 1986, receiving the distinguished alumna award from Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs



Members of the Class of 1981 at the SOM's first 30-year reunion. Front row (L to R) Drs. Bob Turner, Bucky Camper, Les Heddleston, Dwight Groves. Back row (L to R) Drs. Sandy Joseph, Brenda Smith, Nina Smith



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*Dr. Ken McNeil, Class of 1986,
with Dr. Elaine Young, president of the Class of 1986,
and Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs*



*Class of 2001 members asking,
"How can we have been out 10 years?" Drs. Nicole Rashid, Amy and
Adrian Garmestani, Carmella Molina Evans, class president*



*Dr. Pat Brown with Dr. Betty Spangler, Class of 1986,
2011 Distinguished Alumna, and Linda Holmes,
director of development and alumni affairs*



Members of the Class of 2006 at their five-year reunion.
*Front row (L to R) Drs. Leslie Pack,
Christina Webb, Terri Gillispie Walling.
Back row (L to R) Drs. William "Skip" Nitardy,
Shane Wells, Donnie Wickline, Chris Russell*



*Cherie and Dr. Les Heddleston, Class of 1981,
catch up with Dr. Bob Coon, former dean*



Members of the Class of 2001 at their 10-year reunion.
Front row (L to R) Drs. Jim Reynolds,
Carmella Evans Molina, class president, Nicole Rashid
Back row (L to R) Drs. Henderson McGinnis, Brett Jarrell, Dan Bledsoe



*Drs. Jeff Betts, Class of 1991, and Mark Studen, Class of 1986,
enjoying the homecoming reception*



*Class of 1981 members Drs. Bucky Camper and Dwight Groves
sharing their reunion with Dr. Camper's guest and Emily Groves*



*Class of 1986 members Drs. Sue Hanks,
Donna Slayton and Steve Milhoan*

Fifteenth annual golf classic

Winning the Fifteenth Annual Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Golf Classic at Twin Silos Golf Course was the team of Aaron Ferguson, Dr. Gary Cremeans, Dana Godfrey and Brent Shirkey. The proceeds from the annual classic, sponsored by the Alumni and Development Office, benefited the Class of 2012's graduation activities. Thanks to all who participated!

Others winners were Closest to the Pin on Hole 8, Ben Allen; Straightest Drive on hole 5, Ben Allen; Longest Putt on Hole 18, Josh Perry; and Longest Drive on Hole 17, Kara Siford.

Putting contestants this year were Steve Kuhn, Dana Godfrey, Jon Nelson, Joe Browning, Jim Schneider and Matt Straub. Our winner was Jon Nelson with Matt Straub in second place.



*Our winners this year and past winners from 2010: (L to R) Aaron M. Ferguson, Dr. Gary D. Cremeans, Class of 1996, Dana J. Godfrey and Brent S. Shirkey
The winners were 16 under par.*



Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, presents Jon Nelson gifts for winning the putting contest.



Kara Siford, the longest drive winner receiving her golf umbrella.



The best of the worst golfers! From left, Joshua Hughes, Raj Gadhia, Asit Goswami and Zack Grambos.

In Memoriam

Dr. Mildred Mitchell-Bateman, 89, died January 25, 2012. Mitchell-Bateman, a native of Brunswick, Ga., received an M.D. from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1946 and then completed a psychiatry residency and fellowship at the Menninger School of Psychiatry in Topeka, Kan. She was appointed founding chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Marshall University's School of Medicine in 1977, where she treated patients and taught students for nearly 20 years. In 1997 she was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Marshall University for her caring manner, strong work ethic, courage and dedication to improving the amount and quality of mental health services for West Virginians. In 1999 Gov. Cecil Underwood renamed West Virginia's leading mental health facility (the Huntington State Hospital) the Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital to honor her accomplishments. Mitchell-Bateman is survived by her children and grandchildren.

Dr. Scott L. Henson, 52, SOM Class of 1985, of Hurricane, died June 21, 2012, after a two-decade struggle against heart disease. When his illness forced him to leave the practice of neurosurgery, he became a nationally syndicated cartoonist. He drew under the pen name Russ Wallace, derived from historic biologist Alfred Russell Wallace, who joined Charles Darwin in establishing that natural selection causes species to evolve. His political cartoons were published by both The Charleston Gazette and Daily Mail in the 1990s, and one won a Scripps-Howard national award. Then his "Natural Selection" comic panel was distributed by Creators Syndicate, appearing in many U.S. newspapers until declining health forced his retirement.

Dr. Richard H. Reist, 58, SOM Class of 1999, passed away on Nov. 6, 2011, after a four-year battle with kidney cancer. He worked full time at the Tionesta Clinic in Pennsylvania until December 2007, when he was diagnosed, then continued to work part time at the Tionesta Clinic until May 2011. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Helen Sapp Reist, one son Richard Reist III, and three step-children, Darlene DeSantis, Teresa Peck and Eric Huggins.

Dr. Eugene W. Skiffington, 48, SOM Class of 1995, of Washington, Pa., died April 15, 2012, as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Born in Phoenixville, Pa., he served in the Marine Corps before graduating from Marshall University School of Medicine. He was a family practice physician with Centerville Clinics and clinical director of Three Rivers Hospice in Pittsburgh. "Gene was a consummate risk-taker who loved the Pittsburgh Penguins!," recalls Dr. Patrick Brown, former associate dean of students affairs and professor of anatomy. "Outwardly he could appear intimidating and austere, but he had a warm, caring inner self." Skiffington is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth McConnell, and two children, Deirdre Anne and Liam Robert.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS NOTES

1980s

John F. Toney, Class of 1981, is professor of medicine at the Division of Infectious Diseases and International Medicine, University of South Florida (USF) Morsani College of Medicine. He also serves as director of Healthcare Epidemiology, Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Programs at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

John was a member of the inaugural SOM class. On August 12, his daughter, Sarah, made her own mark by entering the inaugural class of Marshall's School of Pharmacy. Sarah graduated from USF in 2010 with a degree in biomedical science. In addition, she received a pharmacy technician certification last year in Florida.



Curt and Cynthia Winter

Curtis "Curt" A. Winter, Class of 1982, has been in solo gynecology practice at Windsor Medical Services, PLC, in Winchester, Va., since 1987. He is president of the Shenandoah Independent Practice Association (310 independent physicians in Northern Virginia and West Virginia). Curt and

his wife, Cynthia, celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on August 1. Cynthia (B.A. 1975, M.A. 1977) worked for the JCESOM's Department of Biochemistry from 1978-1984. The couple has three sons. Seth is an associate of Troutman-Sanders Law Firm in Richmond, Va., and his wife, Heather, is a judicial clerk for the Southern District of Virginia. Daniel is in his third year of dental school at West Virginia University. Matthew is working for Atlantic Coast Consultants in Richmond, Va.



James W. "J.W." Endicott, Class of 1983, has been in private practice in his hometown of Kermit, W.Va., for 25 years. He and his wife, Elaine, celebrated their 31st anniversary in June. Their daughter, Elizabeth, 24, entered the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine this fall. Her

sister, Katherine, 21, is a senior at Marshall majoring in history.

Terry G. Pritt, Class of 1985, was inducted as a fellow in the American Psychiatric Association in 2012 and elected in 2011 as one of America's Top

Psychiatrists by the Consumer's Research Council of America. His practice is part of Bay Counseling in Bel Air, Md., a suburb of Baltimore. The practice consists of 15 therapists, two psychiatrists, and one psychiatric nurse practitioner, serving ages five years and up from Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania.



Darin K. Bowers, Class of 1987, completed a three-year internal medicine residency through the WVU/CAMC program in Charleston and a residency in ophthalmology at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. After achieving dual board-certifications, he entered private

practice and now resides in Lynchburg, Va., where he specializes in cataract and refractive surgery in a multi-specialty practice. He and his wife, Pam, a registered nurse, helped to establish the non-profit medical and eye care outreach known as Health in Sight Ministry of Roatán, serving the indigent in Roatán, Honduras. He presented, "Profession with a Mission – The Integration of an Outreach Mission with a Medical Profession," at the Sixteenth Annual Albert Esposito, M.D., Memorial Lecture during the School of Medicine's homecoming last September.

Danny M. Phillips, Class of 1987, left in June for his fifth trip to Haiti in the last two years. He makes the trips through the N.C. Baptist Men Disaster Relief Organization, doing medical missions and primary care in villages. Danny retired from emergency medicine three years ago to open an urgent care center in Roxboro, N.C., and is now set to open a second center in Youngsville, N.C., this fall. He and his wife, Sandy, plan to come to Huntington in September and also visit their son, Chris, a rheumatologist in Paducah, Ky., as well as their grandsons. "Chris was four when I started med school, and despite witnessing all that, he became a physician!" Danny said.

1990s

KimberLee "Kim" Mudge, Class of 1991, practices as a breast surgeon in York, Pa. She is involved in surgical resident education and helped establish a formal breast education rotation which will include the teaching of both surgical and OB/GYN residents. She is also involved in medical student education through the Wellspan and Memorial Hospital systems. She is certified in both stereotactic and ultrasound techniques, and has been recognized for utilization

of brachytherapy instrumentation. "I would classify myself as an 'oncoplastic' surgeon and work closely with my colleagues to optimize cancer management while preserving self-image and quality of life issues for my patients." Kim lives on a farmette in York, Pa., with her son, Peter (8).

Amy A. Vaughan, Class of 1992, accompanied the student group on the sixth annual trip to Honduras as part of Global Medical Brigades (GMB) this June.

Bradley J. Richardson, Class of 1993, is back in the private practice of internal medicine, cardiology and geriatrics at The East Hills Professional Center in Huntington.



Cmdr. Richard L. "Rick" Siemens, Class of 1993, returned in late 2008 from his second tour in Iraq and left active duty. In June 2011 he accepted the position of chief of primary care at the VA Medical Center in Manchester, N.H.



Paula Larsen with her granddaughter, Elaina Leigh

Paula K. Larsen, Class of 1994, has become a grandmother. Her son, Larry, and his wife, Jennifer Byard Larsen, B.A. 2005, M.A. 2010, welcomed a daughter, Elaina Leigh, on March 22. Jennifer was a Herd cheerleader and

captain, so Paula is hoping Elaina is a future "Green Gal!"

Michael "Mike" L. Meadows, Class of 1994, completed a radiology residency last year and is now board certified in diagnostic radiology. He also completed an MSK radiology fellowship in July. Mike is still on active duty in the Navy and has been assigned to Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Virginia.

Cheri Yost Lindberg, Class of 1996, is medical director in the area of psychiatry at Medpace Inc., in Cincinnati, Ohio. Cheri was most recently a clinical reviewer with the FDA, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). She has joined the Medpace team charged with design and conduct of clinical trials in the central nervous system. Medpace is a full-

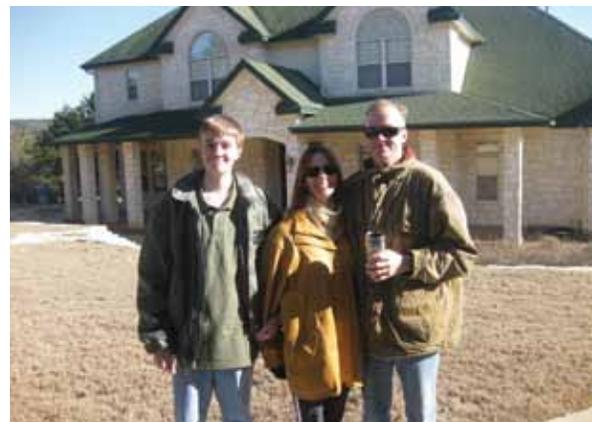
service clinical research organization providing Phase I-IV core development services for drug, biologic and device programs.

R. Anthony "Tony" Aprea, Class of 1997, is director of the Emergency Department at the Washington Hospital in Washington, Pa. His oldest child, Chelsea, is a junior at Marshall. Nick and Marco are in the tenth and fifth grades, respectively.

Jeffrey "Jeff" Shaw, Class of 1997, has joined the Prevea Healthnetwork as an allergist in Green Bay, Wisc.

Stephen F. "Steve" Welch, Class of 1997, who completed his residency at Carle Foundation Family Practice, Urbana, Ill., is now providing care at All Saints Walk-in Care on the All Saints Spring Street Campus in Racine, Wisc.

2000s



Lisa R. Carchedi with her son, Trace, and husband, Dr. Charles Chitwood

Lisa R. Carchedi, Class of 2000, received the 2012 American Psychiatric Association (APA) Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education. The certificate is awarded annually to APA members who have made outstanding and sustaining contributions to medical student education. Lisa is a faculty member at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.



Caroline Grace Chertow

Todd E. Chertow, Class of 2000, and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their third child, Caroline Grace, on July 12. She joins brother Nathan James (2) and sister Hannah Pearl (6). Chertow is an orthopedic surgeon with Susquehanna Valley

Medical Specialties in Bloomsburg, Pa.

Jennifer L. Cornelius, Class of 2000, has a new position as associate professor at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. She also serves as medical director of the school's Robert C Byrd Clinic. She and her husband, Chris, have three children, Gracie (11), Alli (8) and Sarah Jane (2).

Kevan R. Hansel, Class of 2000, a family physician since 2003, is a prevention expert with a passion for nutrition and fitness, sports medicine, men's health and skin procedures. He completed his internship and residency at Carillion Family Practice in Roanoke, Va. Kevan is board certified in family medicine, and an active member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians. He joined LaMond Family Medicine in Hendersonville in October.

Kerith "Keri" E. Wilson Lijewski, Class of 2000, is one of two physicians at the Ellsworth Medical Clinic in Ellsworth, Wisc. This September, Dr. Janet Wright from the CDC presented the physicians with the Million Hearts Award. For the complete story, please visit rfmc.org.

Ray M. Van Metre, Class of 2000, and his wife, Kelly, welcomed Emerson Grace to the family on April 26, 2012. She joins her brother, Spencer (2), and sister, Lydia (6).

Tanya C. Warwick, Class of 2000, was promoted to associate clinical professor of neurology at the University of California San Francisco Fresno. She has been the medical director of the Stroke Program at Community Regional Medical Center for the last five years. Tanya is planning her upcoming wedding to her longtime fiancé, Scott Pollock, assistant football coach at Reedley Junior College.

B. Hunter Boshell, Class of 2003, is with Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, Ky. "I'm the first interventional radiologist who has ever worked here. It's an up and coming place and a really exciting opportunity for me."

Marcia M. Walker, Class of 2003, is a diagnostic radiologist at the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, Okla. She and her husband, Glenn, have one son, Alexander Carter.

Deborah Reed-Thurston, Class of 2005, has started a new position as a neonatologist at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky.

Benjamin H. "Ben" Williams, Class of 2005, is serving with the U.S. Air Force in Afghanistan and will be home in early November. Ben has been mentoring

Afghan doctors who were sharing one stethoscope, so he made some inquiries. Dr. Marie Veitia of the JCESOM was able to get 10 stethoscopes generously donated by 3M. Ben's wife, Rebekah, and their five boys were in West Virginia visiting family for the summer, and returned to Kansas in time for the boys to begin school.

Christina D. Webb Adkins, Class of 2006, and her husband, David, are expecting their first child, a baby girl, due October 8.

J. Allen Graham, Class of 2006, has taken a position in the Radiology Department at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, N.H., doing musculoskeletal imaging.

Joshua "Josh" D. Gibson, Class of 2007, has started a neuroradiology fellowship at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.



Nicole Y. Franklin, Class of 2007, has completed her fellowship at Brown University and is now an inpatient child and adolescent psychiatrist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Darren and Nicole Franklin enjoying their graduation celebration trip to Italy.

Nicole E. Leedy, Class of 2007, was accepted for a fellowship in infectious disease at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.



Justin M. Nolte, Class of 2007, has joined the Department of Neuroscience at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine as a stroke neurologist. Justin completed his residency in neurology at the Medical University of South Carolina.

He specializes in stroke care and will oversee Cabell Huntington Hospital's Advanced PRIMARY Stroke Center.

George C. Willis, president of the Class of 2007, is an emergency medicine specialist and director of undergraduate medical education at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Md.



*Aaron Lambert and son,
David*

R. Aaron Lambert, Class of 2008, is a family medicine physician with East Carolina University Family Medicine in Greenville, N.C. He and his wife, Elyse, welcomed a son, David Robert, born April 18. Elyse is a 2011 Marshall graduate with a bachelor's degree in education.

Craig D. Seaman and Susan “Susie” K. Saunders, both Class of 2008, are expecting their first baby, a girl, in September. Craig is finishing his first year of fellowship in hematology/oncology at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). Susie, his wife, is a pediatrician at Pediatric Alliance Group in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Erica L. Smith, Class of 2008, finished her residency at East Tennessee State University where she served as administrative chief during her final year. She and her husband, Matt, just moved to Logan, Utah, where Erica has joined The Budge Clinic OBGYN as a general obstetrician and gynecologist. “We are very excited about our cross country move!”

Heidi H. Lewis, Class of 2011, is a resident in radiology at Tampa General Hospital in Florida. Her father, Dr. James Lewis, is a faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics.

Kimberly Becher, Class of 2011, a second year resident at Family Medicine and Community Health at the JCESOM, participated in a health care forum at the White House on June 6. Kimberly, whose focus is family medicine, was the only West Virginia doctor present and one of eight members of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) to be invited. She became interested in health care policy following her third year of medical school after attending a conference in Washington, D.C., hosted by the AAFP. She applied for a seat on one of the academy's commissions and was placed on the Governmental Advocacy Commission for one year, helping her stay current on state and federal issues facing health care. This work led to her receiving the Dr. Paul Ambrose Health Policy Fellowship this year.



Megan Thomas with her children, Adalyn and Sophia

Megan M. Thomas, Class of 2011, began her residency in OB/GYN at St. Vincent Hospital Center in Indianapolis, Ind. Megan and her husband, Jeremy, have two children, Adalyn and Sophia.

Jonathan A. Hess, Class of 2012, is beginning his residency in family medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Jonathan's father is Robert “Bob” A. Hess, Class of 1984.

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.

Mark S. Talbert, Class of 1999, was honored with a feature story in the Oct. 14, 2011, edition of the online magazine, Space Coast Medicine.com. Talbert, a general surgeon with the physician group MIMA in Melbourne, Fla., and a major in the U.S. Army Reserves, served at Forward Operating Base Salerno in western Afghanistan. Afghanistan was Talbert's second wartime deployment and by far his more dangerous and busiest tour. He reported that they were being rocketed almost daily by the Taliban.

Talbert served with another general surgeon and, between the two, they handled more than 100 operative trauma cases in 90 days. Elective cases were in addition.

"People's hearts and minds here are still with our young kids over there fighting," Talbert said after returning home.

Talbert and his wife, Dr. Ana Restrepo, met at East Tennessee State University. Talbert was in the fourth year of his residency, and Restrepo was one of his interns. They married in 2004. Ana, also a MIMA physician, practices family medicine. They have two sons, Lucas and Gabriel.



Excerpts from Space Coast Medicine.com. Scan here to read the complete article.



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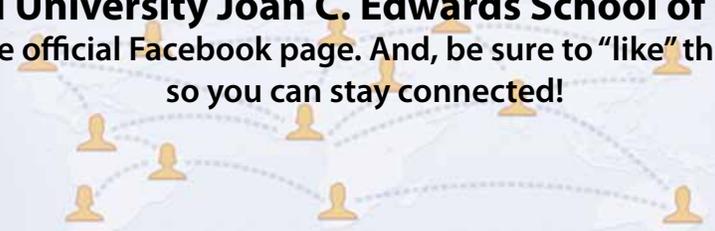
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