In Memoriam

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

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

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

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For more information about making a gift, please contact Linda Holmes at (304) 691-1711 or at holmes@marshall.edu
Erika M. Faile, Class of 2006, is a third-year Halifax family-practice resident. “John and I will be staying in the Daytona Beach, Fla., area to practice when I finish my family medicine rotation this June. I took a local job here in traditional family medicine which I am very excited about!”

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

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

Barbara M. Michael, Class of 2006, has some great news to share. “I finished my residency in family medicine at Marshall and signed a contract with King’s Daughter’s Medical Center in Ashland, KY. I joined their hospitalist team in July.


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

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

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

“Healthy Rivalry” in Lincoln promotes exercise

Students at Hamlin Elementary School got an early start learning the value of exercise in a new program called “Healthy Rivalry.” Third- through fifth-grade students kicked off the program on March 3, facing off to see which class could exercise the most over the next 10 weeks.

Every Monday morning the students received free exercise bands and watched demonstrations on how to use them from an exercise physiologist from the Lincoln Primary Care Center. Classes then competed to see who could log the most exercise time over the next 10 weeks.

Marshall receives national “Top Ten Award” for family practice

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

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

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

“We are especially proud that 90 graduates of this residency program now provide care in more than 25 mostly rural communities throughout the state, including a significant number who have chosen to provide care to patients in the immediate Tri-State region,” he said.

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

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

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

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Dr. Dr. Gretchen E. Oley Dr. Robert B. Walker

SOM announces retirements

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

Dr. Oley retired Aug. 31 as the school’s senior associate dean for clinical affairs and as the chief medical officer for University Physicians & Surgeons Inc. Her duties included being project director in Marshall’s practice-wide implementation of electronic health records. A 1982 graduate of the School of Medicine, her faculty roles included section chief of general medicine, director of clinical practice for the Department of Internal Medicine, and vice chair of that department. Her dozens of committees and appointments included membership on the West Virginia Health Care Authority Panel for Statewide Diabetes Management and the West Virginia Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee of the Bureau for Medical Services. She also was President of the Junior Cabell County Medical Society and program chairman, treasurer and secretary of the Cabell County Medical Society. In June 2009 Dr. Oley became the interim dean of the College of Health Professions.

Dr. Walker retired July 31 as executive vice dean and chair of the Department of Family Medicine, senior associate dean for clinical affairs and medical director for the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health. Throughout his career, beginning as founding physician of the Lincoln Primary Care Center, he has been active in improving health care for the underserved and disadvantaged people of West Virginia. During Dr. Walker’s tenure, his department was recognized as the “Outstanding Rural Health Program in America” and he was selected for the “Distinguished Educator Award” of the National Rural Health Association. He served as an advisor to Congress on rural health and presented plans for the care of the rural elderly to joint Congressional committees. He also has authored several reports on health care delivery for the West Virginia Governor’s Office and the West Virginia Legislature.

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

Michael S. Elmore, Class of 2003, completed a two-year fellowship in surgical oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center after finishing a general surgery residency at WVU-Charleston Division in June 2009. “My wife and I are thrilled with the birth of our fifth child, Benjamin, in February 2009. We now have one girl and four boys: Emma, Nicholas, Christopher, Samuel and Benjamin. I will be heading back to West Virginia after fellowship. I intend to join the WVU-Charleston Division University group. The hospital is helping to support me on my fellowship, so I will have a three-year commitment with them when I’m finished.”

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Two, Wayne County physicians, Glenn A. Harper, Class of 1995, and Gary D. Cremeans, Class of 1996, have received the 2009 Outstanding Rural Clinician and Medical Educator Award from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. The award recognizes the teaching contributions of outlying physicians who allow medical students to do a block of their training in the physicians’ offices. Last year they hosted 14 Marshall medical students for rotations. The doctors practice in Kenova at the Cabell Huntington Hospital Family Medical Center and serve on the faculty of the School of Medicine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dr. Robert C. Nerhood has been appointed senior associate dean of clinical affairs for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He assumed his duties April 1, and continues to serve as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a position he has held since 1992. Previously, he had been chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Berkshire Medical Center and clerkship coordinator for the Berkshire Medical Center/University of Massachusetts School of Medicine.

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

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

Chris Kitchen receives award at the annual awards ceremony

At the annual awards ceremony on May 7, 2008, Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, presented J. Christopher “Chris” Kitchen the Faculty Choice Award sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association. This is awarded annually to the most outstanding MSIV student as selected by the faculty. The recipient is presented a plaque and monetary award. Dr. Kitchen is doing a residency in surgery at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.
Third-generation West Virginia physician leads Marshall’s family medicine program

John B. Walden, M.D., who followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather in becoming a family physician in West Virginia, was named chairman of the Department of Family and Community Health at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine September 2008.

Previously the associate chair of the department, Walden also is the medical school’s associate dean for medical school outreach and development.

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

The Lincoln County native’s career thus far brings to 140 his family’s years of service in the health care of people in his community.

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

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

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

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

M. Catherine Slusher, Class of 1988, was married October 7, 2006, to Don Flegel. They have two children: Drew, 21; Julie, 15; and Macie, 8. Slusher won the Clements Award in morphology for 2009 at the MU Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in the Department of Pathology.

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

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

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

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

Cheryl R. Shafer, Class of 1992, is chief medical officer for Universal Health Plan, a Medicare/ Medicaid Health Plan in Saint Petersburg, Fla. Previously she was the national medical director of the Optum Public Sector at OptumHealthcare Solutions in Charleston, W.Va. She also held positions at United Healthcare in Ellikview, W.Va., Healthnet of Arizona and Maricopa Integrated Health System in Phoenix. She completed two years of residency in internal medicine and a one-year internship in internal medicine and pediatrics at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz. “I have been working as an administrative physician since 2000 and am very excited to be moving into this CMO position. I will be relocating to the beach at the end of May.”
1980s

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marshall scientist receives national award for lung cancer research

Dr. Pyali Dasgupta, a medical researcher at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, is among three scientists nationwide to be honored for cancer research at the annual meeting of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics this April in New Orleans. The awards were presented to those whose research “may offer significant advances in clinical medicine in the future.”

Dasgupta received the ASPET-Astellas Award in Translational Pharmacology, which is part of the Experimental Biology 2009 meeting. The award provides $10,000 to continue research that could help both smokers and people exposed to nicotine through second-hand smoke or products such as nicotine patches and gums.

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

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

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

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

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

SOM “Practitioner” Looking for a Good Home

If you are interested in a yearbook from 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002, you can stop by Room 3409 at the MU Medical Center, 1600 Medical Center Drive, and pick one up or email Linda Holmes (holmes@marshall.edu) for details and one can be sent for $5.00 to cover postage and handling.
Byrd teaching and clinical center dedicated

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

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

The Clinical Center has allowed the recruitment of 20 new faculty physicians and resulted in a significant increase in the number of patient visits. In addition, it has provided for the expansion of the Diabetes Center and the state’s only endocrinology training program with the recruitment of four fellowship trained endocrinologists. The gastroenterology section has also been expanded, allowing for the development of a specialized Digestive Diseases Center.

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

Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., vice president and dean, said at the ceremony. He said the building allowed the school to increase class size and patient services, helping it fulfill its primary mission of teaching and patient care.

Spotlight on Drs. Warren Sayre and Mike White

Bringing hope and medicine to those less fortunate in Haiti

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Return to Haiti in 2008

This summer Warren Sayre had the opportunity to join Mike in Haiti. “Mike and I had kept in touch since graduating from medical school,” Warren said, “so when the opportunity came for me to go back with him, I jumped at the chance. I’ve always enjoyed traveling to different countries, and experiencing new cultures. And I was excited about hanging out with an old friend and using my medical skills to try to bring hope to a desperate country.”

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

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

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

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

The web address for the orphanage is www.cabaretkids.blogspot.com. The site has pictures from the doctors’ trips to Haiti.
When you give money or stock for a charitable gift annuity with the Marshall University Foundation, we give you back annual payments for the rest of your life. Too good to be true? Seems like it, but true nonetheless. And many of our friends are taking advantage of this opportunity.

Why does the School of Medicine promote charitable gift annuities? To help our physicians and friends who want to make larger gifts, but can’t afford to reduce their cash flow. Also, it helps our donors who are planning to provide a bequest make the gift now so they can take advantage of the income tax charitable deduction. And for older donors, an annuity may actually provide a larger payout from the asset than they might otherwise receive.

A deferred payment charitable gift annuity works well for younger donors who want to give to the School of Medicine and, at the same time, supplement their retirement programs. For example, the donor would designate a gift, for example $10,000, for a gift annuity which would be “programmed” to begin payments at retirement age—the longer the deferral period, the higher the annual payment. Even though the donor will not receive payments from the annuity for several years, an income tax charitable deduction is available for the year in which the gift is made.

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

Our gift annuity program is loaded with many benefits, and we want you to know about these. For more information, please call Mr. Ed Zimmerman, Director of Planned Giving, at 304.696.3719. He will be happy to send you a confidential report showing you how a gift annuity can benefit you.

For more information, please call Linda S. Holmes, Director of Development & Alumni Affairs at 304.691.1711.

Sample of One-time Life Annuity Rates*  
Age Rate  
65 5.1%  
70 6.0%  
75 6.7%  
80 7.6%  
85 8.5%  
90 & Over 10.5%  
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Congressman Nick J. Rahall and Senator Byrd enjoying the comments.

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

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

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Dr. Charles H. McKown, Jr., Dean and Vice President of the School of Medicine, Congressman Nick J. Rahall.

Dr. Charles H. McKown, Jr., Dean and Vice President, Marshall University President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, Dr. Charles H. McKeithan, Jr., Dean and Vice President, Susanna “Susu” A. Kapourales, MS 2011 Class President, James “Jeff” T. Mullins, MS 2010 Class President, Mary T. Sale, Class of 2011, and Jessica R. Brown, Class of 2011 and former Emilia Ota Byrd scholarship recipient.

Program participants honoring Senator Byrd.

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Ms. Tamela J. White
Dr. Suratkal V. Shenoy
Dr. Donald A. Seibert
Dr. Michael V. Korona, Jr., MD
Dr. Jennifer G. Collins
Dr. Mehdi H. Chowdhury
Dr. Hoyt J. Burdick
– who joined from July 1, – June 30, 2008

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

Stephen C. Edwards, MD 1987
Joseph E. Evans, MD 1992
J. Patrick Frents, MD 1999
Robert B. Gray, MD 1999
*Frank E. Fumich, MD 1999
Biju J. Goodacre, MD 1985
Robert R. Gray, MD 1999
Dalene Y. Gruetter, MD 1997
Cristal L. Gue, MD 1999
Garrett J. Hau, MD 1983
Lee C. Hoak, MD 1984
William H. Haney, MD 1986
Robert R. Hsa, MD 1996
Eric S. Hopkins, MD 1999
F. Scott Hunter, MD 1981
Eric W. Janson, MD 1990
John W. Kease, MD 1990
*Reginald J. McClung, MD 1983
Scott E. Miller, MD 1986
Manuel E. Molina, MD 1987
Gabrielle F. Morris, MD 1992
Stephen F. Morris, MD 1981
Kimberly A. Osby, MD 1994
Robert C. Pennington, MD 1982
Steven Pothukuchi, MD 1991
Daniel R. Ray, MD 1983
Charlotte A. Rhee, MD 1991
Bradley J. Richardson, MD 1993
Valerie L. Richly-Klein, MD 1989
Monica L. Richly, MD 1996
Rhonda Stites Ross, MD 1994
Daniel W. Russell, MD 1990
Kevin S. Smith, MD 1985
Anna M. Stasa, MD 1991
Timothy B. Talab, MD 1992
John F. Teney, MD 1981
Jack M. Trumon, MD 1996
Donald H. Truenn, MD 1996
Carrie A. Twieck, MD 1986
Paulette S. Withrow, MD 1991
William A. Welton II, MD 1991
Jeffrey W. Whitley, MD 1984
William N. Whirl, MD 1998
Myra L. Wilkinson, MD 1994
Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker 1984
Joanne R. Wunderlich, MD 1993
*Phillip N. Zambos, MD 1984

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

Annual Members
Richard O. Booth, Jr, MD 1998
Donna M. Bolick, MD 1997
Dawn R. Bridge-Alexander, MD 1998
Michelle R. Burdette, MD 1992
Mary Beth Butcher, MD 1983
Ryan R. Ciacies, MD 2002
Josh M. Cicco, MD 1997
Kevin J. Conaway, MD 1991
Robert J. Core, MD 1991
Gerald A. Doges, MD 2002
Harry H. Drumore, Jr, MD 1991
Michael G. Douglas, MD 1980

* School of Medicine Alumni • ‡ Deceased

Scott P. Duffy, MD 1998
Teresa A. Duncan, MD 1997
Patrick J. Epstein, MD 1996
Angela B. Ferguson, MD 1998
Joseph G. Foust, MD 2002
Jeremy D. Fuller, MD 2003
Robert T. Gallaher, MD 1984
Jeffery T. Gue, MD 1996
Christopher S. Goode, MD 2002
Glenn A. Harper, MD 1995
Darren L. Harris, MD 1997
Curtis W. Harrison, Jr, MD 1998
James T. Holbrook, MD 1987
David F. Hubbard, MD 1989
Edwin J. Humphrey III, MD 1996
David J. Hunt, MD 1995
Eric W. Irwin, MD 2002
F. Elizabeth Kemp, MD 1982
Devin A. King, MD 1999
Stacey N. Knox, MD 1997
Paula K. Larsen, MD 1996
Kathleen E. Lucas, MD 1998
John A. Lynch, MD 1998
Mary L. Marcuzi, MD 1997
Bradley R. Martin, MD 1983
Lia R. Maxwell, MD 1996
Charles C. McCormick, MD 1981
Nimish K. Mehta, MD 1997
Bobby L. Miller, MD 1997
Eric A. Morgan, MD 1994
Nancy B. Norton, MD 1999
David S. Parks, MD 1986
Danny M. Phillips, MD 1987
Joseph W. Poe, MD 1996
Terry O. Pratt, MD 1998
John A. Purcell, MD 1987
Elena E. Robertson, MD 2005
Sara L. Castro Rochester, MD 1985
Kathy L. Sayer, MD 1994
Joseph C. Shandian, MD 1993
Bernie M. Simons, MD 1992
Donna J. Slarton, MD 1990
Amanda D. Snodgrass, MD 2004
Staci K. Stadup, MD 2002
Isham W. Stevens, Jr, MD 1997
Alice C. Thornton, MD 1992
Andrea D. Morson VATOS, MD 2006
Ray M. Van Metre, MD 2000
Christopher J. Whittum, MD 1996
Patricia L. Wilson, MD 1994
Ted B. Vance, MD 1985
Gary B. Yeomans, MD 1987

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Dr. Hoyt J. Burdick
Dr. Melodi H. Chun-ho
Dr. Jennifer G. Collins
Dr. Michael V. Korona, Jr, MD
Dr. Donald A. Nebert
Dr. Stanislav V. Shenoy
Ms. Tamela J. White
Dr. Daniel J. Whitmore
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- **Cheryl L. Cook, MD  1985**
- **Karen Clark Gerbo, MD  1989**
- **Dennis M. Burton, MD  1981**
- **John G. Boswell, MD  1982**
- **Patrick C. Bonasso, MD  1981**
- **Gerald G. Blackwell, MD   1983**
- **Joseph P. Assaley, MD  1988**
- **Marsha S. Anderson, MD  1988**
- **Gregory D. Akers, MD  1988**
- **C. David Adair, MD**
- **Stephen C. Smith, MD**
- **Stephen F. Morris, MD**
- **C. Dwight Groves, MD**
- **Emmett F. Branigan, MD**
- **Patrick C. Bonasso, MD**
- **Richard E. Morgan, MD**
- **Jay C. Morgan, MD**
- **James W. Endicott, MD**
- **William E. Floyd, MD**
- **Nina K. Smith, MD**
- **Lee B. Smith, MD, JD**
- **C. Dwight Groves, MD**
- **Lee B. Smith, MD**
- **Robert E. Tatum, MD**
- **Out of 1173 school of medicine graduates with the classes of 1981 – 2008 represented, there were 261 donors for an overall participation of 22%.

#### SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

#### CHARTER LIFETIME MEMBERS

**LifeTime Membership in the School of Medicine Alumni Association** was created at the inaugural meeting of the Board of Directors on October 9, 1992. During the inaugural year of the Alumni Association, sixty-one members joined the association by making the one-time gift of $500. The School of Medicine and the Alumni Association extend our deepest appreciation to these members for their gifts and loyalty to their alma mater.

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Meet Harvey

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

### Charters for Harvey in 2008-09:

- **Carol H. Cooper, MD  1989**
- **Karen N. Daniel, MD  1983**
- **Samuel R. Davis, MD  1993**
- **James W. Endicott, MD  1983**
- **Carol A. Foster, MD  1985**
- **W. Douglas Givon, MD  1983**
- **Rose A. Goodwin, MD  1982**
- **Mary M. Gottlieb, MD  1989**
- **Wayne E. Grosu, MD  1983**
- **Jerry M. Hales, MD  1986**
- **Sue E. Hanks, MD  1986**
- **R. Mark Hatfield, MD  1983**
- **Leslie N. Hedblom, MD  1981**
- **Karen J. Heyd, MD  1985**
- **Paule Jarain, MD  1985**
- **Sandra J. Joseph, MD  1981**
- **Jack L. Kinder, Jr., MD  1991**
- **J. Douglas Kirk, MD  1998**
- **David C. Kowalski, MD  1987**
- **Carol M. Spencer-Lemay, MD  1983**
- **Kenneth F. McNeil, MD  1996**
- **Louis R. Molino, MD 1982**
- **James H. Morgan, MD  1988**
- **Kathy M. O’Hanlon, MD  1986**
- **Gretchen E. Oley, MD  1982**
- **C. Douglas Phillips, MD  1994**
- **Trudi L. Reis, MD  1989**
- **David S. Ratliff, MD  1996**
- **Evelyn Rector-Banks, MD  1994**
- **Erza B. Ruble, MD  1994**
- **Hobart R. Richay, MD  1983**
- **William S. Sholes, Jr., MD 1983**
- **Mark F. Sheldon, MD  1987**
- **Lee B. Smith, MD, JD  1982**
- **Nina K. Smith, MD  1981**
- **Stephen C. Smith, MD  1981**
- **James F. Speese, MD  1987**
- **Ron D. Stollings, MD  1982**
- **Katherine M. Stone, MD  1982**
- **Mark A. Studnick, MD  1986**
- **Thomas B. Styer, MD  1982**
- **Melody A. Swovely, MD  1987**
- **Jeffrey N. Thaxton, MD  1992**
- **Larry W. Watson, MD  1986**
- **Samuel D. Wellman, MD  1983**
- **Curts A. Winter, MD  1983**
- **Jimmy V. Wolfe, MD  1985**
- **Kevin W. Youngling, MD  1985**
- **Elaine M. Young, MD  1986**
- **Samula L. Zbaraka, MD  1969**
- **W. Matthew Zion, MD  1989**

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

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

Who is this willing patient? “Harvey” is a life-sized mannequin who serves as a cardiopulmonary patient simulator. He is a highly technical piece of equipment capable of simulating bedside findings, giving the user the opportunity to study various cardiac conditions and practice bedside examination techniques under realistic conditions without the need to find an appropriate group of cardiology patients. Harvey will be implemented into the curriculum for first and second year medical students beginning with the fall 2009 courses. Harvey has become a standard educational tool used across the country in clinical skills labs.

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

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

Amy Smith, RN BSN, assistant director of medical education and clinical skills coordinator, is actively involved in using “Harvey” and other simulators. “Harvey will be built into the curriculum of the clinical skills lab and will be integrated through all four years of education experiences,” Smith said. “Additionally, Harvey will allow us to provide these educational experiences in a highly technological manner that will enhance comprehension at all levels involving a patient’s medical encounter.”
The School of Medicine Alumni Association board of directors unanimously voted to honor Dr. Bruce S. Chertow by naming him as the 2008 honorary member of the Association. Dr. Chertow was honored at the 2008 Investiture.

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

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

• His many educational contributions include establishing the endocrinology fellowship training program, which trains residents to be endocrinologists and diabetologists for our region and beyond.

• Finally, he spearheaded the creation of Marshall’s Diabetes Center, which continues his legacy of service and commitment to patients and was honored by School on August 5, 2008, when the Center was named the Bruce S. Chertow, M.D. Diabetes Center in his honor.
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The founding and managing member of the law firm Farrell, Farrell & Farrell, Michael J. Farrell has a long-standing record of service to Marshall University and its medical school. In addition to being a distinguished trial lawyer, author, and lecturer, he is an esteemed educational leader as well.

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

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

## Dr. Mahmood Heydarian

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

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

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

### Dr. Mahmood Heydarian

| Michael J. Farrell |

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### Dr. Mahmood Heydarian

- **Medical School:** Marshall University School of Medicine
- **Head of Division:** Pediatric Cardiology
- **Diplomate:** American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Pediatric Cardiology
- **Journal Reviewer:** American Heart Journal
- **Publications:** Pediatric Cardiology, American Heart Journal, JAMA
- **Awards:** Nine teaching awards
- **Students' Appreciation:** Inspiration and exemplary education for Marshall's students
- **Influence:** Nine teaching awards from students

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### Michael J. Farrell

- **Law Firm:** Farrell, Farrell & Farrell
- **Career:** Distinguished trial lawyer, author, and lecturer
- **University Service:** Marshall University, medical school
- **Post-Position:** Marshall's interim president in 2005
- **Multiple Positions:** On higher education governing boards
- **Leadership:** Voluntary adjunct professor in Departments of Surgery and Family Practice
- **Contributions:** Multiple medico-legal programs
- **Additional:** Long-standing record of service to Marshall University and its medical school.
A new scholarship effort began recently in which each graduating class from the School of Medicine was asked to begin an endowed fund as a way for the class to give back to the school. The nature of and the guidelines for each scholarship are decided by each class.

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

Patrick C. Bonasso has the distinction of being the first graduate of the School of Medicine when he received his diploma on May 9, 1981. As class president and primary donor to Robert Coon Scholarship, he said couldn’t think of a better person to honor. “He was the first dean we had contact with,” Bonasso said. “He could have retired but he took a chance starting this new medical school and sacrificed a lot. And he brought a lot of prestige to the school.”

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

“The Class of 2009 is accumulating funds for the SOM Class of 2009 Monica A. Chroussis Endowment. Marc Hettlinger, president Class of 2009, said his class had no problem making a decision. “We came up with some possible ideas and allowed the class to vote on their favorite one,” Hettlinger said. “We ultimately decided to name a scholarship for a former classmate, Monica Chroussis, who passed away due to a rare lung disease. When the class voted, it was a unanimous decision to do this.”

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

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

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

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

Robert A. Hess, Class of 1984 and his wife, Janelle, wish to award a first year medical student who is the first in his or her family to attend medical school. “When I was an undergraduate at Marshall, had it not been for scholarships I might not have been able to attend college,” Hess said. “I received the Precursor of the Promise Scholarship, the Regents Scholarship. As long as I maintained my GPA, I could attend for free. My wife received scholarships as well. As for medical school, I was surprised to recall how substantially less it cost back then. Still, had it not been for private scholarships, I would not have been able to attend.”

“It has been very fortunate, so we decided to help a first year student,” Hess added. “Giving scholarships, I would not have been able to go back to the school gave us the opportunity to help someone else. We hope to be able to do more in the future. If you have the ability to help, you should, especially if you are a resident of the community. Marshall University and the School of Medicine are very important to Huntington.”

Hess is president of Ohio Valley Physicians, which manages emergency rooms in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, as well as some private practice and occupational medicine offices. He also practices emergency medicine. After working in the field for six years, Janelle became a homemaker in order to raise their family. Son Jonathan is a third year medical student at Marshall. They also have a daughter, Stephanie, who is 18.

Charlotte A. Rhee, Class of 1991, chose to establish a scholarship in her name for a first-year female medical student with financial need. “I am very grateful to the Marshall University School of Medicine for accepting me into the medical school and giving me the opportunity to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a plastic surgeon,” Rhee said. “I hope I can inspire other medical students to achieve their goals and also alleviate some of their financial burdens.”

Rhee, who was born and raised in West Virginia, is in solo practice in Huntington (Long Island), N.Y. She is a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon. She and her husband, Paul, have two children, T.J. and Isabella. Andrew H. Schindzielorz, Class of 1985, and Patricia S. Schindzielorz, Class of 1986, also chose to help a first-year medical student. “We feel blessed to have received an education from Marshall University and we want to pass this blessing on to the next generation of hard-working students,” Andrew Schindzielorz said. “We know that education is essential to all advancement and Marshall is an ever-present keystone for our progress. Marshall offers an opportunity to know and be part of the future and we are thankful that we can contribute to the future.”

The Schindzielorz’s live and work in the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina.
Dr. Rosencrance guest speaker at 2008 White Coat Ceremony

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

Toumas present stethoscopes to Class of 2012

Along with the white coats and book credits presented to the Class of 2012, long-time donors and loyal supporters of the school of medicine, Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma T. Touma, purchased and presented Littman stethoscopes to every student. Drs. Joseph E. & Mrs. Theresa S. Evans presented to the Class of 2012, long-time donors and loyal supporters of the school presented to the Class of 2012, long-time donors and loyal supporters of the school of medicine, Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma T. Touma with Price S. Ward, MSW, who is wearing the stethoscope purchased by the Toumas. They also purchased his white coat.

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

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

Dr. Joseph and Omayma Touma with Price S. Ward, MSW, who is wearing the stethoscope purchased by the Toumas. They also purchased his white coat.

Dr. James “Greg” G. Rosencrance, MD, FACP, Class of 1988
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Dr. Ken and Sharon Ambrose with the medical mission students.

Paul Ambrose died at the Pentagon during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. At the time of his death, he was the seventh Luther Terry Fellow in the U.S. Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Based in Washington, D.C., he was committed to projects that addressed obesity as a national problem and physician education for rural areas.

Ambrose received his undergraduate (1991) and medical (1995) degrees from Marshall University. In June 2000, he was awarded a master’s degree in public health from Harvard University.

His parents have taken an active role in the memorial fund that bears his name.

Kenneth Ambrose is a retired professor and chairman of the Sociology/Antropology Department at Marshall University. Sharon retired as president of the St. Mary’s Foundation several years ago. She is now taking care of grandchildren and working with various charities, including the Red Cross.

some of the illnesses that constantly plague the lives of these people due to the state in which they live,” he said.

“Thank you for your support,” he said in a letter to the Ambroses, “because without it, we would not have been able to accomplish our goals and make a positive impact in the world.”

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

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

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

Because of this generous fund, dedicated students from the School of Medicine traveled to Honduras in July to conduct a “medical brigade” that treated approximately 1,400 impoverished villagers. Accompanied by Dr. Dilip Nair of Marshall’s Department of Surgery, the team included seventeen Marshall medical students, Dr. Richard Crespo, and four others. Underwriting the trip was the Dr. Paul W. Ambrose Memorial Fund, which honors the young Marshall medical alumnus whose big vision—and bigger heart—were stifled in the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

In presenting a book about their trip to Paul’s parents, Dr. Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose, trip organizer Megan Thomas thanked them “for giving us a piece of Paul’s heart.”
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‘70s Flashback Weekend

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


This looks like a consult instead of a 25-year reunion!


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

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

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

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

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

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

Grambos credits Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose for this opportunity. “They have allowed us to ultimately increase the number of medical students able to go on brigade, including myself. For that I am very grateful. They have also allowed us to buy a substantial amount of medicines for these people. Their selflessness in the entire matter of losing their son and still being such a part of the medical school is greatly appreciated from everyone involved.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

While a sophomore at Marshall, Ferrell and three other students founded a Christian service outreach and Bible study ministry named Vine, which reached out to people who are homeless. As director of the Vine Homeless Ministry at the Huntington City Mission, Ferrell has dedicated hundreds of hours to the group’s efforts to bring both food and fellowship to the Mission each Sunday afternoon.

The fellowship, he said, is an essential and eye-opening part of the project.

“I have found that the greatest suffering at the Mission has not been the addictions or less most commonly attributed to the homeless condition, but is the desire for human connection that people no longer receive,” he said. Volunteer Gary Moore of Huntington said Ferrell exemplifies compassion and dedication.

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

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

“I want to be a doctor that is invested in my community and actively seeking to improve not only the patients’ health but also the state of the social community,” he said. The community leadership scholarship is awarded to medical students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to their community. It is renewable annually for four years in return for a total of 50 hours of volunteer service per year in community outreach programs.

For more information visit: musom.edu/scholarship/communityleadership

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Graduating doctors at Marshall’s medical school will enter the vital primary care specialties at more than 1.5 times the national average and enter some of the nation’s most competitive training programs, according to results released Thursday by the National Resident Matching Program. “These are excellent results for our students,” said Dr. Marie Veitia, associate dean for student affairs at Marshall’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “A significant number of our students were accepted into highly competitive specialties such as dermatology, ophthalmology, anesthesiology, and emergency medicine. “We are happy that 18 students elected to stay at Marshall for their specialty training, and that others were accepted to institutions such as Johns Hopkins, Mayo, UCLA and Emory,” she said. This year’s graduates will enter surgery at more than twice the national average, pediatrics and family medicine at 1.5 times the national average. Other fields they are entering at above-average rates include psychiatry, dermatology, emergency medicine and general internal medicine. Overall, 61.5 percent of Marshall graduates will enter the primary care fields of family practice, general internal medicine and pediatrics, compared to 39.7 percent nationally. In keeping with the state’s historical average, 44 percent of the graduates will enter residencies in West Virginia.

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In 2008 the School of Medicine celebrated another historic milestone, when the Class of 1983 celebrated their 25-year reunion during the “70s Flashback Weekend.” The School of Medicine’s 21st Homecoming Weekend was September 12 – 13. Also returning were the classes of 1988 (20-year reunion), 1993 (15-year reunion), 1998 (10-year reunion) and 2003 (5-year reunion).

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

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

The Class of 1983 celebrated its 25-year reunion

Dr. Frederick “Fred” D. Adams
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Dr. Reginald “Reggie” J. McClung
Dr. William “Bill” S. Sheils, Jr.
Eleventh annual golf classic

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

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

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

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  - Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine
  - Huntington, WV

- Ophthalmology
  - Ohio State University
  - Columbus, OH

- Joshua Adam Walker
  - Emergency Medicine
  - Genesys Regional Medical Center
  - Grand Blanc, MI
Take a Seat Campaign

Thanks to many of our donors who have given $1,000 to endow the “Take a Seat Campaign,” the School of Medicine’s Educational Technology Fund. David N. Bailey, Assistant Dean, Continuing Medical Education, will utilize the funds from the endowment to integrate the continuing education conference rooms with the Harless Auditorium audio visual capabilities and add Bluetooth technology.

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

Your generous gift will enable the School of Medicine to maintain and enhance its cutting-edge technological support for health sciences education. Remember, your gift of $1,000 may be paid over as many as three years and is tax deductible. For more information on the “Take a Seat Campaign,” please call 304/691-1711 or toll-free at 877/691-1600.

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Elitsurs support the “Take a Seat” campaign

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

The Elitsurs most recent gift is in memory of Yoram’s brother, Rah Elitsur (1949-2007). Past gifts have memorialized Elitsur’s father, Itzhak Elitsur (1921-38), and his mother, Rivka Elitsur.

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

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

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

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

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