**JCESOM addresses regional and nationwide obesity epidemic**

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine (JCESOM) hosted its inaugural childhood obesity conference on Oct. 2nd. According to JCESOM Dean Dr. Joseph Shapiro, 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. “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.”

The day-long conference featured a presentation given by Jeffrey M. Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., titled “Discovery of Leptin Gene and the Biologic Basis of Obesity.” Dr. Friedman, who discovered the obesity gene leptin, is a professor at The Rockefeller University and an investigator with the Howards Hughes Medical University.

Presentations were also given by speakers from the University of Connecticut Health Center, the West Virginia School of Medicine, Cabell Huntington Hospital, and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

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“**There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”**

- Colin Powell

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**Reaching New Heights**

Every member of our JCESOM community is heading down the same track to an agreed-upon destination: we are moving forward, reaching new heights, and making JCESOM an even better medical school. This issue of PEN covers how the JCESOM community is addressing the challenges facing our region and celebrates the success of our faculty, students, residents, and staff. That success belongs to you; it is the direct result of your dedication and diligence. Thank you for your hard work and commitment. We can look forward to reaching new heights as a team dedicated to scholarship, education, and service.

Darshana Shah
Dear colleagues,

Fall begins with the accomplishment of a major milestone for JCESOM. Thanks to the hard work of the faculty, students, residents, and staff, our school is no longer on probation. You worked hard to create a culture of innovation and creativity in response to the LCME’s review. Your input and ideas helped shape an excellent model for medical education, and I am greatly appreciative of everyone’s efforts.

Everyone at JCESOM deserves a pat on the back for their incredible efforts, and I am encouraged that our future is bright. With our accreditation status now solid, we can move forward. We now look to the future and strive, not only to sustain the great things we have done, but to further hone the medical program at JCESOM. In the words of University President Stephen J. Kopp, “Accreditation compliance work is ongoing and an incumbent responsibility of all concerned.” Our success is a result of the creativity and talents of our entire academic community, and, again, I thank all of you.

We have pushed out of our comfort zone, and we must keep our momentum. I believe we are undergoing a cultural transformation, making JCESOM a more research-active, scholarly, and student-centered school. I reiterate my promise to keep our core mission, the training of excellent physicians who practice in West Virginia, central to our culture here at JCESOM.

Keep up the good work.

My best wishes to all during this holiday season,

Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D.
Dean, JCESOM
Shown here are speakers and participants in the conference, from left to right and top to bottom: Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp, Ph.D., and Dr. Joseph Shapiro present Dr. Jeffrey Friedman with an honorary Marshall degree; Nader G. Abraham, Ph.D., Dr. H.C., vice dean for research at JCESOM; William Neal, M.D., pediatric cardiologist and professor of pediatrics at West Virginia University's School of Medicine; Kevin Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., inaugural dean of Marshall University School of Pharmacy; Karen Bowling, cabinet secretary for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources; West Virginia Senator Robert Plymale; West Virginia Senator Evan Jenkins; West Virginia Senator Ron Stollings, who graduated from JCESOM in 1982; Don Perdue, R.Ph., West Virginia House of Delegates; Tim Hazelett, administrator for Cabell-Huntington Health Department; Hoyt Burdick, M.D., vice president of medical affairs for Cabell Huntington Hospital; and Judge Dan O’Hanlon, director of the West Virginia Network (WVNET) and retired Cabell County Circuit Judge. The conference was a direct opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and community members to learn about and discuss the obesity epidemic in West Virginia and the nation.
Shelvy L. Campbell, Ph.D., assistant dean for diversity, discusses the impact of the exhibit at JCESOM:

We are so excited to be able to offer this free exhibit to our community. Through contemporary and historical images, the exhibition takes visitors on a journey through the lives and achievements of these academic surgeons and provides a glimpse into the stories of those that came before them and those that continue the tradition today.

When I first viewed this exhibit it reminded me of a quote by Maya Angelou, “No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place.”

This exhibit contains a tremendous amount of information and is a great informal learning experience that captures the interest of anyone viewing it! “Opening Doors” is not intended to be an encyclopedic look at African American academic surgeons, but is intended to provide only a glimpse into the contributions that African American academic surgeons have made to medicine and medical education. I hope that through this exhibition we can bring these stories to light and inspire others to pursue careers in academic surgery.

NAMI Chapter established at JCESOM

JCESOM is now home to West Virginia’s first collegiate chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). According to third-year medical student Kelly Ann Groves, “NAMI’s big goal is to eliminate the stigma of mental illness and to make it evident that no one is alone in their illness and we are proud to help make a difference.” Thanks to the focused efforts of a core group of students and staff, new NAMI programs and opportunities are being implemented on both the medical school and undergraduate campuses.

“Aenigma Medicorum,” showcases literary and artistic talents of JCESOM students and staff

“Aenigma Medicorum,” a literary and art review published by medical students at JCESOM, features poetry, photography, musical selections, and short essays about life as seen through the eyes of medical students and physicians. The book’s executive editor, Matthew Q. Christiansen, M.D., a 2013 graduate of JCESOM and first-year resident in the department of family medicine, says the publication is an attempt to strengthen the medical school community by reaffirming commitment to the human experience and clinical excellence. The inaugural edition may be viewed digitally at http://musom.marshall.edu/students/AenigmaMedicorum/. Submissions may be emailed to aenigmamedicorum@gmail.com.

SAVE THESE DATES!

JCESOM’s Academy of Medical Educators will present the Academy Symposium and Member Induction Ceremony on December 10, 2013.

On January 15, 2014, Women in Medicine and Science will hold their second annual leadership forum. The theme of the event is ‘inspire, engage, learn, and lead.’
Darshana Shah, Ph.D., associate dean of faculty affairs and professional development, was elected to the Group on Faculty Affairs (GFA) Steering Committee for the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC). The mission of the GFA is to build and sustain faculty vitality in medical schools and teaching hospitals. Dr. Shah is the first faculty member from Marshall University to be elected to an AAMC steering committee.

Paul B. Ferguson, M.D., assistant professor of neuroscience, has been inducted to Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) national honor society.

Paulette Wehner, M.D., FAHA, senior associate dean for graduate medical education and a professor in the department of cardiovascular service, was named a fellow of the American Heart Association at its September meeting in New Orleans. The fellowship distinction was granted for Dr. Wehner’s scientific and professional accomplishments and her volunteer leadership and service.

Christopher Adams, M.D., a fellow with the department of cardiology, received the James Willerson Clinical Award Competition for Residents and Fellows from the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences (IACS). The award was established to promote, encourage, and recognize young talents in cardiovascular science, medicine and surgery. Dr. Adams was recognized for his research, “Perivascular Fat Relation to Hypertension: WV-Appalachian Heart Study.”

Kimberly R. Becher, M.D., a family medicine resident in the department of family and community health, was recently elected to serve as the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents representative to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

Thomas H. Dougherty, M.D., an associate professor of pathology, has been elected as chair of the regional volunteer advisory board for the American Red Cross Greater Alleghenies Blood Services Region.

Undergraduates gain medical experience through JCESOM’s NICU Summer Clerkship

Dr. Joseph Werthammer and Dr. Joseph Shapiro speak to students Zenobia Ofori-Dankwa, Nyema Woart, and Alissa Harrell (pictured left to right) participating in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Summer Clerkship. As it often requires years of coursework and schooling before prospective doctors become practicing physicians, the clerkship highlights the relationship between a students’ current coursework and their end goal of becoming practicing doctors. The four-week program provides interested undergraduate students with face-time and hands-on experience in the medical field.
Welcome New Faculty Members

Audra Ramsey, D.O., has joined the Department of Family and Community Health as an assistant professor. Dr. Ramsey completed one year of an obstetrics and gynecology residency and three years of a family and community health residency at Marshall University’s JCESOM.

C. Stephen Woolums, M.D., has joined the Department of Surgery as an associate professor. Dr. Woolums has served as an urologist at Cumberland Valley Urology in Corbin, KY. He completed his medical degree and urology residency at University of Kentucky’s College of Medicine in Lexington, KY.

Claire M. Belgrave, M.D., D.M., has joined the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Belgrave earned her bachelor of medicine/bachelor of surgery and her master in public health at the University of the West Indies in Mona, Jamaica. She completed her doctor of medicine in psychiatry at the University of West Indies in St. Augustine, Trinidad. Her residency in psychiatry and fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry were completed at the State University of New York in New York, NY.

Glennis E. Peters, a Licensed Professional Counselor (MA-LPC), has joined the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine as an instructor. Mr. Peters has worked as a therapist specializing in family and maternal addiction therapy at University Physicians and Surgeons, Inc. in Huntington, WV. He earned his B.S. teaching degree in physical education and health from the West Virginia Institute of Technology in Montgomery, WV, and his M.A. in counseling from Marshall University.

Jennifer “Nikki” Ward, D.O., has joined the Department of Family and Community Health as an assistant professor. Dr. Ward earned her medical degree at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV. She completed her residency in family and community health at Marshall University.

James B. Doub, M.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Doub completed his medical degree and internal medicine residency at JCESOM.

Jeffrey T. Boggess, Ph.D., has joined the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Boggess has worked as a consulting/clinical psychologist in Hurricane, WV; as a medical consultant for the WV Department of Rehabilitation Services in Charleston, WV; and as the director of the Prestera Center/Marshall University Clinical Internship Consortium in Huntington, WV. He earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in clinical psychology at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. He completed his residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS.

Jeffrey K. Harris, M.D., has joined the Department of Pediatrics as an assistant professor. Dr. Harris has worked in pediatrics for the Medical University of South Carolina. He earned his medical degree at JCESOM. He completed his pediatric residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, and his pediatric cardiology fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC.

Jennie Lee Yoost, M.D., has joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology as an assistant professor. Dr. Yoost has worked at the Kosair Children’s Hospital as a gynecology specialist, and completed her M.S. in clinical investigational sciences at the University of Louisville’s School of Public Health in Louisville, KY. She earned her medical degree at University of Louisville’s School of Medicine, completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC, and finished her fellowship in pediatric and adolescent gynecology at the University of Louisville and Kosair Children’s Hospital in Louisville, KY.

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Leonard White, M.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. White has worked in internal medicine as a hospitalist and primary care physician with Spectrum Health Medical Group in Grand Rapids, MI, and Detroit Community Health Connection in Detroit, MI. He completed his medical degree and internal medicine residency at the University of Toledo Medical Center in Toledo, OH.

Marc R. Spencer, Ph.D., has joined the Department of Anatomy and Pathology as an instructor. Dr. Spencer has served as an adjunct faculty instructor at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA. He earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in geological sciences at the State University of New York in Binghamton, NY; at Bowling Green State University in Bowling, OH; and at the University of Iowa in Des Moines, IA, respectively. His research interests include phylogenetic systematics and functional morphology of vertebrates, especially dinosaurs; dinosaurian origins and Mesozoic paleobiogeography; methods for phylogeny estimation, character evolution, and biogeographic reconstruction.

Martha A. Fernandez, Psy.D., has joined the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine as an instructor. Dr. Fernandez has worked as an assistant professor at the West Virginia School of Medicine in Morgantown, WV. She attained her B.A. in psychology at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL; she received her M.S. and Psy.D. in psychology from the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL. She completed her internship at the Clayton Center, Behavioral Health Services, in St. Louis, MO.

Neha Garg, M.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Garg has worked as a nephrology and hypertension fellow at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, OH. She earned her M.B.B.S. at B.J. Medical College in Pune, India, and received her master in public health at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL, with a focus on clinical research design and epidemiology. She completed her internship and internal medicine residency at Wayne State University and the Detroit Medical Center in Detroit, MI.

Prasanna Santhanam, M.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Santhanam received his M.B.B.S at B.J. Medical College in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, and his internal medicine degree from the N.H.L. Municipal Medical College in Gujarat, India. He attained his master in public health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in New York, NY. He completed a residency in medicine and therapeutics at Sheth VS Hospital at Gujarat University, in Ahmedabad. He completed an internal medicine internship and a fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism at JCESOM.

Randy S. Kinnard, M.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Kinnard has worked as a hospitalist for the Holzer Health System in Gallipolis, OH. He completed his medical degree and internal medicine residency at JCESOM.

Robert A. Marsh, M.D., Ph.D., has joined the Department of Neuroscience as an assistant professor. Dr. Marsh has served at the San Antonio Military Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. He received his medical degree at the University of Toledo's College of Medicine in Toledo, OH. He completed his residency in neurosurgery at Wake Forest Baptist Health in Winston-Salem, NC, with a focus on complex spine, open vascular surgery, skull-base, neurosurgical oncology, and stereotaxic radiosurgery. He completed his Ph.D. in biomedical sciences with an emphasis on neuroscience at Kent State University in Kent, OH, in conjunction with Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown, OH.

Robin Arora, M.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Arora has worked for Kumar Nephrology and Hypertension, Inc. in Huntington, WV. He received his M.B.S.S. from Maulana Azad Medical College in India, and completed his master in health, policy, and management at the University at Albany, State University of New York. He completed his internal medicine residency at the James J. Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New York, NY, and his nephrology fellowship at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. He recently earned his M.B.A in healthcare administration at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Samrina Hanif, M.D., has joined the Department of Neuroscience as an assistant professor. Dr. Hanif has served as an associate clinical professor at the Pikeville College.

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of Osteopathic Medicine in Pikeville, KY. She received her M.B.S.S. from Dow Medical University in Karachi, Pakistan, and completed her internship at Aga Khan University in Karachi. Her postgraduate training included working as an associate research scientist at New York University in New York, NY; completing an internal medicine internship at the New York Medical College Metropolitan Hospital; completing a neurology residency at St. Vincent’s Catholic Center in Manhattan, NY; and completing an epilepsy/clinical neurophysiology fellowship at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

Shah M. Nadeen, M.D., has joined the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine as an assistant professor. Dr. Nadeen has served as the acting chief of psychiatry and as a general/addiction psychiatrist at the Huntington Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He completed his general psychiatry residency at Metropolitan Hospital Center in New York, NY, and his fellowship in addiction psychiatry at the North Shore University Hospital Center in Manhasset, NY. He specializes in treating posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse.

Stacy Sheppard, a Board-Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC), has joined the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine as an instructor. Ms. Sheppard has worked for Vanderbilt Medical Center as a PMHNP. She completed her B.A. in psychology at Marshall University in Huntington, WV, and her associate degree in nursing at St. Mary’s School in Huntington, WV. She received both her B.S. and M.S. in nursing from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

Terrence D. Julien, M.D., has joined the Department of Neuroscience as an associate professor. Dr. Julien has served as an assistant professor at West Virginia University’s School of Medicine in Morgantown, WV. He received his medical degree from Howard University’s College of Medicine in Washington, D.C. He completed his general surgery, neurosurgery, and neurosurgical oncology residencies and fellowships at the Medical Center of Delaware in Wilmington, DE; at the New York University Medical Center in New York, NY; at the State University of New York Health Science Center in Syracuse, NY; at the Weill Medical School of Cornell University in New York, NY; and at the Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL.

Todd H. Davies, Ph.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine as a research assistant professor. Dr. Davies has served as the chief executive officer for ADS Biotechnologies in Toledo, OH. He received his B.S. in biology from Wesley College in Dover, DE, and his Ph.D. in medical science from the University of Toledo Health Science Campus.

Woodrow H. Berry, J.D., L.L.M., has joined the Department of Pediatrics as an associate professor. Dr. Berry has worked as an independent marketing consultant and has served as an Associate Professor of Accountancy and Legal Studies at Marshall University. Dr. Berry completed his B.S. in communications at Ohio University in Athens, OH. He earned his juris doctorate at Howard University School of Law in Washington D.C., and his master of laws in taxation at Capital University in Columbus, OH.

Seven students inaugurated into national honor medical society

Seven fourth-year students from JCESOM have been selected to the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. AOA is a professional medical organization that recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine.
### AWARDS, HONORS & SERVICE

**JCESOM’s scholarly activity reaching new heights**  
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Journal Reviewers and Editors

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Internal Medicine

Zeid J. Khitan serves on the editorial board for the Global Journal of Human Anatomy and Physiology Research.

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Orthopedic Surgery
Ali Oliashirazi is a reviewer for the Advances in Orthopedics Journal and Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery and a member of the peer review panel for the International Congress for Joint Replacement.

Franklin D. Shuler is a reviewer for Orthopedics.

Pediatrics
Deborah L. Klimek serves on the review panel for the Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus.

Pharmacology, Physiology, & Toxicology
Piyali Dasgupta is a reviewer for Cancer Research and the British Journal of Cancer.

Monica Valentovic serves on the editorial board for Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health and is a reviewer for Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology, Toxicology In Vitro, and Diabetes.

Jung Han Kim is the associate editor for BMC Genetics.

Psychiatry
Marie C. Veitia serves on the editorial board for Cureus.

Grants Funded

Cardiology

Robert C. Touchon, Ellen A. Thompson. “OMEGA-3’S IN METABOLIC SYNDROME: The objective of this study is to determine the efficacy of VASCAZEN in increasing blood concentrations of long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids in enrolled subjects, as well as safety of use.” Pivotal Therapeutics, beginning July 2013.


Internal Medicine

OB GYN
Ryan A. Stone. “Level of buprenorphine measured in samples of cord blood as an independent risk factor for neonatal abstinence syndrome.” Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health, $15,000.

Ryan A. Stone. “Placental ADRB1 MRNA as a potential predictor of outcome and possible therapeutic target in high risk pregnancies.” Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health, $15,000.


Orthopedic Surgery

Pediatrics
Brian S. Dunlap. “Reach Out and Read Early Childhood Reading Grant.” Target, $2,000, September 2013 - August 2014.


Pharmacology, Physiology, & Toxicology

Monica Valentovic. “Transsulfuration and epigenetics as a mechanism for alcohol risk in breast cancer.” NIH, $1,813,750.

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(Biochemistry & Microbiology), Franklin D. Shuler (Orthopedic Surgery). “Temperature enhanced bone elongation in growth plates (Full Proposal).” Center for Clinical and Translational Research: University of Kentucky, $25,000, August 2013 - December 2014.


Grant Reviewers and Study Sections

Anatomy & Pathology
John Wilkinson IV serves as an ad hoc reviewer for Lytmos Group.

Biochemistry & Microbiology
Pier Paulo P. Claudio serves as ad hoc member of the Committee Grant Evaluation NIH/MONC study section at NIH, Bethesda, MD.

W. Elaine Hardman is a grant reviewer for the Italian Ministry of Health.

Vincent E. Sollars is a grant reviewer for the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program managed by the Florida Department of Health.

Pharmacology, Physiology, & Toxicology
Jung Han Kim is an ad-hoc reviewer for NIDDK DDK-C Subcommittee R03 (Lipids BSc2) for the American Heart Association

Service

International/National

Anatomy & Pathology
Maria A. Serrat is a focus group participant with the Evaluation of Grant’s Anatomy Dissector for Lippincott Williams and Wilkins Publisher.

Biochemistry & Microbiology
Richard M. Niles is an ad hoc member for the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program.

Cardiology
Ellen A. Thompson is a member of the Curriculum Committee for the American Society of Echocardiography.

Paulette S. Wehner serves as the director of the Visiting Professor Program, for the Women in Cardiology Council of the American College of Cardiology.

Internal Medicine
Joseph I. Shapiro is a committee member for the both the Chronic Kidney Disease Advisory Group (ASN) and the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease (KCVD) Committee of the American Heart Association

Orthopedic Surgery
Ali Oliashirazi serves as a delegate for the International Consensus on Periprosthetic Joint Infection.

Pediatrics
Patricia J. Kelly is a member of PREP (Pediatrics Review & Education Program) Adolescent Medicine Editorial Board for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Psychiatry
Tracy L. LeGrow is a member of the Planning Committee for the 2014 Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference.

Surgery
Bonnie L. Beaver is a member of both the WV chapter of the American College of Surgeons Planning Committee and the WV State Trauma Advisory Committee for the WV State Trauma Advisory Council.

Regional/State

Anatomy & Pathology
Maria A. Serrat served as a judge for the 2013 Appalachian Regional Cell Conference, October 2013.

Internal Medicine
Lynne J. Goebel is on the Membership Committee for the WV Geriatric Society.

Shirley M. Neitch is the co-chair for the WV Partnership for Elder Living and a board member for the WV Center for End-of-Life Care.

OB GYN
Brenda L. Dawley is a member of both the Tobacco Prevention in Pregnancy Committee and the Gestational Diabetes Committee for WV.

Oncologic Services
Uma Sundaram is a member of Graduate Medical Education, Health Disparities Committee, West Virginia University Health Sciences Center.

Orthopedic Surgery
Ali Oliashirazi serves as Director, Orthopedic Services, King’s Daughters Medical Center.

Psychiatry
Tracy L. LeGrow is a member of the Planning Committee for the 2014 Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference.

Surgery
Bonnie L. Beaver is a member of both the WV chapter of the American College of Surgeons Planning Committee and the WV State Trauma Advisory Committee for the WV State Trauma Advisory Council.

Local

Anatomy & Pathology
Maria A. Serrat is a a member of the Science Cafe Outreach Program for High School Students for the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, with Cabell Midland High School and Marshall University Graduate Student Organization.

Krista Denning is the medical director of the Cabell Huntington Hospital School of Cytotechnology.

OB GYN
Brenda L. Dawley is a member of JCESOM’s Infant and Maternal Mortality Review Team.

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Pediatrics
Jenna B. Dolan is a member of the Pediatric Nurse Education Committee for Marshall Pediatrics. Amy D. Lochow is the director for the Quality Improvement Project at JCESOM’s 5210 Keep Me Healthy.

Meeting Presentations

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Jung Han Kim, T.P. Stewart, X. Mao, K.D. Dillon. “Characterizations of the energy balance and circulating inflammation makers in a polygenic mouse model of obesity and type 2 diabetes.” Poster presentation at European Congress on Obesity, United Kingdom, May 2013.


Gary O. Rankin, C. Racine, T. Ferguson, D. Preston, and D. Anestis. “Attenuation of 1,2,3-trichloro-4-nitrobenzene nephrotoxicity by antioxidants and inhibitors of biotransformation.” Poster presentation at Experimental Biology, Boston, MA, April 2013.


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Oncologic Services
Uma Sundaram. “WVCTSI -- What it means for you.” Oral presentation at West Virginia University Health Science Center, Townhall, WV, 2012.


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Neuroscience
Paul B. Ferguson, Jacob Kilgore (Medicine/Pediatrics), Tamara Barghouthi (MS4). “Problems Based Learning (PBL) in Academic Medicine.” Oral presentation at Marshall University Neurology Department Grand Rounds, Cabell Huntington Hospital Huntington, WV, August 2013.

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Staff Achievements

Glenna Bailey, Sarah Hicks, and Heidi Zbosnik (Family and Community Health) authored the West Virginia Child Care Nurse Health Consultants Newsletter. Published Fall 2013.

Newswatch
Shirley M. Neitch wrote “Advancing to Leadership (Editorial)” in GWIMS Watch. Published 2013.


JCESOM welcomes 25 students for Project P.R.E.M.E.D.

Participants in JCESOM’s Project P.R.E.M.E.D. (Providing Real World Experiences for Future Marshall Educated Doctors) pose for a photo during a welcome reception with Marshall University President Stephen Kopp; Dr. Shelvey Campbell, JCESOM assistant dean for diversity; Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of JCESOM; and Dr. Sherry Clark, vice president of multicultural affairs at Marshall University. The program, held for three days in September, gives 25 undergraduate students from colleges and universities around the nation the opportunity to explore and experience the medical school during a three-day campus immersion visit that includes mock medical school interview sessions, robotic surgery demonstrations, and discussions with current medical students and residents about life as a physician.