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Dr. R. Mark Hatfield uses his time and talent to  
give back to his alma mater and his community





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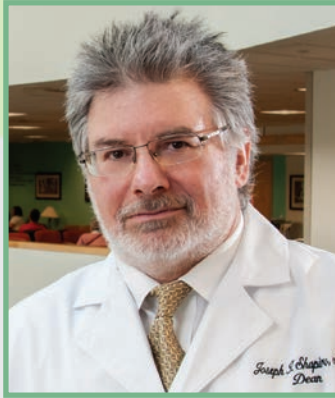
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Dear friends,

It's been an exciting year for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. From the announcement of a newly accredited residency program in psychiatry and a full institutional reaccreditation with commendation to significant expansion of clinical services and educational opportunities, our collaborative efforts at embracing scholarship and innovation in education have been nothing short of stupendous. Factor in the growth of our research endeavors—and I am pleased to report we are laser-focused on moving our medical school forward.

Recently we welcomed two new department chairs and a new dean of student affairs. Dr. R. Mark Hatfield, MUSOM Class of 1983, will lead ophthalmology, taking over for Dr. Michael Krasnow, who remains with the department as a professor. Longtime Huntington dermatologist Dr. Charles Yarbrough will lead the newly created department of dermatology. Also, Amy Smith, B.S.N., M.Ed., has been promoted to assistant dean of student affairs while retaining her position of director of clinical skills. Dr. Marie Veitia, who previously served in the position, continues her career as a psychologist within our department of psychiatry. I am grateful for the leadership of both Drs. Veitia and Krasnow and for their excellent, continued service to our school.

Like any successful program, the backing of our friends and alumni is absolutely essential to our growth. Our mission remains unchanged; we will provide a high-quality education with the goal of fostering a skilled physician workforce to meet the unique needs of our region. You can partner with us on many different levels, but the "Adopt a Medical School Student" initiative is one of the best ways to help our students. Information on this scholarship program and others may be obtained from Linda Holmes at 304.691.1711. Speaking of Linda, she and her team did an incredible job organizing our first "Outstanding in Our Field" fundraiser this past summer. Mark your calendar for next June 6 as this fun, creative event is sure to be repeated!

Finally, let me express my deepest gratitude for all you do for the JCESOM. It was great visiting with all of you during the School of Medicine homecoming, Oct. 10-11.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe I. Shapiro". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joe I. Shapiro, MD  
Dean, JCESOM

Dr. Shapiro served as sous chef at the "Outstanding in Our Field" event.







# WELLINGTON CARDIOLOGY PROFESSORSHIP



**D**r. Mark Studeny, professor and chair of the department of cardiology at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been named the inaugural Bernard C. and Pansy P. Wellington Professor of Cardiology.

The professorship is funded by a generous \$800,000 gift facilitated by Robert H. Beymer, chairman of the board of First Sentry Bank and trustee of the Bernard C. and Pansy P. Wellington Foundation. The gift will support medical education and cardiovascular research at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Cardiovascular disease remains the No. 1 cause of death in our region, as well as the United States. The endowment provides opportunities to explore new avenues available for prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

“It is a tremendous honor to be named as the first Wellington Professor,” Studeny said. “We are grateful for this wonderful gift which will benefit the people of our region. I am excited to expand our work into the disease processes that affect so many in our area.”

“Pansy Wellington graduated from Marshall, and she absolutely loved the school,” Beymer said. “She was a kind, caring person, and I know Pansy would be pleased that so many people will be helped through this gift to the School of Medicine.”

Additionally, the gift has the option of supporting a scholarship for a medical student. For information on this gift or to make a gift to the School of Medicine, please contact Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, at 304.691.1711 or [holmes@marshall.edu](mailto:holmes@marshall.edu).



From Left: Dr. Joe Shapiro, Bob Beymer, Dr. Mark Studeny and Linda Holmes.

# A LIFETIME OF GIVING

*Dr. and Mrs. R. Mark Hatfield share their time, talent and resources  
with the schools and communities that have shaped their lives.*

**R** Mark Hatfield, M.D., is the great-great-grandson of Devil Anse Hatfield, the infamous leader of the Hatfield clan during the legendary Hatfield-McCoy feud of the 1800s. He is also a renowned ophthalmologist, a noted educator and a loyal supporter of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine – but if there’s one thing Dr. Hatfield learned growing up in the Hatfield family, it’s never to forget his Appalachian roots.

“There are a lot of wonderful aspects of our mountain culture,” he said. “Our ancestors took care of strangers who were passing through. Everyone was welcome to their home and their food. Giving was part of the culture back then, and it’s still a part of our heritage today. I learned as a young boy that it’s better to give than to receive and that it’s my responsibility to serve my family, my friends and those I don’t know.”

It is with those childhood lessons as his guide that Hatfield embarked on a lifetime of generosity that has pervaded his professional career, his scholastic pursuits and his personal philosophy.

After earning a doctorate degree in optometry, Hatfield attended the Marshall School of Medicine, Class of 1983, with plans to pursue a career in ophthalmology. However, while at Marshall, he was drawn instead to cardiovascular-thoracic surgery and was intending to change his specialty – until destiny intervened in the form of a winsome redhead named Monica, a graduate student working toward her master’s degree in math education. The two were married just seven months after they met.

“With a little coaxing from Monica, I decided to go into ophthalmology,” said Hatfield, who went on to attend the Illinois Eye & Ear Infirmary in Chicago for his ophthalmology residency.

At Illinois Eye, Hatfield’s first rotation happened to be the retina rotation.

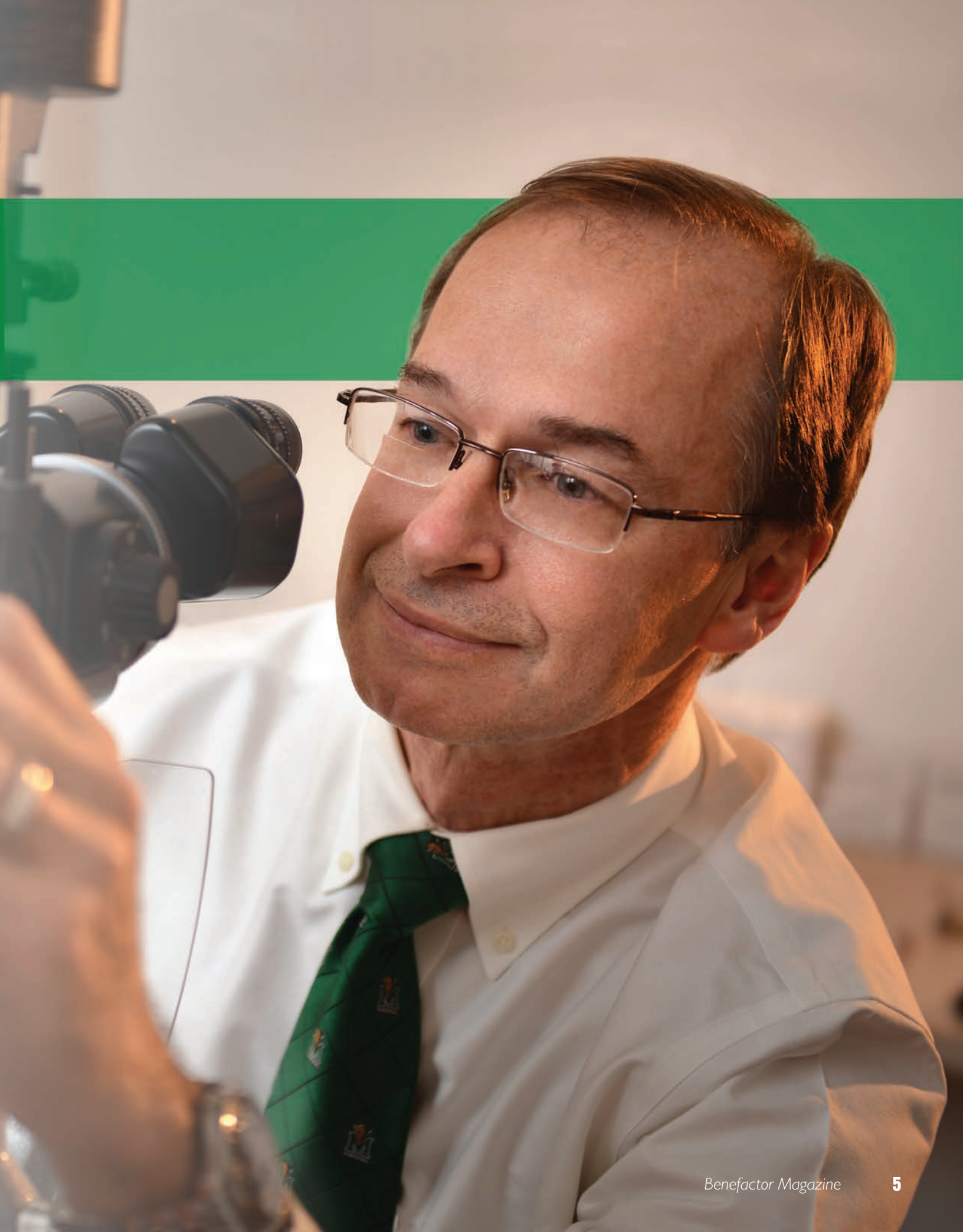
“I fell in love,” he said. “I had landed in retina heaven. It was exactly where I was meant to be.”

Upon completing his residency in 1987, Hatfield remained in Chicago to complete vitreoretinal fellowship

**BY KATHERINE PYLES**

PHOTOS BY RICK LEE





training under the direction of Dr. Kirk Packo and Dr. David Orth at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's. Retina was an emerging subspecialty at the time, and Hatfield's extensive training placed him at the forefront of his field. Instead of remaining in Chicago or moving to another large city to practice, he chose to return to his home state.

"Mark always had it in his heart that he wanted to help West Virginians," Mrs. Hatfield said. "Retina was a brand-new and much-needed specialty when we left Chicago, and we could have ended up many other places, but he wanted to come back home. He's practiced for 26 years now, and helping the people of West Virginia has always been his goal."

In 1988, Hatfield founded Retina Consultants, a group that has grown exponentially over the years to provide eye care throughout the state of West Virginia as well as into Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia. When he opened the practice, he was the first fellowship-trained retinal surgeon in southern West Virginia, providing care that until then could only be found three or four hours away.

Today, Retina Consultants has offices in Beckley, Parkersburg, Charleston, Huntington, Logan and Point Pleasant. Hatfield and his partners see patients with diabetes and macular degeneration, the two leading causes of blindness in the United States. His passion for his work has attracted other retina specialists to the practice, including David J. Hunt, M.D., Marshall School of Medicine Class of 1995, and Scott C. Jamerson, M.D., Marshall School of Medicine Class of 2004.

"I met Dr. Hatfield in my first semester of medical school, and I didn't even know what an ophthalmologist was, much less a retinal surgeon," Dr. Jamerson said. "Dr. Hatfield happened to be teaching a neuroanatomy class at that time, and I spent some time with him in clinic. I may not have known what a retinal surgeon was, but I knew I wanted to be one."

"Mark is one the smartest people I know, and he is the reason I joined the practice," Dr. Hunt said. "There's no problem that he doesn't want to sit down and solve. He is a compassionate and involved doctor, an inquisitive and curious scientist and one of the most energetic human beings I've ever met."

To Hatfield, however, investing time, effort and energy into his patients is not extraordinary. It is simply the right thing to do.

"I'm just doing what my mission has been to do," he said. "There's nothing for me to boast about. It's just the right thing to do, to use your gifts and abilities to help others." Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield agree that helping others means giving back to the communities and institutions that

supported them along the way, including the university and medical school that brought them together.

"I can't say enough about my experience at Marshall," Hatfield said. "The hands-on education I was provided, the instructors who mentored me and the lifelong friends I made all shaped my life – and I wouldn't have met Monica if I hadn't gone to Marshall."

*"It's just the right thing to do, to use your gifts and abilities to help others."*

The first member of her family to earn a four-year degree, Mrs. Hatfield earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry and attended the Marshall School of Medicine for one year before deciding she wanted to be a math teacher, a career she enjoyed for 22 years.


"I grew up in Charleston, and I attended Marshall because my parents promised me a car if I went," she said. "When I graduated, they came through on their promise – and I totaled the car a month later on a trip to see Mark. But by then Marshall had already changed my life. It made Mark and me the people we are today. We give back to the university to help other students have that same experience."

From academic departments to athletic programs to facilities for the marching band, the Hatfields' support of Marshall University is far reaching. Mrs. Hatfield served on the board of directors for the Marshall University Foundation Inc. for 18 years and continues to serve on several advisory boards and committees for the university. However, the medical school in particular has a special place in their hearts and memories.

"Mark was a member of one of the first classes, and we honestly didn't know whether the school would be open the next day, the next week or the next year because we never knew whether funding would come in," Mrs. Hatfield said. "Part of why we support the school is because we don't want present students to be in that situation."

The Hatfields have three daughters – Meghan Hatfield Yanacek, Mary Hatfield Cumberledge and Makenzie Hatfield Kresch. Makenzie is currently attending the School of Medicine, and Mary's husband, Jeremy Cumberledge, is a member of the School of Medicine Class of 2012. The family's first-hand knowledge of the debts incurred by





Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine alumnus Dr. R. Mark Hatfield is known for his generous spirit, as well as his dedication to his work and his patients

today's medical students has sparked Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield's latest gift as part of the school's new "Adopt a Medical Student" scholarship program.

"We were fortunate 30 years ago to come out of medical school with relatively minimal debt, but kids today are coming out with a massive debt burden," Hatfield said. "Anything we can do to help with that burden is the right thing to do."

The "Adopt a Medical Student" concept enables alumni to support an individual student at the school and, over the course of the four-year sponsorship of that student, endow a scholarship fund that will benefit students to come. The Hatfields have supported Frank Fofie, a second-year medical student who was selected by the School of Medicine's Scholarship Committee in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance, since August 2013.

Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, said she is thankful to the Hatfields for jumping on board with the "Adopt a Medical Student" program.

"We are so pleased to develop scholarship programs at the School of Medicine that assist our students with the cost of their education, and Mark and Monica were the first to step up and say 'yes' to our new "Adopt a Medical Student" program," she said. "There are people who give their time, there are people who give their talents and there are people who give their resources – and then there are the Hatfields, who embody all three on a regular basis."

A longtime professor in the School of Medicine, Hatfield was recently named chair of the Department of Ophthalmology.

"Mark Hatfield is a true 'son of Marshall' and a role model of a West Virginian," said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "After his education at Marshall, he trained in the very top ophthalmology and retina training programs in the country, but he returned to West Virginia rather than join or open a lucrative, urban practice elsewhere. We are absolutely delighted that he is joining our faculty as the new chair of ophthalmology."

Driven by moral and religious convictions and a shared belief in the power of education, the Hatfields are confident in where they choose to invest their time and support.

"We have both been blessed with educational opportunities, and that was because people before us helped us along the way," Hatfield said. "We've been blessed, and part of our responsibility is to share that and help those who follow behind us. It ties into our strong religious beliefs to help others. Giving back has always been an easy decision for us."

Hatfield credits his wife for supporting and guiding him through his career.

"Monica has always supported me," he said. "She raised three beautiful, successful daughters almost entirely on her own, and she has made incredible sacrifices. And now



# HELPING HANDS

*Marshall medical students provide treatment to more than a thousand Hondurans during international mission*

A team of Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine students, faculty physicians, a medical resident and other health care workers from the Tri-State community traveled to Honduras July 6-12, 2014, for an international mission that resulted in medical care for nearly 1,060 patients.

One of the students described the experience as a seminal event in his life. The Marshall team provided health care to men, women and children including general physicals, medication dispensing, Pap smears and dental care.

“It is an amazing experience to see your classmates make the leap from student to practitioner and to watch the second-year students get their first exposure to operating a clinic,” said John M. Davitt, a fourth-year medical student and co-organizer of the trip. “The level of compassion, teamwork and enthusiasm that everyone displayed throughout the week was truly inspiring and was responsible for making this such a successful brigade.”

Aaron M. Dom, a fourth-year student who also served as co-organizer, said the team traveled daily six hours roundtrip to a remote community where they provided health care to hundreds every day.

“I’m very impressed and proud of our team’s work. What surprised me most was how much our group gained from this trip. We went to Honduras with a purpose of providing care to the people without health care access, but I think we actually ended up with an even more rewarding experience than the patients,” he said.

The Honduras mission has become an annual event for Marshall medical students interested in global health care and is the outgrowth of an initiative to memorialize a Marshall School of Medicine graduate who lost his life in the September 2001 terrorist attacks.

An endowed fund honoring Paul W. Ambrose, MUSOM Class of 1995, significantly underwrites the annual mission trip. Ambrose’s parents, Dr. Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose, also have personally supported the international medical trips. And Sharon Ambrose, a retired nurse, has traveled with the team three times.

Donations of medical supplies and medications from Marshall Health, the Marshall University School of Pharmacy and the School of Medicine’s annual Mission M-Possible 5K also helped support the trip.

A team of Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine students, faculty physicians, a medical resident and other health care workers from the Tri-State community are shown in Honduras where they provided health care to more than 1,000 men, women and children during an international mission in July



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here I am, trying to wind down and spend time with my family, and she is constantly looking for new ways we can help Marshall. But that’s how she’s always been; she just knows the right thing to do. She has enabled me to help make things better for the people around us and to bring a level of health care to our region that wouldn’t have existed otherwise, but not without sacrifice. She has always put others before herself.”

In their limited free time, the Hatfields enjoy traveling and serving at their church in Charleston. Described by Monica as “Mr. Fix-It Man,” Hatfield also enjoys woodworking, home improvement projects and working on cars.

Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield spend as much time as possible with their three daughters, two twin granddaughters and three grandsons.

“Since our kids were little, all we asked was for them to be the best they could be,” Hatfield said. “Work and study as hard as you can, and be as kind to others as you can be. Just do the best you can for those around you.”

And, as the hundreds of lives the Hatfields have touched would attest, that is a life lesson worth remembering.

“Dr. Hatfield devotes himself to his patients, his colleagues and his community,” Jamerson said. “He is not only a wonderful doctor, but he is also one of the most generous people I’ve ever had the pleasure of meeting – maybe only surpassed by his wife, Monica.”

*Katherine Pyles is a freelance writer living in Huntington, West Virginia.*



## Dr. Friedman and the Childhood Obesity Conference

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine hosted its first childhood obesity conference Oct. 2, 2013, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Grand Ballroom.

The day-long conference featured keynote speaker Jeffrey M. Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., discoverer of the obesity gene, leptin.

Friedman is the 2010 recipient of the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award, which honors scientists whose fundamental investigations have provided techniques, information or concepts contributing to the elimination of major causes of disability and death. He is a professor at The Rockefeller University and an investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

"We are extremely pleased that Dr. Friedman and our other guests joined us for this inaugural conference on obesity," said



Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine. "Statistics show that our state leads the nation in the number of children who are obese. These numbers are staggering, and we must develop collaborative partnerships to tackle what is truly an epidemic in West Virginia."

Shapiro said the goal of the conference was to explore the synergy between research and community programs already in place, as well as to establish the framework for an obesity prevention institute at the school. He commended Dr. Nader G. Abraham, vice dean for research, for developing the conference.

"Dr. Abraham's vision for creating a conference that brings together professionals from the research, clinical, community and public policy areas is far reaching in that it gives us a solid foundation on which we can build future programs geared toward achieving better health outcomes for all."

## Marshall University School of Medicine approved for psychiatry residency program

Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has been awarded initial accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to offer a psychiatry residency training program beginning in 2015. The ACGME is the national body responsible for post-M.D. training programs in the United States.

"The addition of a psychiatry residency training program allows us to continue our mission of educating a physician workforce for central Appalachia," Shapiro said. "Physicians tend to practice in the geographic area where they complete their residency training which translates to more doctors for our region."

Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, vice dean for graduate medical education, said the four-year program will train up to four residents a year for a total of 16 resident physicians at capacity.

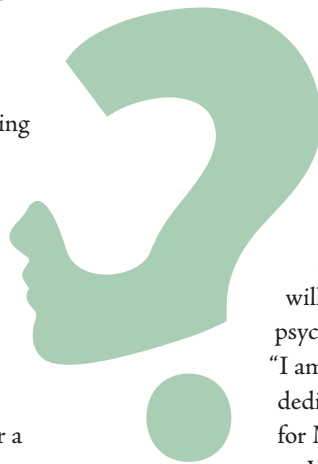
"The development of a psychiatry residency program is certainly advantageous for West Virginia as well as the Tri-State," Wehner said. "The mental health care system is strained by the number of people who need help and a shortage of psychiatrists to meet that need. The situation has reached a crisis point, and under the direction of the new chairman of the department of psychiatry and

behavioral medicine, Dr. Suzanne Holroyd, the creation of this new residency will allow Marshall to address this crisis."

Holroyd, who joined Marshall in January from the University of Virginia School of Medicine, says the new program will have outstanding training in psychiatry due to community collaboration as well as recruitment of new department of psychiatry faculty.

"We have worked collaboratively with the area's facilities and providers to build a residency program that will provide state-of-the-art training in psychiatry, which will ultimately translate into improved access and psychiatric care for the entire region," Holroyd said. "I am grateful to our community partners for their dedication to making this residency program a reality for Marshall."

With the addition of the psychiatry residency, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine offers a total of eight residency programs in Family and Community Health, Internal Medicine, Medicine/Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Pediatrics and Surgery. Additionally there are five fellowship training programs which include Cardiology, Endocrinology, Interventional Cardiology, Medical Oncology and Pulmonary.



## Marshall's Dr. Stephen M. Petrany tapped to lead department of family and community health

### *Dr. John Walden transitions to new role with School of Medicine*

**S**tephen M. Petrany, M.D., has been appointed chairman of the department of family and community health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He succeeds John Walden, M.D., who served as chairman for five years and now transitions to a new role with the school.

"Steve Petrany is a perfect fit to lead the department of family medicine," Shapiro said. "He is an excellent clinician, dedicated teacher and astute business leader. I couldn't be more pleased that he has accepted the position. He understands the mission of our medical school and I expect the department to grow and flourish under his leadership."

A professor in the department and full-time faculty member since 1989, Petrany was selected for the position after serving as interim chair for several months.

"I am very excited by the opportunity to continue the important work of the department of family and community health in my new role," Petrany said. "Under my predecessors, Marshall Family Medicine has earned a well-deserved national reputation for excellence in education and clinical



service. With the help of our outstanding faculty and staff, and with the ongoing support of Dean Shapiro, I am confident the department will continue to build upon its special mission to the people of our region and the state."

Petrany graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed a family medicine residency with the Medical College of Virginia. He has been recognized with nearly a dozen teaching awards including receiving the inaugural Dean's Award for

Excellence in Medical Education in 2013. Heavily involved with Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Petrany currently serves as its medical director and on its board of directors. He is also the co-director and co-developer of the Paul Wesley Ambrose Health Policy Residency Track, the nation's first health policy track within a family medicine residency program.

Walden will continue teaching at the School of Medicine and assist the dean's office with special projects. Walden was appointed chairman in 2008 and has worked for decades in the fields of rural medicine and international health.

## Retirees

Since July 1, 2013, the School of Medicine has announced the following retirements.

#### **Karen L. Bledsoe, M.A.**

*Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education  
Dates of Employment: February 1984 – March 25, 2014*

#### **Elizabeth G. Evans, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine  
Dates of Employment: July 17, 2002 – December 3, 2013*

#### **J. Graham Rankin, Ph.D.**

*Professor, Forensic Science  
Dates of Employment: August 15, 2000 – August 16, 2013*

#### **Richard M. Niles, Ph.D.**

*Senior Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Education  
Professor/Chair, Biochemistry & Microbiology  
Dates of Employment: July 1, 1992 – August 31, 2014*

#### **John B. Walden, M.D.**

*Professor/Chair, Family & Community Health  
Interim Chair, Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine  
Dates of Employment: May 1, 1982 – December 31, 2013*



## Marshall University School of Medicine appoints Amy Smith as assistant dean of student affairs

**A**my M. Smith, B.S.N., M.Ed., has been appointed assistant dean of student affairs at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Smith began her new role Aug. 1.

“I’m very excited about Ms. Amy Smith for this position,” Shapiro said. “She has a terrific connection with our students; in fact, during the search process students spontaneously came together to endorse her candidacy. She is also a dedicated and caring teacher who understands the unique mission of our medical school. I couldn’t be more pleased that she has taken on this expanded role with the school.”

Since 2009, Smith has worked at the School of Medicine as the assistant director of medical education, specifically directing the clinical skills center and standardized patient program. Prior to joining the school, she served as the director of women’s and children’s services at Cabell



Huntington Hospital, as well as nurse manager for the neonatal intensive care unit at CHH.

“I would like to thank the search committee and Dr. Shapiro for allowing me to serve in this position,” Smith said. “I feel very humbled and blessed to be given the responsibility to work with a team of outstanding faculty, staff and administrators that will work together to meet the needs of the medical students. I am looking forward to moving future

physicians into the next chapters of their lives.”

Smith received her diploma in nursing from St. Mary’s School of Nursing in 1990. She then completed a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix and a master’s in education from the University of Cincinnati.

She serves on various committees at the School of Medicine including Admissions, Curriculum, Multicultural Advisory and Interprofessional Education. Smith received the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Collaboration in 2014.

## John B. Walden named JCESOM Alumni Association honorary alumnus of 2014

**T**he School of Medicine Alumni Association board of directors voted to honor Dr. John B. Walden as this year’s honorary member. Dr. Paulette Wehner, Class of 1989 and Alumni Association president, presented the award at the 2014 Graduation and Investiture May 9 at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

We are honoring an individual who learned the art of caring for others from his father and his father before him. Three generations of this West Virginia family have ministered to thousands of people in our state, in our region and, in regard to our honoree, around the world. He is as comfortable delivering health care in rural Lincoln County as he is in the Amazon jungle basin where for decades he has worked extensively on health issues among isolated jungle-dwelling tribes.

A member of the Marshall University School of Medicine faculty since 1982, our honoree has served as associate dean



for medical school outreach and development, founded the nation’s first Family Medicine Residency Track in International Health and mentored hundreds of students. Earlier this year, he retired as chairman of the department of family and community health after a successful five years at the helm.

Our honoree has been active on many university and hospital committees over the years and also completed a term as president and chairman of the board of the West Virginia chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Additionally, he was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Service Medal for his participation in the 1992 Rio Roosevelt Expedition in Brazil.

His dedication and service to the people of West Virginia and his commitment to the medical education of our students make him an outstanding choice for this year’s honorary alumnus.

## Hayes honored with Faculty Choice Award

**D**r. Rebecca M. Hayes is the recipient of the 2014 Faculty Choice Award sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association. The award was presented by Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, at the annual Student Awards Ceremony on May 8. The Faculty Choice Award, which goes to the most outstanding MS-IV student as selected by the faculty, comes with a plaque and monetary award. A native of Cabell County, Hayes is the granddaughter of Dr. Robert B. Hayes, past president of Marshall University. She is doing her residency at the Marshall Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in pediatrics.



## Marshall University and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine launch accelerated BS/MD program for West Virginia students

**D**r. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, announced creation of an accelerated program that allows students to earn a bachelor's degree and a doctor of medicine in seven years, compared to the traditional eight years.

The program, open to academically qualified West Virginia students, is now accepting applications for the 2015 fall semester. The MCAT, medical education's traditional entrance exam, will be waived for students who successfully complete the undergraduate requirements of the program. In addition, those who successfully finish the undergraduate portion of the program also will receive a tuition waiver for all four years of medical school.

"Marshall is dedicated to developing a physician workforce for this region," Shapiro said. "One of the ways we can facilitate that goal is to create programs that attract our state's best and brightest. This accelerated program allows us to place those highly performing students on a fast track to medical education."

Jennifer T. Plymale, associate dean for admissions at the School of Medicine, said the collaborative program provides an exciting alternative for high-achieving students.

"Both Marshall University and the School of Medicine realize the importance of providing unique academic programs that tap into what students need and want," Plymale said. "By working with our recruiting and admissions colleagues on the main campus, as well as the

College of Science and Honors College, we were able to identify an educational niche and create a joint program that is tailor-made for West Virginia students who want to pursue a medical degree."

Eric K. Hardin, M.A., has been named program coordinator for the newly created initiative. He joined the School of Medicine in January 2014 with 14 years of experience in adult and higher education at Ashland Community & Technical College and Mountwest Community & Technical College.

Plymale congratulated Hardin and School of Medicine team members Christi L. Adkins, Deborah H. Curry, Amber M. Vance and Cindy A. Warren, who, along with representatives from the Honors College and College of Science, have spent the last year designing the program.

Admission requirements include a minimum ACT score of 30/1330-1350 SAT and an ACT math score of 27 or SAT equivalent of 610, a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale, three letters of recommendation and an on-campus interview.

Students accepted into the program will follow an accelerated undergraduate program in biological sciences. Once they successfully complete their first year of medical school, they will receive their bachelor's degrees.

In addition to its M.D. program, Marshall's School of Medicine also offers an M.D./Ph.D. program for those students with an interest in research.



# WHITE COAT Ceremony

**B**egun in 1995, the White Coat Ceremony is designed to mark the transition into the medical profession and the beginning of the student's journey to becoming a doctor. During the ceremony, new students receive the white coats that symbolize their future profession and take a pledge to provide care that is both skilled and compassionate.

While recognizing that medicine is a scientific endeavor, the White Coat Program emphasizes the more humanistic aspects that are sometimes described as the art of medicine.

By publicly articulating these values, such as respect for patients and compassionate care giving at the beginning of their medical education, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine provides a strong, values-based foundation for their future.

For more information on the White Coat Ceremony as practiced at many medical schools, see the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine. The School of Medicine White Coat Ceremony was Aug. 9, 2013, and the school welcomed 75 medical students to the Class of 2017.

*The Marshall University JCESOM Alumni Association gratefully extends its appreciation for the generosity of the following alumni and friends who purchased white coats and medical instruments and became sponsors for the Class of 2017.*

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James B. Becker, M.D.	1993	Joshua H. Hensley, M.D.	2006	Mark F. Sheridan, M.D.	1987
B. Hunter Boshell, M.D.	2003	David J. Hunt, M.D.	1995	Tina M. Sias, M.D.	1992
Kimberly A. Burgess, M.D.	1992	Joseph L. Joyce, M.D.	1997	Friday G. Simpson, M.D.	1991
Peter A. Chirico, M.D.	Faculty	Stacey N. Knox, M.D.	1997	Elizabeth M. Schmidt, M.D.	2005
Jodi M. Cisco, M.D.	1997	Michael L. Meadows, M.D.	1994	Staci K. Stalcup, M.D.	2002
Timothy G. Cook, M.D.	1994	Eric A. Morgan, M.D.	1991	Susan A. Terry, M.D.	1984
Robert J. Cure, M.D.	1998	C. Douglas Phillips, M.D.	1984	Pratiksha P. Patel Vaghela, M.D.	2010
Gerald A. Dague, M.D.	2000	Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D.	1991	M. Teresa Vives, M.D.	1991
Samuel R. Davis, M.D.	1983	Hobart K. Richey, M.D.	1983	Tsailing Wang, M.D.	1991
J. Beth Day, M.D.	1991	Sarah J. Rinehart, M.D.	2001	Penniann Whitten, M.D.	2002
Paul B. Ferguson, M.D.	2007	Richard E. Ryncarz, M.D.	1995	Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, M.D.	1984
Mary J. Haynes, M.D.	1997	Elizabeth A. Saunders, M.D.	2007	Cheri Yost Lindberg, M.D.	1996

# Medical Instruments

<i>Alumni &amp; Friends</i>	<i>Class Year</i>	<i>SOM Student</i>
Quartel-Ayne Amjad, M.D.	2007	D. Ryann Justice
R. Tony Aprea, M.D.	1997	Thomas J. Melvin
Joseph P. Assaley, M.D.	1988	Diane T. Dawley
Dr. Jerome B. Aya-ay & Mrs. Maria Tascon	2004	Maria Espiridion
G. Montgomery Baylor, M.D.	1991	Bibek Joshi
Michael E. Beane, M.D.	1996	Corey A. Hamilton
James B. Becker, M.D.	1993	Eamonn E. Maher
Drs. Joshua A. & Whitney A. Boggs	2010/2011	Matthew T. Meriweather
Richard O. Booth Jr., M.D.	1998	Christopher M. Murphy
E. Fritz Braunlich, M.D.	1994	P. Andrew Prusack
Kimberly A. Burgess, M.D.	1992	Pooja N. Sangani
Lisa R. Carchedi, M.D.	2000	Kelsey G. Cowen
R. Todd Chambers, M.D.	1990	Joshua H. Kim
Charles W. Clements II, M.D.	1997	Michael T. Clarke
Timothy G. Cook, M.D.	1994	Abigail E. Smith
Robert J. Cure, M.D.	1998	Laura C. Hunt
Pamela A. Cyrus, M.D.	1989	R. Christopher Bowers
J. Beth Day, M.D.	1991	Lauren M. Burgunder
Harry H. Dinsmore Jr., M.D.	1991	Maxwell B. Randall
Benjamin W. Dyer, M.D.	2004	Kenton L. Hess
Angela B. Ferguson, M.D.	1998	Laura A. Scieszka
Jeffry T. Gee, M.D.	1996	Erika R. Maynard
W. Douglas Given, M.D.	1983	Laura M. Given
Shea M. Goodrich, M.D.	2011	D. Jacob Kiser
S. Nichelle Graham, M.D.	2009	April E. Hoffman
Robert B. Gray, M.D.	1999	Lawrence E. Harbrecht
Sue E. Hanks, M.D.	1986	Joseph C. Wilson
Timothy S. Hart, M.D.	1993	Sara L. Orr
Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica J. Hatfield	1983	Frank F. Fofie
Christopher E. Hayner, M.D.	1987	Kristen E. Hyberg
Mary J. Haynes, M.D.	1997	Rebecca G. Creel
Erich R. Heinz, M.D.	1995	Matthew B. LaRoe
Tracy L. Hendershot, M.D.	2008	Evan J. Madden
Joshua H. Hensley, M.D.	2006	Jason E. Childress
Laurel A. Hensley Fedor, M.D.	2007	Jacob L. Miller
Robert A. Hess, M.D.	1984	Troy J. Wallace
James T. Holbrook, M.D.	1987	Aaron A. Heaberlin
Eric W. Janssen, M.D.	1986	Benjamin A. Perrin

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Stephen R. Kennedy, M.D.	2003	Yuto Nakafuku
Joseph M. King, M.D.	2007	Rashi A. Fischer
Paul T. Kuryla, M.D.	1987	Daniel S. Kahn
Dr. Paula K. & Mr. S. Greg Larsen	1994	Courtney D. Hatten
David L. Martin Jr., M.D.	2005	Katherine E. Forester
Shabbir M. Matcheswalla, M.D.	2007	Divya Vangala
Dr. Sydnee S. & Mr. Justin McElroy	2009	Yusif Mohammed
Michael L. Meadows, M.D.	1994	Brandon T. Nelson
Dr. Bobby L. Miller & Mr. Eric K. Hardin	1997	Matthew A. Burton
Leslie A. Pack, M.D.	2006	Sandra M. Shenouda
Mr. Allen D. & Mrs. Leah C. Payne	Friend/Staff	Jean-Luc N. Weiner
C. Douglas Phillips, M.D.	1984	Yemsrach Y. Wolde
Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D.	1991	Mobeen Farooq
Sarah J. Rinehart, M.D.	2001	Morgan C. Stickler
Christopher W. Russell, M.D.	2006	Tamara B. Trout
Richard E. Ryncarz, M.D.	1995	A. Nicholas Paola
Mark F. Sheridan, M.D.	1987	James E. Hatten
Friday G. Simpson, M.D.	1991	Kasey D. Stickler
Donna J. Slayton, M.D.	1986	Akhil K. Patel
Stephen C. Smith, M.D.	1981	Adam R. Davis
Lucia A. Soltis, M.D.	2008	R. Asher Sexton
Mark A. Studeny, M.D.	1986	Michelle M. Studeny
Thomas B. Styer, M.D.	1982	Saeed K. Keshavarzian
Paula F. Taylor, M.D.	1996	Christina R. Good
Jill L. Taylor Phillips, M.D.	2010	Oksana A. Bailiff
John F. Toney, M.D.	1981	Nisa Hatami
Dr. Andrea D. Marcum & Mr. Bernard S. Vallejos	2006	Athar Nawab
M. Teresa Vives, M.D.	1991	Hilary K. Cornell
Paulette S. Wehner, M.D.	1989	Matthew D. Thompson
Shane A. Wells, M.D.	2006	Dustin S. Elswick
Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, M.D.	1984	Ryan D. Carroll
Penniann Whitten, M.D.	2002	Pritee Taxak
Kathleen Williams Levin, M.D.	2008	Amanda J. Stratton
Patricia L. Wilson, M.D.	1994	Justin Chuang
Marc A. Workman, M.D.	1986	Oluwadamilare O. Ajayi
Kevin W. Yingling, M.D.	1985	Cody A. Stover
Cheri Yost Lindberg, M.D.	1996	Vivian M. Minkemeyer



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Shayne E. Bates, M.D.	2006	Joshua H. Kim
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Samuel E. Carroll, M.D.	1997	Yusif Mohammed
Peter A. Chirico, M.D.	Faculty	A. Nicholas Paola
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Charles W. Clements, M.D.	1997	Michael T. Clarke
Pamela A. Cyrus, M.D.	1989	R. Christopher Bowers
John D. Davis, M.D.	2008	Athar Nawab
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Ronald deAndrade Jr., M.D.	1983	Yuto Nakafuku
Devin S. Edwards, M.D.	2004	Bibek Joshi
J. Blake Epling, M.D.	2013	Laura C. Hunt
Yoram Elitsur, M.D.	Faculty	Matthew B. LaRoe
Laura Feaster Duncan, M.D.	2003	Sandra M. Shenouda
Paul B. Ferguson, M.D.	2007	Dustin S. Elswick
Jeremy D. Fuller, M.D.	2003	Divya Vangala
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Robert B. Gray, M.D.	1999	Lawrence E. Harbrecht
Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica J. Hatfield	1983	Frank F. Fofie
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Robert A. Hess, M.D.	1984	Troy J. Wallace
Jason A. Hudak, M.D.	2005	D. Jacob Kiser
Edwin J. Humphrey, M.D.	1986	Maxwell B. Randall
Eric W. Janssen, M.D.	1986	Benjamin A. Perrin
Kim M. Jordan-deAndrade, M.D.	1982	Kelsey G. Cowen
Joseph L. Joyce, M.D.	1997	Yemsrach Y. Wolde
Dr. C. Matthew & Mrs. Emelie Justice	2013	Cody A. Stover
Drs. Raymond H. & Melissa A. Kim	2000	Pooja N. Sangani
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Dr. Paula K. & Mr. S. Greg Larsen	1994	Courtney D. Hatten
John G. Majjub, M.D.	2010	Pritee Taxak
David L. Martin Jr., M.D.	2005	Katherine E. Forester
Reginald J. McClung, M.D.	1983	Joseph C. Wilson
Sandra L. Mehringer Skar, M.D.	1997	Kristen E. Hyberg
Dr. Bobby L. Miller & Mr. Eric K. Hardin	1997	Matthew A. Burton
Eric A. Morgan, M.D.	1991	Jason E. Childress
Nancy B. Norton, M.D.	1999	Jean-Luc N. Weiner
David R. Nunley, M.D.	1985	Matthew T. Meriweather
Drs. Gerard J. & Christine I. Oakley III	2006	Kenton L. Hess
Sarah K. Owen-McNemar, M.D.	2013	Abigail E. Smith
Terry G. Pritt, M.D.	1985	Morgan C. Stickler
Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D.	1991	Mobeen Farooq
Hobart K. Richey, M.D.	1983	Christopher M. Murphy
Elizabeth A. Saunders, M.D.	2007	Hilary K. Cornell
Mark F. Sheridan, M.D.	1987	James E. Hatten
Franklin D. Shuler, M.D.	Faculty	Vivian M. Minkenmeyer
Tina M. Sias, M.D.	1992	Rebecca G. Creel
Bernie M. Simons, M.D.	1990	P. Andrew Prusack
Friday G. Simpson, M.D.	1991	Kasey D. Stickler
Donna J. Slayton, M.D.	1986	Akhil K. Patel
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Susan A. Terry, M.D.	1984	Lauren M. Burgunder
Monica A. Valentovic, Ph.D.	Faculty	Matthew D. Thompson
Johnny G. Walker III, M.D.	2012	Aaron A. Heaberlin
Kathleen Williams Levin, M.D.	2008	Amanda J. Stratton
Patricia L. Wilson, M.D.	1994	Justin Chuang
Marc A. Workman, M.D.	1986	Oluwadamilare O. Ajayi

# The Perfect Fit

## SOM Seniors Learn Their Future at Match Day 2014

Sixty-seven Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine graduating seniors found out March 24 where they will train for the next three to seven years via the annual National Residency Matching Program (NRMP).

Marshall's students and their counterparts nationwide opened sealed envelopes at the stroke of noon which contained their residency decisions. Joined by family, friends and School of Medicine faculty and staff, the students gathered for a class luncheon prior to the noon reveal.

"We are delighted that our soon-to-be graduates have matched at dynamic programs across the United States," said Dr. Marie Veitia, the former associate dean of student affairs. "The Class of 2014 has distinguished itself with students matching into highly competitive specialties like dermatology, emergency medicine, orthopedic surgery and ophthalmology, in addition to prestigious programs in primary care."

More than 43 percent of the class members are entering into primary care fields like family medicine, pediatrics and internal medicine. Additionally, about one-third of the class will stay in West Virginia for their training, 11 of them at Marshall. Five students matched into psychiatry residencies—the highest number of students in the history of the school to have chosen that specialty. Six Marshall seniors also matched earlier this year in the U.S. Military Match.

The NRMP reports that 16,399 U.S. allopathic medical school seniors matched to first-year residency positions. The match connects graduating seniors with graduate medical programs across the country using an algorithm which pairs the preferences of applicants with the preferences of residency programs resulting in a best result for graduating students.

**RIGHT:** Class of 2014 with their match letters

**BELOW:** Dr. Sasha N. Zill (center), professor of anatomy and pathology, poses with Dr. Laura G. Wilson and her mother, Dr. Patricia "Pat" L. Wilson, Class of 1994. Dr. Wilson is at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, doing a pediatric residency.



Classmates Drs. Alexander J. Salazar and Freddie W. Vaughan II are enjoying Match Day







**ABOVE:** Drs. Thomas A. Alberico Jr., Zubair A. Ansari and David R. Hourani



**BELOW:** Legacy graduate Dr. Jill A. Goodwin (right) with her father, Barry, and mother, Dr. Rose Anne Goodwin, Class of 1982



**ABOVE:** Dr. Marvyn A. Grayson Jr. (right) celebrates his match at the Charleston Area Medical Center in Medicine/Pediatrics with Anthony Johnson, SOM Class of 2015

**LEFT:** Class president, Dr. Don A. Bertolotti, is interviewed by the press. Dr. Bertolotti is doing an emergency medicine residency at the University of Louisville.



# Match List

CLASS OF  
2014

**Saqib Rehman Ahmed**

Surgery-Preliminary at University of California  
San Francisco, California

**Thomas Amadeo Alberico Jr.**

Surgery-Preliminary at Marshall University  
followed by Diagnostic Radiology at Maimonides  
Medical Center  
Brooklyn, New York

**Zubair Asad Ansari**

Transitional Year at Scripps Mercy Hospital  
San Diego followed by Ophthalmology at  
University of Miami Bascom Palmer Eye Institute  
Miami, Florida

**Michael A. Banks**

Internal Medicine at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Tamara Thair Barghouthi**

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

**Don Alexander Bertolotti**

Emergency Medicine at University of Louisville  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Caroline Leigh Brady**

Emergency Medicine at Palmetto Health Richland  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Aaron Matthew Brownfield**

Pediatrics at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Bethany Grace Bush**

Obstetrics-Gynecology at White Memorial  
Medical Center  
Los Angeles, California

**William Dennis Carr**

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

**Rachel Grier Clarke**

Pediatrics at Baystate Medical Center  
Springfield, Massachusetts

**Stephen Scott Cole**

Transitional/Radiology at Emory University  
followed by Diagnostic Radiology  
at Emory University  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Sonja Patricia Dawsey**

Internal Medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

**Shane Richard Dragan**

Emergency Medicine at West Virginia University  
Morgantown, West Virginia

**Lindsay Megan Edwards**

Internal Medicine at Eisenhower Army  
Medical Center  
Fort Gordon, Georgia

**Richard Gerald Erwin II**

Pediatrics at Virginia Commonwealth  
University Health Systems  
Richmond, Virginia

**Mark Adel Faltaous**

Surgery-Preliminary at Einstein/Montefiore  
Medical Center, New York  
followed by Diagnostic Radiology at University  
of South Alabama Hospitals  
Mobile, Alabama

**David William Feigal III**

Internal Medicine-Preliminary at  
Virginia Tech Carilion  
followed by Diagnostic Radiology at University  
of Kentucky  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Lora Beth Fetty**

Medicine/Pediatrics at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Sean Michael Fitzpatrick**

Orthopaedic Surgery at Allegheny General Hospital  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Jill Anne Goodwin**

Orthopaedic Surgery at Banner Good Samaritan  
Medical Center  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Marvyn A. Grayson Jr.**

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

**Jeffrey Brooks Groves**

Surgery-Preliminary at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Rebecca Marie Hayes**

Medicine/Pediatrics at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Payam Heiraty**

Anesthesiology at West Virginia University  
Morgantown, West Virginia

**Joshua Fong Hendrix**

Internal Medicine-Preliminary at  
Greenville Hospital Systems  
South Carolina  
followed by Ophthalmology at  
University of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Christina Ann Hensley**

Pediatrics at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Sammy Samir Hodroge**

Emergency Medicine at West Virginia University  
Morgantown, West Virginia

**Ryan Peyton Hostutler**

Internal Medicine-Preliminary at  
Marshall University followed by Anesthesiology  
at Western Pennsylvania Hospital  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**David Ramzi Hourani**

General Surgery at Eisenhower Army  
Medical Center  
Fort Gordon, Georgia

**Kyle Eric Johnson**

Psychiatry at Oregon Health and  
Science University  
Portland, Oregon

**Deanna Nicole Jones**

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

**Corey Andrew Keeton**

Psychiatry/Family Medicine at University  
of Cincinnati Medical Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Nikita Girish Khetan**

Pediatrics at University of Texas Medical School  
Houston, Texas

**Matthew E. Krantz**

Surgery-Preliminary at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Jonathan Daniel Lewis**

Internal Medicine-Preliminary at  
Marshall University followed by Diagnostic  
Radiology at University  
of South Florida  
Tampa, Florida



**Ashley Brienne Litchfield**

Pediatrics at Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems  
Richmond, Virginia

**Ziyang Liu**

Internal Medicine at University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Ken Maynard III**

Surgery-Preliminary at Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Ronald L. McGavic Jr.**

Psychiatry at University of Louisville  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Luke David Miller**

Psychiatry at University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Elizabeth Kelly Mott**

Internal Medicine at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Alex F. Muñoz**

Internal Medicine-Preliminary Charleston Area Medical Center followed by Diagnostic Radiology at University of Kentucky Medical Center  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Dewey Scott Murphy**

Psychiatry at Charleston Area Medical Center  
Charleston, West Virginia

**Ganesh Raghava Murthy**

Neurology at St. Joseph's Hospital  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Michael Jeffrey Northcutt**

Internal Medicine at University of Cincinnati Medical Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Kacey Erin O'Malley**

Pediatrics at Children's Hospital-California  
Los Angeles, California

**William Stephan Przybysz III**

Family Medicine at Wheeling Hospital  
Wheeling, West Virginia

**Zain Naeem Qazi**

Department of Orthopaedics Research Fellow at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Craig Anthony Riccelli**

Psychiatry at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Miranda Elizabeth Rose**

Family Medicine at Aultman Hospital  
Canton, Ohio

**Alexander Janson Salazar**

General Surgery at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center  
Bethesda, Maryland

**Thomas Joseph Schlierf**

Orthopaedic Surgery at University of Louisville  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Carly Rae Schuetz**

Pediatrics at University of Louisville  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Molly Elizabeth Seidler**

Emergency Medicine at University of Kentucky  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Jessica Noelle Sosa-Stanley**

Obstetrics-Gynecology at Virginia Tech Carilion  
Roanoke, Virginia

**Piyush Vinayak Sovani**

Internal Medicine at Georgetown University Hospital  
Washington, District of Columbia

**Majd George Sweiss**

Anesthesiology at Yale New Haven Hospital  
New Haven, Connecticut

**Lee Aaron Van Horn**

Family Medicine at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Freddie William Vaughan II**

Family Medicine at Marshall University  
Huntington, West Virginia

**Lacey Mae Vence**

Internal Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University followed by Dermatology at University of Louisville  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Ravi Viradia**

General Surgery at Charleston Area Medical Center  
Charleston, West Virginia

**Douglas Clayton von Allmen**

Otolaryngology at University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Kimberly Nicole Weaver**

Internal Medicine at University of North Carolina Hospitals  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**Jenna Kaye Fields Wildman**

Obstetrics-Gynecology at University of South Alabama Hospitals  
Mobile, Alabama

**Robert Boyd Wildman**

Internal Medicine/Neurology-Preliminary at University of South Alabama Hospitals followed by Neurology at University of South Alabama Hospitals  
Mobile, Alabama

**Laura Grace Wilson**

Pediatrics at Emory University  
Atlanta, Georgia

Get your  
**SOM**  
yearbook!

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).

# CREAM *of the* CROP

*Investiture ceremony honors latest medical school graduates*

**S**ixty-seven medical students received their Doctor of Medicine degrees May 9 in the Investiture Ceremony of Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp, Ph.D., who was among the speakers, conferred the students' degrees.

Graduates of the Class of 2014 include 11 students who have maintained perfect 4.0 GPAs as well as six students who will continue their military service at military residency programs across the country. The students have matched into highly competitive residency specialties like dermatology, orthopedics and ophthalmology, as well as prestigious programs in primary care.

This year's investiture speaker was Robert C. Gallo, M.D., co-discoverer of the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS. Gallo, who since 1996 has served as the Director of Human Virology and Professor of Medicine and Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, is also credited with identifying the first human retrovirus and with others showed it was a cause of a particular form of human leukemia.

He has been awarded 31 honorary doctorates from universities around the world and received an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the Marshall ceremony.

To see the entire ceremony go to <https://new.livestream.com/marshallu>.



**ABOVE:** Class members recite the Oath of Hippocrates



**RIGHT:** Dr. Don Bertolotti, Class of 2014 president, addresses the audience.

**BELOW:** Robert C. Gallo, M.D., served as this year's investiture speaker





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# TAKING CHARGE

*Dr. Nancy Norton encourages alumni to stay involved in the School of Medicine as ambassadors, advocates, benefactors and educational partners.*

**W**hen Dr. Nancy B. Norton, Class of 1999, is asked why she feels so strongly about giving back to the Marshall University Joan C.

Edwards School of Medicine, her answer is simple.

“Going to medical school changed my life,” she said. “It created a rewarding, successful career for me, and I’m grateful for that. It benefits me – and anybody else who graduated from here – for the medical school to continue to grow and develop and make a name for itself. When people say, ‘I graduated from the Marshall University School of Medicine,’ they should be proud.”

Norton took over the reins as president of the School of Medicine Alumni Association July 1, replacing outgoing president Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, Class of 1989. Both Wehner and Norton are not only alumni but also faculty of the School of Medicine. Norton is an associate

professor in the Department of Anatomy and Pathology, and Dr. Wehner is a cardiologist and vice dean for graduate medical education.

“It is unique to be alumni as well as active faculty,” Wehner said. “It makes your dedication to the school pretty passionate.”

“It is fun and rewarding to watch our students evolve into doctors,” Norton said. “I work with the second-year students, and they are really beginning to think like doctors. I enjoy watching that transition happen.”

Wehner’s term as president began in 2012, the same year Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro was named dean of the School of Medicine. Wehner worked with Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the School of Medicine, to strengthen the alumni’s relationship with current students.

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“It has been rewarding to work with Linda – who is truly the heart and soul of the alumni association – on moving the association forward and engaging the alumni in student support,” Wehner said. “It has also been rewarding to see Dr. Shapiro’s involvement and his understanding of the need to engage alumni.”

Norton said she hopes to build on Wehner’s efforts by further increasing the participation of alumni in the medical school, both through monetary contributions that will increase scholarship funds and through numerous other opportunities to give back.

“The medical school can certainly use the support of the alumni, but the alumni can also benefit from staying connected to the medical school,” she said. “Beyond monetary contributions, there are many other ways for people to stay involved. Alumni come back and lecture, they give grand rounds and sometimes they even join our faculty. Staying active in the alumni association keeps all of those opportunities open.”

Staying connected also allows alumni to see the many ways the medical school has changed and improved over the years.

“Things have changed tremendously, even just in the 15 years since I attended,” Norton said. “I think people would be very proud to see how our medical school has grown.”

For Norton, what makes the alumni of the Marshall University School of Medicine unique is that they are a relatively small, tight-knit group.

“Although right now our incoming class size is 79, Marshall is still a small medical school,” she said. “When I was a medical student, our class size was around 50 students, and we all knew each other well. I think that is what sets us apart from larger medical schools – we have

fond memories of our classmates because we were a small group that knew each other quite well.”

For Wehner, the admission of legacy students in recent

years speaks volumes about the Marshall School of Medicine as well as its alumni.

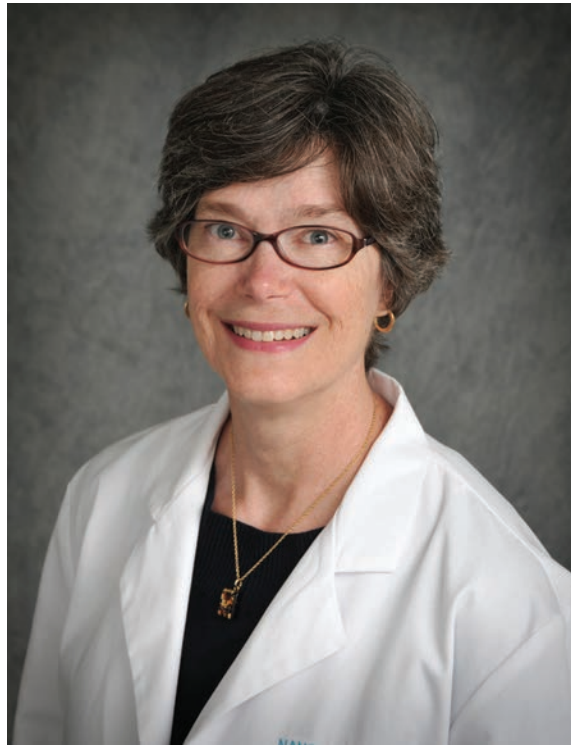
“Marshall remains a fairly young medical school even today,” she said. “One thing very special to me is that we are starting to see the children of alumni come through Marshall. I can’t think of a higher compliment than wanting your children to attend the medical school you attended.”

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is well equipped for a bright future, and Norton is prepared to carry out the alumni association’s mission to help advance and influence the interest of the School of Medicine, to support current students on their journey to

becoming physicians and to provide

programs and opportunities for alumni to connect with each other and the School of Medicine.

“Dr. Norton is completely dedicated to our medical students and has developed her career around educating them, and I cannot think of a better person for the job,” Wehner said. “Every alumnus had a professor who made a difference or a resident who made a difference – and any time alumni can give back to today’s students, it is not only a good feeling but is also largely what Marshall’s medical school is all about.”



Dr. Nancy B. Norton

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Cynthia Z. Pinson, M.D.  
Joseph W. Poe, M.D.

Joseph C. Shanklin, M.D.  
Paula F. Taylor, M.D.  
Thomas A. Zban, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1995

(47 members, 2 deceased,  
27% participation)

F. Brian Brautigam, M.D.  
Mark D. Cumings, M.D.  
Erich R. Heinz, M.D.  
David J. Hunt, M.D.  
Darin R. Jacoby, M.D.  
Katherine A. Jacoby, M.D.  
Robert E. Jones III, M.D.  
Mario R. Morenas, M.D.  
Amir R. Piracha, M.D.  
Preena Purewal-Reier, M.D.  
Elizabeth A. Roberson, M.D.  
Richard E. Ryncarz, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1994

(49 members, 2 deceased,  
17% participation)

Robert A. Barnabei, M.D.  
E. Fritz Braunlich, M. D.  
Timothy G. Cook, M.D.  
Lee C. Haikal, M.D.  
Becki L. Hill, M.D.  
Paula K. Larsen, M.D.  
Michael L. Meadows, M.D.  
Patricia J. Wilson, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1993

(47 members, 1 deceased,  
19% participation)

James B. Becker, M.D.  
Shane A. Bowen, M.D.  
Linda G. Brown, M.D.  
Philip J. Ferkler, M.D.  
Timothy S. Hart, M.D.  
Jeffrey S. Holmes, M.D.  
Mary Buffington Jenkins, M.D.  
Bradley J. Richardson, M.D.  
Joanne R. Wunderlich, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1992

(40 members, 27% participation)

Kimberly A. Burgess, M.D.  
Philip L. Casingal, M.D.  
Timothy D. Dickinson, M.D.  
Edward J. Grey, M.D.  
William M. Miller, M.D.  
William E. Passodelis, M.D.  
Gary J. Petty, M.D.  
Henry R. Preston, M.D.  
Dianna L. Shipley, M.D.  
Tina M. Sias, M.D.  
Janet Nease Wallace, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1991

(44 members, 36% participation)

Ronald E. Barebo, M.D.  
G. Montgomery Baylor, M.D.  
James P. Clark II, M.D.  
J. Beth Day, M.D.  
Harry H. Dinsmore Jr., M.D.  
Deborah H. Gillispie, M.D.  
Bradley D. Henry, M.D.  
Joel T. Hummer, M.D.  
Jack L. Kinder Jr., M.D.  
Joan B. Lehmann, M.D.  
Eric A. Morgan, M.D.  
Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D.  
Friday G. Simpson, M.D.  
Steven C. Southern, M.D.  
M. Teresa Vives-Aceves, M.D.  
Tsailing Wang, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1990

(37 members, 32% participation)

C. David Adair, M.D.  
Jayne A. Barr, M. D.  
Michelle R. Burdette, M.D.  
R. Todd Chambers, M.D.  
David C. Griffin, M.D.  
Terry S. Hummer, M.D.  
Jeffrey L. Leaberry, M.D.  
Debra I Mills-Stoner, M.D.  
John D. Roth, M.D.  
Daniel W. Russell, M.D.  
Bernie M. Simons, M.D.  
W. Mitchel Shaver, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1989

(38 members, 2 deceased,  
39% participation)

Clark D. Adkins, M.D.  
Pamela A. Cyrus, M.D.  
Michael G. Douglas, M.D.  
Karen E. Clark Gerbo, M.D.  
Michael W. Gibbs, M.D.  
Mary Ann M. Griffith, M.D.  
David F. Hubbard, M.D.  
Jonathan P. Lilly, M.D.  
Joseph H. Lock Jr., M.D.  
Sandra K. Marshall, M.D.  
Teigha J. Randolph, M.D.  
Gary Stoner, M.D.  
Paulette S. Wehner, M.D.  
William N. White II, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1988

(42 members, 43% participation)

Marsha S. Anderson, M.D.  
Joseph P. Assaley, M.D.  
M. Wayne Bosserman, M.D.  
Ignacio Cardenas, M.D.  
P. Mitchell Charles, M.D.  
Carolyn A. Cline, M.D.

Gregory A. Elkins, M.D.  
Janet A. Jenkins, M.D.  
Joan A. Lynch, M.D.  
James C. McCabe, M.D.  
James M. Mears, M.D.  
Ben J. O'Dell, M.D.  
James F. O'Neal, M.D.  
Mitsuko P. Shannon, M.D.  
M. Catherine Slusher, M.D.  
Sheryl L. Stephens, M.D.  
Katrina M. Timson, M.D.  
Brian D. Williams, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1987

(40 members, 32% participation)

Darin K. Bowers, M.D.  
Mark E. Coggins, M. D.  
Nancy B. Graham, M.D.  
Darlene Y. Gruetter, M.D.  
Randall F. Hawkins, M.D.  
Christopher E. Hayner, M.D.  
James T. Holbrook, M.D.  
Allen B. Joseph, M.D.  
David C. Kowalski, M.D.  
Paul T. Kuryla, M.D.  
Manuel E. Molina, M.D.  
Yaacov R. Pushkin, M.D.  
Mark F. Sheridan, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1986

(46 members, 3 deceased,  
51% participation)

Elaine L. Flanders, M.D.  
Jerry M. Hahn, M.D.  
Sue E. Hanks, M.D.  
John A. Hoffman, M.D.  
Edwin J. Humphrey IV, M.D.  
Eric W. Janssen, M.D.  
Joan M. Lebow, M.D.  
Mary Nan Mallory, M.D.  
Scott E. Miller, M.D.  
Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, M.D.  
David S. Ratliff, M.D.  
Stuart M. Roth, M.D.  
Patricia S. Schindzielorz, M.D.  
Donna J. Slayton, M.D.  
Kevin S. Smith, M.D.  
Elizabeth L. Spangler, M.D.  
C. Anne Steele, M.D.#  
Mark A. Studeny, M.D.  
Terrence W. Triplett, M.D.  
Larry W. Watson, M.D.  
Marc A. Workman, M.D.  
Elaine M. Young, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1985

(34 members, 1 deceased,  
36% participation)

Simon K. Chang, M.D.  
Cheryl L. Cook, M.D.

Lea Ann Moricle, M. D.  
Victor F. Nease, M.D.  
Michael J. Nerenberg, M.D.  
David R. Nunley, M.D.  
Terry G. Pritt, M.D.  
Andrew H. Schindzielorz, M.D.  
Helen R. Thornton, M.D.  
Ted B. Vance, M.D.  
Kevin J. Willis, M.D.  
Kevin W. Yingling, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1984

(36 members, 2 deceased,  
35% participation)

Evelyn R. Banks, M.D.  
James W. Banks III, M.D.  
Timothy D. Canterbury, M.D.  
Paul R. Durst, M.D.  
Robert A. Hess, M.D.  
Michael A. Istfan, M.D.  
Kathleen E. Lucas, M.D.  
C. Douglas Phillips, M.D.  
Ezra B. Riber, M.D.  
Susan A. Terry, M.D.  
Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, M.D.  
Christopher J. Whitten, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1983

(36 members, deceased,  
43% participation)

Frederick D. Adams, M. D.  
Lou Gene Bartram, M.D.  
Gerald G. Blackwell, M.D.  
L. Richard Boggs, M.D.  
Ronald deAndrade Jr., M.D.  
Samuel R. Davis, M.D.  
W. Douglas Given, M.D.  
Bijan J. Goodarzi, M.D.  
Wayne E. Groux, M.D.  
R. Mark Hatfield, M.D.  
Carol Spencer LeMay, M.D.  
Harry J. Magee, MD  
Bradley R. Martin, MD  
Reginald J. McClung, M.D.  
Hobart K. Richey, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1982

(23 members, 2 deceased,  
24% participation)

Joseph E. Evans, M.D.  
Rose Anne Goodwin, M.D.  
Kim M. Jordan-deAndrade, M.D.  
Ron D. Stollings, M.D.  
Thomas B. Stryer, M.D.

### CLASS OF 1981

(18 members, 39% participation)

Emmett F. Branigan, M.D.  
Dwight C. Groves, M.D.  
Leslie N. Heddleston, M.D.  
Sandra J. Joseph, M.D.  
Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D.  
Stephen C. Smith, M.D.  
John F. Toney, M.D.

Out of 1,489 School of Medicine graduates representing the classes of 1981 - 2013, there were 371 donors for an overall participation of 25%.

**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
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Name	Class Year	Name	Class Year	Name	Class Year
C. David Adair, M.D.	1990	Ron D. Stollings, M.D.	1982	William H. Haney, M.D.	1986
Gregory D. Akers, M.D.	1988	Katherine M. Stone, M.D.	1982	Glenn A. Harper, M.D.	1995
Marsha S. Anderson, M.D.	1988	Mark A. Studeny, M.D.	1986	Robert A. Hess, M.D.	1986
Joseph P. Assaley, M.D.	1988	Thomas B. Styer, M.D.	1982	Becki S. Hill, M.D.	1994
Gerald G. Blackwell, M.D.	1983	Melody A. Swavely, M.D.	1988	Eric S. Hopkins, M.D.	1998
Patrick C. Bonasso, M.D.	1981	Jeffrey N. Thaxton, M.D.	1992	F. Scott Hunter, M.D.	1981
John G. Boswell, M.D.	1982	Larry W. Watson, M.D.	1986	Eric W. Irwin, M.D.	2002
Dennis M. Burton, M.D.	1981	Samuel D. Wellman, M.D.	1983	Eric W. Janssen, M.D.	1990
Karen Clark-Gerbo, M.D.	1989	Curtis A. Winter, M.D.	1982	John W. Kessel, M.D.	1990
Cheryl L. Cook, M.D.	1985	Jimmy V. Wolfe, M.D.	1984	Joan M. Lebow, M.D.	1990
Carol H. Cooper, M.D.	1989	Kevin W. Yingling, M.D.	1985	Dawn L. MacFarland, M.D.	1996
Karen N. Dansby, M.D.	1983	Elaine M. Young, M.D.	1986	James C. McCabe, M.D.	1988
Samuel R. Davis, M.D.	1983	Sandra L. Zahradka, M.D.	1989	Reginald J. McClung, M.D.	1983
James W. Endicott, M.D.	1983	W. Matthew Zban, M.D.	1989	Charles C. McCormick, M.D.	1985
Carol A. Foster, M.D.	1985			Scott E. Miller, M.D.	1986
W. Douglas Given, M.D.	1983			Manuel E. Molina, M.D.	1987
Rose Anne Goodwin, M.D.	1982			Gabrielle F. Morris, M.D.	1990
Mary M. Griffith, M.D.	1989			Stephen F. Morris, M.D.	1981
Wayne E. Groux, M.D.	1983			Kimberly A. Oxley, M.D.	1994
Jerry M. Hahn, M.D.	1986			Robert C. Pennington, M.D.	1990
Sue E. Hanks, M.D.	1986			Steven Pribanich III, M.D.	1991
R. Mark Hatfield, M.D.	1983			Daniel B. Ray, M.D.	1983
Leslie N. Heddleston, M.D.	1981			Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D.	1991
Karen J. Heyd, M.D.	1985			Bradley J. Richardson, M.D.	1993
Pierre Istfan, M.D.	1985			Valerie L. Richey-Klein, M.D.	1989
Sandra J. Joseph, M.D.	1981			Monica L. Richey-Walker, M.D.	1986
Jack L. Kinder Jr., M.D.	1991			Sarah J. Rinehart, M.D.	2001
J. Douglas Kirk, M.D.	1988			Rhonda Scites Ross, M.D.	1994
David C. Kowalski, M.D.	1987			Daniel W. Russell, M.D.	1990
Carol M. Spencer Lemay, M.D.	1983			Joseph C. Shanklin, M.D.	1996
Kenneth F. McNeil, M.D.	1986			Kevin S. Smith, M.D.	1986
Louis R. Molina, M.D.	1984			Anna M. Suray, M.D.	1991
James H. Morgan, M.D.	1988			Timothy B. Tabor, M.D.	1992
Kathy M. O'Hanlon, M.D.	1986			John F. Toney, M.D.	1981
Gretchen E. Oley, M.D.	1982			Jack M. Trainor, M.D.	1996
C. Douglas Phillips, M.D.	1984			Donald H. Trainor Jr., M.D.	1986
Trudi L. Rash, M.D.	1989			Carrie A. Twedt, M.D.	1996
David S. Ratliff, M.D.	1986			Ted B. Vance, M.D.	1985
Evelyn Rector-Banks, M.D.	1984			Paulette S. Wehner, M.D.	1989
Ezra B. Riber, M.D.	1984			William A. Welton III, M.D.	1991
Hobart K. Richey, M.D.	1983			Jeffrey W. Whightsel, M.D.	1984
William S. Sheils Jr., M.D.	1983			William N. White II, M.D.	1989
Mark F. Sheridan, M.D.	1987			Myra L. Wilkerson, M.D.	1994
Lee B. Smith, M.D., J.D.	1982			Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, M.D.	1984
Nina K. Smith, M.D.	1981			Joanne R. Wunderlich, M.D.	1993
Stephen C. Smith, M.D.	1981			Gary R. Youmans, M.D.	1987
James F. Spears, M.D.	1987			Phillip N. Zambos, M.D.	1984

*The following alumni joined as  
Lifetime Members of the School  
of Medicine Alumni Association.*

Name	Class Year
Clark D. Adkins, M.D.	1989
Paul D. Bailey, M.D.	2009
Lou Gene Bartram, M.D.	1983
Michael E. Beane, M.D.	1996
Jeffrey B. Betts, M.D.	1991
R. Daniel Bledsoe, M.D.	2001
Kimberly A. Burgess, M.D.	1992
Samuel E. Carroll, M.D.	1997
P. Mitchell Charles, M.D.	1988
Amy L. Conley, M.D.	1998
Yale D. Conley, M.D.	1987
Pamela A. Cyrus, M.D.	1989
J. Beth Day, M.D.	1991
Paul R. Durst, M.D.	1984
C. Stephen Edwards, M.D.	1987
Joseph E. Evans, M.D.	1982
J. Patrick Fouts, M.D.	1998
Frank E. Fumich, M.D.	1999
Jeffry T. Gee, M.D.	1996
Bijan J. Goodarzi, M.D.	1983
Robert B. Gray, M.D.	1999
Jennifer L. Bennett Grube, M.D.	1996
Darlene Y. Gruetter, M.D.	1987
Crystal L. Gue, M.D.	1990
Garrie J. Haas, M.D.	1983
Lee C. Haikal, M.D.	1994



# GIVING *back*



## *Take a Seat Campaign a worthy way to remember others*

I have purchased several chairs in memory of my deceased father, mother and brother. Recently, I purchased two chairs to honor my daughters who are graduates of Marshall University School of Medicine and are now excelling in their own medical careers. Noeet is a 2008 graduate who is completing her NICU fellowship at Tufts University in Boston, after completing her pediatric residency at Children's National in Washington, D.C. Rotem, Class of 2012, is currently completing her pediatric residency at San Christopher Hospital, Drexel University, in Philadelphia. Her goal is to continue with a GI fellowship (following her father's career path). Personally I could not find any better way to honor my daughters and recognize the

excellent education they received at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. It is clear to me the school educates and trains our medical graduates to the level that allows them to compete for the best residencies in the country to achieve their highest aspirations. With these chairs, I would like to thank the Marshall University faculty and staff who helped my daughters achieve their goals. Well done, School of Medicine!

*Dr. Yoram Elitsur is a member of the Marshall University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics.*

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# Take a Seat CAMPAIGN

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The future plan includes a new lighting system upgrade to provide a "lights up" classroom setting. There are still seats available, and we ask you to join others from the Marshall "family" in taking a seat in the Harless Auditorium. When you make your pledge, the school will inscribe a brass plaque to be placed on the back of a seat. It's a great way to recognize a graduate, remember or honor a loved one or show your support for the School of Medicine. Your generous gift will enable the School of Medicine to maintain and enhance its cutting-edge technological support for health sciences education.

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**Ron D. Stollings, M.D.**

*Class of 1982*

# BEST of the CLASS

## *Three School of Medicine graduates among those honored at annual Alumni Awards Banquet*

**T**hree School of Medicine graduates were among those honored at the Marshall University Alumni Association's 77th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet, sponsored by Ohio Valley Bank, April 25-26. Below is a list of those who were honored.

### **Distinguished Alumnus Award** *Eric R. George, M.D.*

Dr. Eric R. George is a hand surgeon practicing medicine in Louisiana. A native of Huntington and a graduate of Huntington East High School, he received his medical degree from Marshall. He completed a General Trauma Surgery Residency at Michigan State University, then completed a fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Grand Rapids Area Medical Education Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. George currently is Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana, and adjunct assistant professor of orthopaedics in the Department of Orthopaedics at Tulane. His practice, the Hand Center of Louisiana, is a state-of-the-art facility which treats NFL players and key players in the oil and gas industries, among other businesses, and is the largest in the Gulf South region. He owns a luxury hospital, the Omega Hospital, and several ambulatory surgery centers, urgent care clinics and assisted living centers.

He earned his undergraduate degree – a Bachelor of Science in chemistry – in 1985, and graduated from MU's School of Medicine in 1989. His success has not come easily. At Marshall, he was diagnosed with dyslexia and reading at barely a high school level. Dr. Pat Brown, associate dean of academic and student affairs, said, "Still, he was getting Cs where others were failing. I caught a glimpse of what must be phenomenal intelligence." George still calls Huntington home. "We still like to get a Stewart's hot dog and a Tudor's biscuit and go to a Marshall game," he said. Last year, a Marshall University Society of Yeager Scholarship was provided by George in memory of his late brother, Aaron C. George, a fighter pilot who was killed in a crash. Through his philanthropic endeavors, Eric George is a major contributor to many causes including the St. Martin's Episcopal School George Cottage, for early education of preschool children in New Orleans, Louisiana, and through his children's foundation. Chloe and Cassidy George developed a school for orphans in Mombasa, Kenya.

### **Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award** *Adam M. Franks, M.D.*

Dr. Adam M. Franks is an associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. A 1994 graduate of the Joan C.



Edwards School of Medicine, Franks completed a residency in family medicine at Marshall and a fellowship in advanced maternal care (surgical obstetrics) at the University of Tennessee-Memphis. Since joining the faculty at Marshall in 2001, Franks has provided comprehensive primary care at Marshall Family Medicine in Lavalette in Wayne County. In his nomination letter for the Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award, Dr. Stephen Petrany, chairman of the department, described Franks as a dedicated physician, outstanding scholar and committed community volunteer. Franks has served as an assistant scoutmaster and medical officer for the Tri-State Area Boy Scout Council, is an active member and elder at Highlawn Presbyterian Church and a volunteer coach for the Wayne County Youth Soccer League.

**Marshall University School of Medicine**  
*R. Mark Hatfield, O.D., M.D.*

R. Mark Hatfield, O.D., M.D., F.A.C.S., is founder and managing member of Retina Consultants PLLC in Charleston. After earning a doctor of optometry from Illinois College of Optometry, he received his M.D.

from the Marshall University School of Medicine in 1983. He completed a surgical internship at Marshall, an ophthalmology residency at the University of Illinois School of Medicine and a vitreoretinal fellowship at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's in Chicago. Hatfield has been honored with numerous awards over his career, including Outstanding Student Awards in 1980 and 1981, and was elected to membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society while at Marshall. Last year, he received the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary Distinguished Alumnus Award and was named by the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association as the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus.

In addition to his medical practice, Hatfield is a busy lecturer who has presented at a number of professional meetings, including ones sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the West Virginia Optometric Association and the West Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology. He is a generous supporter of Marshall University and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. A native of Logan, Hatfield is married to the former Monica Wilton, former chair of the Marshall Foundation and a two-time Marshall graduate. They are the parents of three adult children.



Drs. Eric George, Class of 1986, Mark Hatfield, Class of 1983, and Adam Franks, Class of 1999, at the Marshall University Alumni Association Awards Banquet. Dr. George was the distinguished alumnus recipient, Dr. Hatfield was the School of Medicine's Distinguished Alumnus recipient and Dr. Franks received the Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter Teaching Award.

Summer/Fall 2014

# Assistant Dean Makes Her Mark



It is rare for one person to leave a mark on so many, but as anyone in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine knows, Cindy Warren has done just that.

Warren, assistant dean for admissions, has worked for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine since 1977, and, as such, has admitted every graduating class of students.

“She has just been such an asset to the students and played such a role,” Dr. Scott Miller said. “There is an insurmountable number of things she has done to make that school successful.”

Warren’s impact on Miller was a significant one—so much so that for the past three years Miller has been working with the School of Medicine to endow a scholarship in Warren’s honor.

“When you endow a scholarship, you commonly acknowledge someone you feel had a major role to play in your education and the School of Medicine, and I could not think of anyone better than Cindy,” Miller said. “Anybody that knows her knows that she has really been the infrastructure of the School of Medicine.”

The Dr. and Mrs. Scott E. Miller Family Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student from West Virginia with first preference to student athletes.

Miller’s son, Bosten Miller, is a second-year student in the School of Medicine and shares his father’s appreciation for Warren. Their goal is to fund the scholarship together once Bosten has completed his schooling.

However, this is not the first time a scholarship has been endowed in Cindy’s honor. In 2011, an anonymous graduate endowed the Cynthia A. Warren Medical Student Scholarship, which is awarded to an entering medical student from West Virginia.

“It was such a shock,” Warren said. “It was hard to imagine I had that kind of effect on one of our graduating students. It’s been really amazing to work with such fine human beings that we’ve accepted over the years.”

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CLIP AND RETURN

# SOM Scholars

**A**cademic scholarships are the bread and butter of every development program because they literally assist students with the basics of attending medical school. We are forever grateful for those who help support the mission of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Here is a chronological listing of scholarships created over the past year.

- The Peggy (Margaret) Theis Scholarship is a scholarship fund established by the family of Peggy Theis, a longtime employee of the School of Medicine who died in 2013. In creating the scholarship, her family noted Peggy's compassion and interest in others which was exhibited through her daily service to students, faculty and staff. Once fully endowed, the scholarship will be awarded to a female, first-year medical student who will be the first physician in her family and has a financial need as per standards set by the Office of Student Financial Assistance.
- The Thomas and Dora Cyrus Memorial Scholarship is an expendable scholarship created by Dr. Pamela A. Cyrus, SOM Class of 1989. Cyrus established the scholarship in honor of her parents. It will assist a first-year medical student and is renewable.
- The Kowalski Family Scholarship is an endowed fund established by Dr. David C. Kowalski, Class of 1987, Dr. Joseph M. Kowalski, Class of 1984, Dr. Paul V. Kowalski, Class of 1984, Dr. Bruce J. Kowalski, Class of 1991, and their mother, Kathleen Reedy. In creating the scholarship, the family requested the recipient be a first-year medical student who has a strong academic record and a common-sense grasp of and use of academic and clinical material. The award is renewable for three years pending normal academic progress.
- The Dr. Franklin D. Shuler Expendable Scholarship is a scholarship fund established by Cynthia Howe Murray and Thomas J. Murray in honor of Dr. Shuler for outstanding medical care. The recipient of this one-time award will be a fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated an interest in orthopaedics. The award will be given for five years.
- The Dr. Mark and Monica Hatfield "Adopt a Medical Student" fund is endowed by Dr. R. Mark Hatfield, Class of 1983, and Mrs. Monica Hatfield, both loyal supporters of the School of Medicine. The recipient of the award will be a medical student selected by the School of Medicine's Scholarship Committee in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance.
- The Dr. and Mrs. Scott E. Miller Family Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student who is a West Virginia resident and has financial need as per Office of Student Financial Assistance standards. Dr. Miller, Class of 1986, who is a cardiologist in Charleston, created the scholarship in honor of Cynthia A. "Cindy" Warren, assistant dean of admissions for the School of Medicine. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

Dr. Kimberly A. Burgess, a 1992 graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has created a scholarship at the school in memory of her father, Clyde Albert Burgess, M.D. The Clyde Albert Burgess, M.D., Scholarship will be awarded to a medical student who is a resident of southern West Virginia and has a strong desire to practice medicine in the state. The first recipient will receive \$1,000 annually for four years, pending normal academic progress. Each recipient afterward will receive an allocation based on the endowment's performance.



Kimberly Burgess with her father Clyde Burgess



# hip Campaign

- The Dr. Clark D. Adkins Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student who is a West Virginia resident and has financial need as per Office of Student Financial Assistance standards. Adkins, Class of 1989, who is an orthopaedic surgeon in Charleston, created the scholarship through the School's "Adopt a Medical Student" program.

- The Marshall Health Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student and will be renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress. The scholarship was created through Marshall Health, the faculty practice plan of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

- The Becker Family Scholarship was created by Dr. James "Jim" B. Becker, Class of 1993 and senior associate dean for clinical affairs at the School of Medicine, and will be awarded to a rising fourth-year medical student who is planning to pursue a career in family medicine. The \$1,000 award will be given to three medical students annually.

- The Elizabeth Scholarship will be awarded to an entering medical student from West Virginia and was created by Dr. Cindy Z. Pinson, Class of 1996. This scholarship is in memory of Liz Pinson and Beth Bondurant, two women who bravely fought cancer. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

- The Evans Family Scholarship was created by Dr. Joseph "Joe" E. Evans, Class of 1982 and chairman of the school's department of pediatrics, and will be awarded to an entering medical student with first preference to a graduate of Spring Valley High School in Wayne County, West Virginia. This award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

- The Dr. Thomas B. Styer Scholarship was endowed by Dr. Styer, Class of 1982, and Mrs. Julia Styer. The recipient will be an entering medical student, with first preference given to a graduate of Piast School in Floyd County,

Kentucky. The second preference will be given to a graduate of St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Huntington and the third preference given to a Cabell County resident. The award is renewable for three additional years to the first two preferences, pending normal academic progress.

- The Marshall University Alumni of the Mid-Ohio Valley Thundering Bison Club has established a scholarship, contributing a minimum of \$3,000 annually to fund the award. The recipient shall be an entering first-year medical student with residence in the West Virginia counties of Wood, Pleasants, Ritchie or Wirt, or Washington County in the state of Ohio. The recipient shall be selected by SOM in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance.



Linda Holmes (left) with Dorothy Hicks (right)

An endowed scholarship fund has been created at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine courtesy of longtime administrator, professor and pioneer of women's sports at Marshall University, Dr. Dorothy "Dot" E. Hicks. The Dr. Dorothy E. Hicks Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical school student who is a resident of West Virginia. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress. Hicks, whose generosity has led to the creation of eight scholarships at the university, said she decided to make the gift because of the outstanding medical care she received at Marshall and to honor her former student and mentee, as well as longtime friend, Linda S. Holmes.

- The Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Nangle Scholarship Fund has been established through a gift from the Mae E. Nangle Trust. The scholarship will be awarded to a Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine medical student and is renewable pending normal academic progress.
- The Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker Scholarship was created by Dr. Wolodkin Whitaker, Class of 1984, who is a practicing anesthesiologist in northeast Ohio. The recipient of this scholarship will be an entering medical student who is a resident of West Virginia. First preference will be given to a resident of Wheeling, West Virginia. If there are no applicants from Wheeling, preference will be given to a resident of Ohio County, Marshall County or any other county in West Virginia, in that order.
- The Virginia D. Kirkwood Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student who is a resident of West Virginia and is renewable pending normal academic progress. It was created by Mrs. Kirkwood who earned her bachelor's degree from then-Marshall College in 1954 and then went onto a 30-year teaching career in Ohio.
- The Dr. Ezra B. Riber Scholarship has been established by Dr. Riber, Class of 1984, in memory of his parents,

Hanna and Israel Riber, and in honor of his wife, Mandy, and their two children. The recipient will be an in-state, first-year medical student and is renewable pending normal academic progress. First preference will go to students who are environmentally conscious and involved in sustainability efforts. Second preference will be given to students displaying leadership qualities.

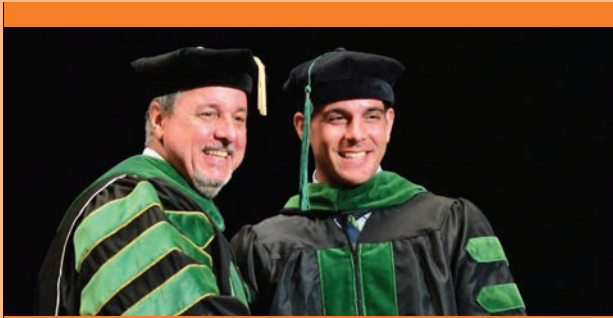
The Dr. Monica L. Richey Walker Scholarship will be awarded to a full-time, first-year medical student who displays academic excellence and has financial need as determined by the Office of Student Financial Assistance.



Monica Richey Walker

It was created by Dr. Monica L. Richey

Walker, a member of the Class of 1986 and a practicing dermatologist in Florida. First preference will be given to a student from Wellsburg, West Virginia, second preference will be given to a resident of Brooke County and third preference to an in-state student.



Dr. Tony Alberico, chair of neuroscience at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and his nephew, Dr. Tom Alberico, Class of 2014

The Anthony M. Alberico, M.D., Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student who has financial need as per Office of Student Financial Assistance standards. Dr. Alberico, chairman of the department of neuroscience for the School of Medicine, created the scholarship, which is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

- The Dr. Catherine Anne Gallant Steele Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a rising fourth-year medical student who is interested in psychiatry. Dr. Steele was a graduate of the Class of 1986 and practiced medicine as a psychiatrist before her death in March 2014.
- The Larry and Cheryl Tweel Scholarship was created by Mr. and Mrs. Tweel of Huntington. The scholarship will be awarded to an entering medical student with first preference to a Cabell or Wayne County resident. The second preference will go to a student from Lawrence County, Ohio, or Boyd County, Kentucky. This award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.
- The Sean K. and Beth L. Hammers Scholarship will be awarded to an entering medical student with first preference given to a resident of Lawrence County, Ohio, or Cabell County, West Virginia. Second preference will be given to a resident of West Virginia. This award is renewable for three additional years pending academic progress.

- The Huntington Clinical Foundation MUJCESOM Expendable Scholarship is a gift of \$30,000 for three one-year \$10,000 scholarships. A one-time \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to an entering first-year student. The MUJCESOM Scholarship Committee, in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance, will select the brightest, most academically gifted student for the award. The Huntington Clinical Foundation will review the recipient's qualifications before the award is offered.
- The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Class of 2014 Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student and is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress. The recipient will be selected by the Scholarship Committee in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance.
- The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Class of 2013 Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student and is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress. The recipient will be selected by the Scholarship Committee in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance.
- An endowed fund known as the Radiology Graduates' Scholarship has been created at the School of Medicine under the direction of Dr. Peter Chirico, chairman of the department of diagnostic radiology. Once endowed the scholarship will be awarded to a deserving medical student who will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the School of Medicine. The award is renewable.



Kevin Milam post-race

The 1439 Scholarship was created by Dr. Steve C. Lochow in honor of Dr. Kevin M. Milam, Class of 2002, who passed away June 15, 2014, from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). The scholarship will be awarded to a first-year medical student who is a resident of West Virginia and a non-traditional student. The scholarship was initially funded through a special event, Walk for Kev, which occurred in May at Ritter Park.

## Honor or Remember Someone Special

**L**et someone know you care: Celebrate a life, an anniversary, birthday, graduation, job promotion or any other occasion by making a gift in his or her honor to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. An honor gift is a thoughtful way to commemorate any event or milestone – however big or small. When your gift is received, we send a personalized card of acknowledgement to the honoree, with no monetary amount mentioned. You can also make a gift in memory of a loved one or someone who has had a significant impact on your life. Upon receipt of this type of gift, we send a personalized card of acknowledgement to the family of the deceased; again, with no monetary amount mentioned. For more information about making a gift, please contact Linda Holmes at 304.691.1711 or at [holmes@marshall.edu](mailto:holmes@marshall.edu).





# GOLF *Classic*



**LEFT:** Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Dr. Aaron McGuffin, Class of 1999, who graciously donated his winnings back to the School of Medicine



**ABOVE:** The best of the worst! Members of the Class of 2014 who managed to shoot a +14, (L to R rear) Dr. Sammy Hodroge, Dr. Ryan Hostutler, Linda Holmes, Dr. Sean Fitzpatrick, (Front) Dr. Shane Dragan

**BELOW:** Linda Holmes presents the awards:  
#2 Closest to pin (second shot)–Aaron Ferguson  
#14 Longest drive – Joe Browning  
#9 Longest Putt – Kent Hayes



**ABOVE:** #12 Closest to pin (second shot) – Matt Straub



This year's School of Medicine's 16th Annual Golf Classic was held at the Silo Golf Course (formerly Twin Silos). The proceeds from the Classic assisted the Class of 2014 with their graduation week activities and class scholarship for the School of Medicine. Congratulations to our winners of the scramble with a score of 53 (-15): Dana Godfrey; Dr. Gary Cremeans, SOM Class of 1996; Aaron Ferguson; and Pat Carter. The putting contest was sponsored by Culbert Healthcare and Thornburg Insurance. All of the hole winners were given Backyard Pizza and Raw Bar gift certificates compliments of Drew Hetzer. A big thank you to all the participants and to our sponsors!



**ABOVE:** Congrats to this year's winning team: Dana Godfrey, Dr. Gary Cremeans, SOM Class of 1996, Aaron Ferguson; and Pat Carter

**RIGHT:** Putting contest winner Jim Wilson with the Pepsi Team after a putt-off with Joe Ciccarello



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# THERE'S NO PLACE

## 27th Annual Homecoming Weekend,

**A**nyone who has seen *The Wizard of Oz* could never forget the ruby red slippers and Dorothy saying, "There's no place like home." We believe the School of Medicine is home!

Approximately 150 alumni dusted off their ruby slippers and followed the Yellow Brick Road home to celebrate the 27th Annual Homecoming Weekend. Congratulations go to the classes of 1983 (30-year reunion), 1988 (25-year reunion), 1993 (20-year reunion), 1998 (15-year reunion), 2003 (10-year reunion) and 2008 (5-year reunion) for celebrating these important milestone reunions.

On Friday, the weekend kicked off with a reunion luncheon. The alumni banquet was held in the Memorial Student Center Friday evening. R. Mark Hatfield, M.D., Class of 1983, was recognized as the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus. Hatfield, a Charleston-based retina specialist and founder of Retina Consultants, is administrative chairman of JCESOM's Department of Ophthalmology. We rounded out the evening's festivities with a reception.

Saturday morning started off with a breakfast with Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, and the 17th Annual Albert Esposito, M.D., Memorial Lecture given by our distinguished alumnus, Dr. Hatfield.

Following was a tailgate party with great food, beverages and music provided by deejay Kevin Simmons. To cap off a great weekend, our alumni gathered to cheer on the Herd at the MU vs. UAB football game, which the Herd won 56-14!



Homecoming draws a crowd

**BELOW:** Enjoying the tailgate party is Eric Hardin Miller and Dr. Bobby L. Miller, Class of 1997, vice dean of undergraduate medical education



**LEFT:** The Class of 1988 members celebrate their 25-year reunion – Drs. Joseph "Joe" Assaley, James "Jim" F. O'Neal and James "Jim" M. Mears

**BELOW:** Representing the Class of 1983 and celebrating their 30-year reunion – Drs. Thomas "Tom" B. Styer, R. Mark Hatfield, Denise E. Allen Clay, W. Doug Given, Reginald "Reggie" J. McClung, Lou Gene Bartram and Samuel "Sam" R. Davis





# LIKE HOME...

November 8–9, 2013



**RIGHT:** Celebrating their 10-year reunion – Drs. Leela V. Raju; Amanda K. Tambling; J. Jeffers “Jeff” Sinclair; Bryan E. Burk, front; B. Hunter Boshell, class president; and Matthew “Matt” L. Bush



**LEFT:** The Booths celebrating their 15-year reunion – Drs. Richard “Rick” O. Booth Jr. and Angela B. Ferguson, both the Class of 1998



**LEFT:** Dr. Brian S. Dunlap, Class of 2004, and his wife, Maryanne, and their children enjoying the homecoming tailgate



**RIGHT:** Celebrating their 5-year reunion – Drs. Emily and Matt Morris, Philip Galapon (with son Reid), Craig Seaman and Susie Saunders



**LEFT:** Dr. John B. Walden, retired chair of the department of family medicine and the 2014 SOM honorary alumnus, regales Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, Class of 1989 and president of the SOM Alumni Association, and Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, with one of his exciting adventures (In the background is Dr. Joseph “Joe” E. Evans, Class of 1982 and chair of the SOM pediatric department)







**BELOW:** The Class of 1993 enjoys their 20-year reunion, looking like they could be up to something – (L to R) Drs. James “Jim” B. Becker, John W. Neville, Sanjeev S. Sharma, Mark S. Zalaznik, Jeffrey “Jeff” S. Holmes, Timothy “Tim” S. Hart and class president Virgil W. Smaltz



**ABOVE:** Two great grads of the SOM, Drs. Nina K. Smith, Class of 1981, and Linda G. Brown, Class of 1993 and chair of the SOM's department of pathology and anatomy



**BELOW:** Husband and wife duo from the Class of 2008, Drs. Craig D. Seaman & Susan “Susie” K. Saunders



**ABOVE:** Dr. Gretchen E. Oley, Class of 1982, greets Dr. Gilbert “Gil” Ratcliff, retired neonatologist from the SOM's pediatric department



**ABOVE:** Drs. L. Emily McQuinn Morris and Matthew “Matt” W. Morris, husband and wife from the Class of 2008



**LEFT:** Dr. Sanjeev S. Sharma, Class of 1993



Dr. Reggie McClung, Class of 1983



Dr. Gerald “Jerry” G. Blackwell, Class of 1983 (center), is sharing a story with Drs. Kevin W. Yingling, Class of 1985 and dean of the Marshall School of Pharmacy, and R. Mark Hatfield, Class of 1983

1980s

**Curtis A. "Curt" Winter**, Class of 1982, has served as president of Shenandoah IPA for the past four years. Shenandoah IPA is a 400+ physician IPA mainly in Northern Virginia with members in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia.



Luke Winter and his mother, Cynthia Winter

Winter is with Windsor Medical Services PLC in Winchester, Virginia. Additionally, Winter and his wife, Cynthia, are proud to announce their son, Daniel Luke Winter, D.D.S., graduated from the West Virginia University School of Dentistry on May 10. Luke is a pediatric dentistry resident at Bon Secours Health System in Richmond, Virginia.

**R. Mark Hatfield**, Class of 1983, a Charleston-based retina specialist, has been appointed administrative chairman of JCESOM's Department of Ophthalmology. He is the founder of Retina Consultants, which has five locations in West Virginia. In 2013, Hatfield received the JCESOM Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

**Reginald "Reggie" J. McClung**, Class of 1983, completed his term as the 2013-2014 president of the West Virginia State Medical Association.



Reggie McClung invites his wife, Diane Paletta McClung, D.D.S., to the stage. In the background is his daughter, Dr. Kristen A. McClung, Class of 2013.

**Ezra B. Riber**, Class of 1984 president, has been elected CEO and president of the board of directors of the South Carolina Society of Interventional Pain Physicians.

**Matthew A. Rohrbach**, Class of 1984, was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates, 17th District. He practices gastroenterology at the Huntington Internal Medicine Group.

**Jimmy V. Wolfe**, Class of 1984, is on the faculty of the Department of Neurology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**Stephanie A. Skolik**, Class of 1985, an ophthalmologist and president and CEO of the Huntington Retina Center, was honored with the 2013 Outstanding Woman in Technology award for her retinopathy research and invention of devices to assist with eye surgery. She is the founder of the American Retina Research Foundation and heads up Eyedea Inc., an ophthalmic invention company. In addition to being an assistant professor at the JCESOM from 1994 to 1999, she has been a clinical instructor and fellow at the Yale University School of Medicine. From 1998 to 2002, she was a guest researcher at the highly acclaimed National Eye Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

**J. Greg Rosencrance**, Class of 1988, is center director of the Medicine Institute and chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, at Cleveland Clinic Florida (Weston).

**M. Catherine "Cathy" Slusher**, Class of 1988, serves on the Virginia State Board of Health. She is medical director of obstetrics at Sentara Rockingham Memorial Hospital, as well as part of a group practice of six at Harrisonburg OB/GYN Associates. Slusher volunteers for Kerus Global Education and recently spent two weeks in Soshanguve, South Africa, working in the organization's Orphan Care Center. There she organized and presented a Women's Health Day for the grannies of the orphans for OB/GYN education.

**Paulette S. Wehner**, Class of 1989, senior associate dean for graduate medical education and a professor in the Department of Cardiovascular Services in the JCESOM, was named a fellow of the American Heart Association in September 2013. The fellowship distinction is conferred for outstanding and sustained scientific contributions in cardiovascular diseases and stroke and for volunteer leadership and service to the American Heart Association. Wehner is the principal site investigator at St. Mary's Medical Center for Yale University's research study of older persons who are admitted to the hospital with heart attacks. She completed her term as president of the School of Medicine's Alumni Association June 30.

**W. Matthew "Matt" Zban**, Class of 1989, who practices at Mid-Atlantic Emergency Medical Associates in Charlotte, North Carolina, was voted one of Charlotte's



2014 “Top Doctors” in *Charlotte* magazine. This is the third time he has been honored. The list is based on a peer survey conducted by the editorial staff.

## 1990s

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**Christopher “Chris” D. Adams**, Class of 1990, a cardiology fellow, received the James Willerson Clinical Award Competition for Residents and Fellows from the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences (IACS). Adams was recognized for his research, “Perivascular Fat Relation to Hypertension: WV-Appalachian Heart Study,” which he has been conducting for several years with faculty members Paulette Wehner, M.D., professor of cardiology and senior associate dean for graduate medical education, and Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., M.P.H., a professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology. Adams presented the findings at the Cardiovascular Forum for Promoting Centers of Excellence and Young Investigators in Louisville, Kentucky, August 2013. He was one of five international applicants invited to participate. Adams completed a residency in internal medicine at Marshall as well. Future plans include an interventional and structural heart disease fellowship next year at the University of Kentucky.

**Friday G. Simpson**, Class of 1991, has relocated her family medicine practice to 2501 Third Ave. in Huntington, West Virginia.

**Kimberly A. Burgess**, Class of 1992, is deputy commander for clinical operations with the U.S. Army.

**Cheryl R. Shafer**, Class of 1992, is vice president of medical affairs and chief medical officer at Molina HealthCare of South Carolina, a Fortune 500 company focused exclusively for families and individuals who qualify for government-sponsored health care.

**G. Marshall Lyon III**, Class of 1994, was on the Ebola team at Emory University Hospital that successfully treated Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol in August. Lyon is director of transplant infectious diseases and associate professor of medicine at Emory University School of Medicine.

**E. Robert “Rob” Marks**, Class of 1995, a family physician in Wellsburg and member of Wheeling Hospital’s medical staff, is president of the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians (WVAFP).

**Jack M. Trainor II**, Class of 1996, was recognized among Castle Connolly’s Top Doctors® for the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, region in 2014, nominated by board-certified peers. Fewer than 36,000 physicians—less than 5 percent of the nation’s licensed physicians—have been selected for this honor in their regions for their specialties. In addition,

he was named a Patients’ Choice Award winner for 2013. Following the publication of this award, American Registry LLC seconded the honor and added Trainor to The Registry™ of Business Excellence. The Patients’ Choice Award is the honor roll of physicians who have received the highest ratings by their patients. Trainor, who resides in Fort Lauderdale, owns Trainor Sports Medicine.

**R. Allen Young**, Class of 1995, performed as part of the “big reveal” of the new Marco makeover during Marshall Homecoming 2013. Young was the 1990 national champion Marco. He currently practices occupational medicine at St. Mary’s Occupational Health Center in Barboursville, West Virginia.

**Charles “Chuck” W. Clements II**, Class of 1997, is chairman for the JCESOM admissions committee. He previously served as vice chair and replaced Dr. John Walden, who retired Dec. 31 from the school’s full-time faculty after serving as chair since January 1989. Clements was the keynote speaker for the Class of 2018’s White Coat Ceremony on Aug. 8.



Bobby Miller and Eric Hardin

**Bobby L. Miller**, Class of 1997, and Eric Hardin were married July 27, 2013. Miller is vice dean for medical education and associate professor of pediatrics at the JCESOM.

## 2000s

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**Lisa R. Carchedi**, Class of 2000, was awarded “Distinguished Educator of the Year” by the medical students at University of Texas Medical Branch at Austin in June. Also, she was awarded “Austin’s Educator of the Year” for UTMB medical students. Carchedi, who works in the Seton Psychiatric Emergency Department, is vice chief of staff for Seton Shoal Creek Hospital.

**Todd E. Chertow**, Class of 2000, is head team orthopaedic physician for LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is also the team orthopedist for the Philadelphia Revolution Hockey Team and the director of sports medicine at Temple Jeanes Hospital. He and his wife, Melissa, have three children, Hannah, 7, Nathan, 4, and Caroline, 2.

**Kerith “Keri” E. Wilson Lijewski**, Class of 2000 president, is one of two physicians at Ellsworth Medical Clinic in River Falls, Wisconsin. In 2012, this small clinic was named an Inaugural Million Hearts® Champion, one of two clinics in the country recognized by the CDC for blood pressure control among patients. In 2013, the River Falls, Ellsworth and Spring Valley Medical Clinics, a group of three clinics in western Wisconsin, were recognized as a system as being one of nine blood pressure champions for Million Hearts® for its system-wide care of patients with hypertension. The Million Hearts® Challenge identifies practices, clinicians and health systems that have worked with their patients to achieve hypertension control rates at or above 70 percent.



Kerith Wilson Lijewski

**Sharon L. Steinman**, Class of 2000, is a pathologist at St. Luke’s University Network in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In addition to her work as a pathologist, she is also on staff at Temple University and gives pathology lectures to second-year medical students. She was appointed medical director of St. Luke’s Allentown Laboratory in April.

**R. Daniel “Dan” Bledsoe**, Class of 2001, is medical director of emergency services at PinnacleHealth West Shore Hospital in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He also “moonlights” at York Hospital. Bledsoe and his wife, Allison, have two children, Nolan, 4, and Eloise, 3.

**Scott E. Moore**, Class of 2004, is service chief of radiology at the Huntington VA Medical Center. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Ashland, Kentucky.



Julie A. Wesp and Ashley W. Bennett

**Ashley W. Bennett**, Class of 2005, and **Julie A. “Jules” Wesp**, Class of 2011, were married on Nov. 9, 2013.

**Cpt. Monica “Nic” L. Pierce-Wysong**, Class of 2006, is in the U.S. Air Force, deployed to Afghanistan. Her duty station is Misawa, but she is currently in Kabul. Her husband, Jason, and children, Gabriel, Alexander and Ezekiel, live in Japan.

**Kelly E. Melvin**, Class of 2005, has received the Association for Academic Psychiatry–Early Career Development Award,

a very prestigious national award recognizing excellence in leadership, academics and education in psychiatry. According to the AAP, the annual award involves a competitive process and was created to facilitate career development and recognize young faculty who are innovative in their teaching techniques and skills. Melvin is assistant professor in the JCESOM Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.

**Bobbie J. Sperry**, Class of 2005, is a partner at Hampton Family Practice in Hampton, Virginia. She and her husband, Cory, have four children, Elena, 9, Rachael, 6, William, 5, and Chloe, 15 months. Cory, who is no longer in the Navy, is with Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Virginia.

**Erika M. Faile**, Class of 2006, and her husband, John, welcomed John Lanier Faile III on May 19, joining daughter Faith Maria. Faile has been with Florida Health Care Plans, a local HMO, for the past five years—four years doing outpatient family medicine plus hospital and one year of hospital as a hospitalist, her current employment.



John, Faith and Erika Faile with baby John

**J. Allen Graham**, Class of 2006, has been inducted into the Princeton High School Hall of Fame. Graham played basketball for the Tigers from 1995-98, earning first-team honors on the Class AAA all-state team and the All Coalfield Conference team in his senior year. He played basketball at Bluefield State College prior to attending the JCESOM.

**Leslie Pack Ranken**, Class of 2006, who has recently married Mike Ranken, practices rheumatology at Carolinas Medical Center and is on the Internal Medicine faculty. Mike is a director of IT Audit for Novant Health.



Mike and Leslie Pack Ranken



**Shane A. Wells**, Class of 2006 president, is assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Department of Radiology.

**Theresa R. “Tracy” Wolfe**, Class of 2006, works in the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Department at the Lexington (Kentucky) VA Medical Center in the Spinal Cord Injury Clinic. She also became board certified in electrodiagnostic medicine. She and her husband, Oliver, have a daughter, Emma, 1, and a son, Spencer, born August 17.

**Paul B. Ferguson**, Class of 2007, has been named chief of the Department of Neuroscience at the JCESOM. He completed his neurology residency training at Wake Forest University. Ferguson, who also serves on the medical school faculty as director of clinical education, has been tasked with starting a Neurology Residency Program.

**Jay R. Lakhani**, Class of 2007, is a visiting professor at the Mulago Hospital in Uganda. The hospital has various connections with universities in the United States, including Johns Hopkins. He teaches medical students and residents on the pediatric ward. Lakhani also works at the Indian Association Medical Center Clinic in Kampala, Uganda, a few days a week. His wife, Kait, continues to work with the orphan project she was with before they were married. He has also found time to get back into tennis, enjoying the clay courts used there. Lakhani will be joining the Department of Pediatrics at the JCESOM as a hospitalist at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

**Meagan W. Shepherd**, Class of 2007, a fellowship-trained allergist/immunologist, joined the JCESOM Department of Pediatrics in October 2013. She also provides care for adults and children at Cabell Huntington Hospital and the Hoops Family Children’s Hospital. She is married to Jay A. Shepherd, Class of 2007.

**Robert “Rob” C. Gabordi II**, Class of 2008, is practicing general surgery at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

**R. Aaron Lambert**, Class of 2008, won teaching awards from all three training levels—the Family Medicine Interest Group Outstanding Faculty Teacher Award, the Family Medicine Residents’ Faculty Teaching Award and the Family Medicine Faculty’s Award for Teaching Excellence—at East Carolina University in the same academic year. He is on the Family Medicine Department faculty where he works with residents and medical students. Lambert and his wife, Elyse, are parents of two sons, David Robert and Bryan Paul.

**Amanda L. Pennington**, Class of 2008, a Davis Health System pediatrician, received a five-star honor as part of the

2013 PRC National Excellence in Healthcare Awards. The designation means Pennington, a member of the Davis (West Virginia) Memorial Hospital medical staff, is rated among the top 10 percent of providers in the national survey.

**Dwight Saulle**, Class of 2008, has joined St. Mary’s Neurosurgery in Huntington after completing an internship at the University of Virginia Department of Surgery and a residency at the University of Virginia Department of Neurological Surgery. He served as senior registrar during a fellowship in the Department of Neurosurgery at Auckland City Hospital in New Zealand and was chief resident at the University of Virginia.



Luca Ryan Saunders

**Craig D. Seaman**, Class of 2008, and Susan “Susie” K. Saunders, Class of 2008, welcomed their second child, Lucas Ryan, on April 23, 2014. Seaman completed his hematology/oncology fellowship and is now assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, specializing in hemostasis and thrombosis.

**Rahul K. Boinpally**, Class of 2009, and fiancée Puja, recently returned from Sitka, Alaska.



Rahul K. Boinpally and fiancée

**Meredith L. Hellstern**, Class of 2009, is at Pediatric Practices of Northeast Pennsylvania in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.



Janelle King and family

**Janelle M. King**, Class of 2009, completed her Dermatology Residency at the University of Cincinnati (June 2013). She is employed by Mountain State Medical Specialties and is working full time as a dermatologist at the Parkersburg, West Virginia, branch. She practices medical, surgical and cosmetic dermatology. Dr. King and husband Ryan Stead reside in Parkersburg with their 2-1/2 year old daughter, Jocelyn.



**Kyle M. Smith**, Class of 2009, has joined the Hoops Family Children's Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital as a pediatric anesthesiologist. He did his fellowship at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and his residency at the University of Pittsburgh. Smith is a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

**Dr. Skyler T. Smith**, Class of 2009, has joined Holzer Health System and is practicing internal medicine in Proctorville, Ohio.



Mary E. Smyrnioudis

**Mary E. Smyrnioudis**, Class of 2009, works as an emergency medicine physician at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Also, she was recently notified that her senior research project, entitled "Long Term Efficacy of Pressure Immobilization Bandages in a Porcine Model of Coral

Snake Envenomation," was accepted for publication in *The American Journal of Emergency Medicine*. Smyrnioudis

is engaged to Dr. Joseph Kearney IV, also an emergency medicine physician, with plans to marry on May 31, 2015, in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Smyrnioudis lives in Florence, South Carolina.

**Kelli A. Morrison Brown**, Class of 2010, has joined the staff of Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital's Professional Pediatrics in Russell, Kentucky.

**Elizabeth R. Duke**, Class of 2010, has moved to Seattle and is doing an infectious disease fellowship at the University of Washington. She was previously at the VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, as an emergency room nocturnist, with the University of Wisconsin residents on call.

**Sarah K. Flaherty**, Class of 2010, who is board certified in emergency medicine, just had her one-year anniversary at Heritage Valley Health System, a two-hospital system outside Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She plans to stay at least another year. She is also pleased to be back on ski patrol at Snowshoe Mountain in West Virginia.

**Nathan S. Hill**, Class of 2010, is with the University of Kentucky Department of Radiology. He will be serving a fellowship in neuroradiology from July 2015 until June 2016 at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor). He and his wife, Janell, have two children, Sawyer, 2, and infant Caleb.

# In Memoriam

## Dr. Kevin M. Milam '02



**D**r. Kevin Mitchell Milam, 55, of Huntington, passed away June 15, 2014, at his residence following a brave battle against Lou Gehrig's disease. He was a member of the El Paso Ballet from 1983 to 1985. From 1988 to 1995, he was the artistic director of the Performing Arts School of Worcester (PASOW) in Massachusetts. Kevin eventually returned to his native West Virginia to pursue a lifelong desire of becoming a primary care physician. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Massachusetts in 1998 and proceeded to the Marshall University School of Medicine, where he was graduated in 2002. He worked at Clay Primary Care Center from 2004 to 2006 before moving to Lincoln Primary Care Center in Hamlin, where he had the privilege of serving this welcoming community until illness forced him to retire in November 2013. Milam also served in the National Health Service Corps from 2004 to 2013. He was a gifted triathlete and cyclist who loved more than anything to share this passion for the sport with others. In addition to his wife, Dr. Janet Nease Wallace, SOM Class of 1992, and father, Robert Lee Milam Sr., he is survived by his children Max, Emily and Sam Wallace; one brother, Lee (Kristi) Milam of Glen Daniel; and two sisters, Melissa Milam and Jada Milam, both of Clover, South Carolina; stepmother Pam Milam; nephews Jacob Milam and Kaleb Milam and niece Hannah Milam, all of Glen Daniel; mother-in-law Dorothy Nease; three brothers-in-law, Victor (Sarah) Nease, SOM Class of 1985, Richard Nease, and Robert (Kristie) Nease, one sister-in-law, Susan Pratt and their families; special cousins Jay Milam and Beverly Lacey; special brother-in-law John Pratt.

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**R. Erik Peterson**, Class of 2010, is a physician at the Center for Primary Care in Augusta, Georgia. He and his wife, Jeannette, reside in Grovetown, Georgia.

**Capt. Steven A. Taylor**, Class of 2010 and a 2006 graduate of the Yeager Scholars program, received the 2013 Franciscan Spirit Award at St. Elizabeth's during his residency. Taylor, who lives in Carrollton, Virginia, is board certified in family medicine and practices at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia. He also works in urgent care at Sentara. Capt. Taylor's father, Allen, is chief technology officer at Marshall, and his mother, Vicki, is clinical analyst at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington.

**James "Jeff" J. Mullins**, Class of 2010 president, is an emergency medicine physician at ApolloMD in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was named a Rookie of the Year for 2013 for his excellent clinical skills, positive demeanor and infectious enthusiasm. He and his wife, Laura, live in Charlotte.



Jeff Mullins (right) with wife Laura and cousin Keegan, Class of 2018, whom he coated



Amy Teleron-Khorshad and family

taking time to be a mother and is hoping to start working this winter after taking the Pediatric Boards. "I loved my pediatric residency in Cleveland because I had the chance to train with amazing physicians at Case Western hospitals and Cleveland Clinic, but it is nice to be home again."

**Shea M. Goodrich**, Class of 2011, completed her pediatric residency at JCESOM and is now a general pediatrician with Valley Health in Ironton, Ohio, and Huntington, West Virginia.

**Jeremiah L. Jeffers**, Class of 2011, has been selected as chief resident in the Department of Anesthesiology at West Virginia University.

**Amy R. "Michelle" Teleron-Khorshad**, Class of 2010, and her husband, Amir Khorshad, have moved back to Charleston, West Virginia, from Cleveland, Ohio. They have two children, Michael Reza, 2, and infant daughter Sofia Eliana. Amy is

**Kimberly "Kim" R. Becher**, Class of 2011, completed her residency in the Department of Family and Community Health at JCESOM and was elected to serve as the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents representative to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). She was elected to the national post by her peers at the AAFP's National Conference of Family Residents and Medical Students in June. She will serve as the sole resident member on the AAFP's board of directors representing more than 3,000 family medicine residents nationwide. Becher, who is one of the department's chief residents, is interested in health policy and reform advocacy. She also serves as one of Marshall's Paul Ambrose Health Policy Fellows. Following residency, Becher plans to work in Clay County for Community Care of West Virginia.



Kimberly Becher

**Tristan F. Meador**, Class of 2011, is an emergency medicine physician at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center, a member of MedStar Health, in Baltimore, Maryland. He is engaged to another emergency medicine physician, Jennifer Chang. They are planning a Fall 2015 wedding.

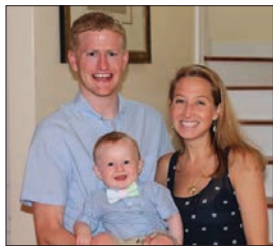


Tristan Meador with fiancée Jennifer Chang

**Matthew "Matt" Q. Christiansen**, Class of 2013, spent the month of February at the West Virginia Legislature reviewing the state's recent water crisis and its health policy and health care implications, as well as other health-related legislation. Christiansen is a resident physician in the Department of Family and Community Health as well as

a Paul Ambrose Health Policy Fellow. The health policy program is a partnership of JCESOM's Department of Family and Community Health, Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health, and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. It was inspired by and named for Paul Wesley Ambrose, a SOM medical alumnus whose life and dynamic health policy career were cut short on Sept. 11, 2001.

**Mark F. Sheridan**, Class of 1987, and Douglas C. von Allmen, Class of 2014, had a poster (case report) accepted at a national ENT (Triologic) meeting in Miami. Von Allmen was a fourth-year medical student at the time.



Price Ward and family

**Price S. Ward**, Class of 2012 president, was named chief resident for 2015-2016 in the Pediatric Residency Program at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He is married to Erin "Kickie" M. Hare, Class of 2012. They have a son, P.J.

**Danielle H. Whitley**, Class of 2011, is working at Kent General Hospital in Dover, Delaware, as an attending emergency physician.

**Alex C. Overmiller**, Class of 2013, moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, to serve as a flight surgeon at Eielson Air Force Base. He and his wife, Nikki, will be living there for three to four years. The couple welcomed a baby boy in November 2014.

**Miriah C. Gillispie**, Class of 2012, has been awarded The Ephraim P. Engleman Research Preceptorship by the American College of Rheumatology. For her project, Gillispie will determine if the time to clinical remission is shorter for patients with systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis who are on disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs versus biologic therapies.



Katie and Russ Richardson

**Kathleen "Katie" H. and D. Russell "Russ" Richardson**, both Class of 2013, are shown here with their son, Luke, at the Pittsburgh Zoo. Kate is doing a family medicine residency at Washington Hospital in Washington, Pennsylvania, and Russ is doing an ophthalmology residency at the West Virginia Eye Institute in Morgantown, West Virginia.

## In Memoriam

### Dr. Anne G. Steele '86

**D**r. Catherine "Anne" Gallant Steele passed away with her family by her side March 29, 2014, at the Palliative Care Unit in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Steele, a resident of Lexington, Kentucky, was the daughter of George and Fannie Gallant, as well as the wife of Kevin Nelson, M.D., and mother to Sarah Burlingame Williams, Jessica Fae Nelson and Matthew Alexander Gallant Steele. She was also grandmother to Abigail Eleva Williams and Naomi Fae Williams. Visitation, followed by a funeral mass, took place April 2, 2014, at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church in Rustico, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Her interment was July 28, 2014, at St. Augustine's Cemetery. Steele was a 1986 graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. The Dr. Catherine Anne Gallant Steele Memorial Scholarship has been endowed in her memory. If desired, memorial donations can be made to the Palliative Care Unit in Charlottetown.



To donate to the Dr. Steele Memorial Scholarship, please contact Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, at 304.691.1771 or [holmes@marshall.edu](mailto:holmes@marshall.edu).



# "OUTSTANDING *in*

**M**arshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine (JCESOM) hosted a scholarship fundraiser Saturday, June 7, that featured a med school alumnus (Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker, Class of 1984, and her musical group "The Jillettes," a professionally trained chef turned medical student (Steve Nakano, Class of 2015), a School of Medicine dean who served as celebrity sous chef for the evening and hundreds of community members who attended the benefit.

"Outstanding in Our Field" was the brain child of Linda S. Holmes, the School of Medicine's director of development and alumni affairs.

"This event was something I've wanted to do since discovering our student Steven Nakano had trained as a professional chef at the Culinary Institute of America before coming to medical school," Holmes said. "He developed the menu which was paired with wines chosen by retired circuit judge Dan O'Hanlon who is a local sommelier, and together they created an outstanding culinary treat. Additionally, with the help of many outstanding community partners and a hardworking group of medical student volunteers, we were able to host a truly outstanding collaborative event to help generate scholarship support."

Holmes says nearly \$40,000 was generated by the event, which attracted more than 200 people.

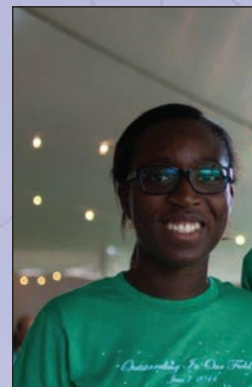
"My chef's hat is off to Ms. Holmes and her team for their fantastic work on this inaugural event," said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine. "The support of community and alumni is absolutely essential to the sustained growth of our school, and I can't stress enough how grateful I am for this amazing effort."

Assisting Holmes with coordination of the benefit were Marshall University and School of Medicine first ladies, Jane Kopp and Mary Shapiro. The evening's event was hosted by Dr. Bobby Miller, Class of 1997 and vice dean for medical education, and his spouse, Eric Hardin-Miller, at their farm located just outside Huntington. Entertainment was provided by "The Jillettes," a musical group from northeastern Ohio featuring Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker, JCESOM Class of 1984.



**ABOVE:** Dr. Mark, Class of 1983, and Monica Hatfield with their daughter, Makenzie, Class of 2018, and son-in-law, Steven Kresch

**RIGHT:** Visiting medical student from England, Temilade Adeshokan, joined Will Hall, Class of 2015, and Casey Patick, Class of 2015, volunteering their time



**BELOW:** Our wonderful Class of 2017 medical students serve our guests – (L to R) Nisa Hatami, Laura Given, Hilary Cornell and Michael Andryka





# Our FIELD<sup>''</sup> *Photos by Lexi Browning and T.J. Lawhon*

Outstanding in Our Field event at the home of Dr. Bobby Miller, Class of 1997, and Eric Hardin-Miller.



**BELOW:** Director of Development and Alumni Affairs Linda Holmes with Robert "Chris" Bowers, Class of 2017



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The Jillettes from northeast Ohio provided the musical entertainment





**LEFT:** Co-chair Jane Kopp (left), Marshall's first lady, talks to Terry Deppner Hardin, chair of the decorating committee (right), as Judy Ketchum enjoys the conversation

**BELOW:** Dr. Joe Shapiro, sous chef, and Chef Steven Nakano, Class of 2015



**BELOW:** A beautiful evening and a beautiful event



**ABOVE:** Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker, Class of 1984, is a member of The Jillettes



**LEFT:** The event's special sommelier, The Honorable Dan O'Hanlon, describes the wine pairings with Chef Nakano



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