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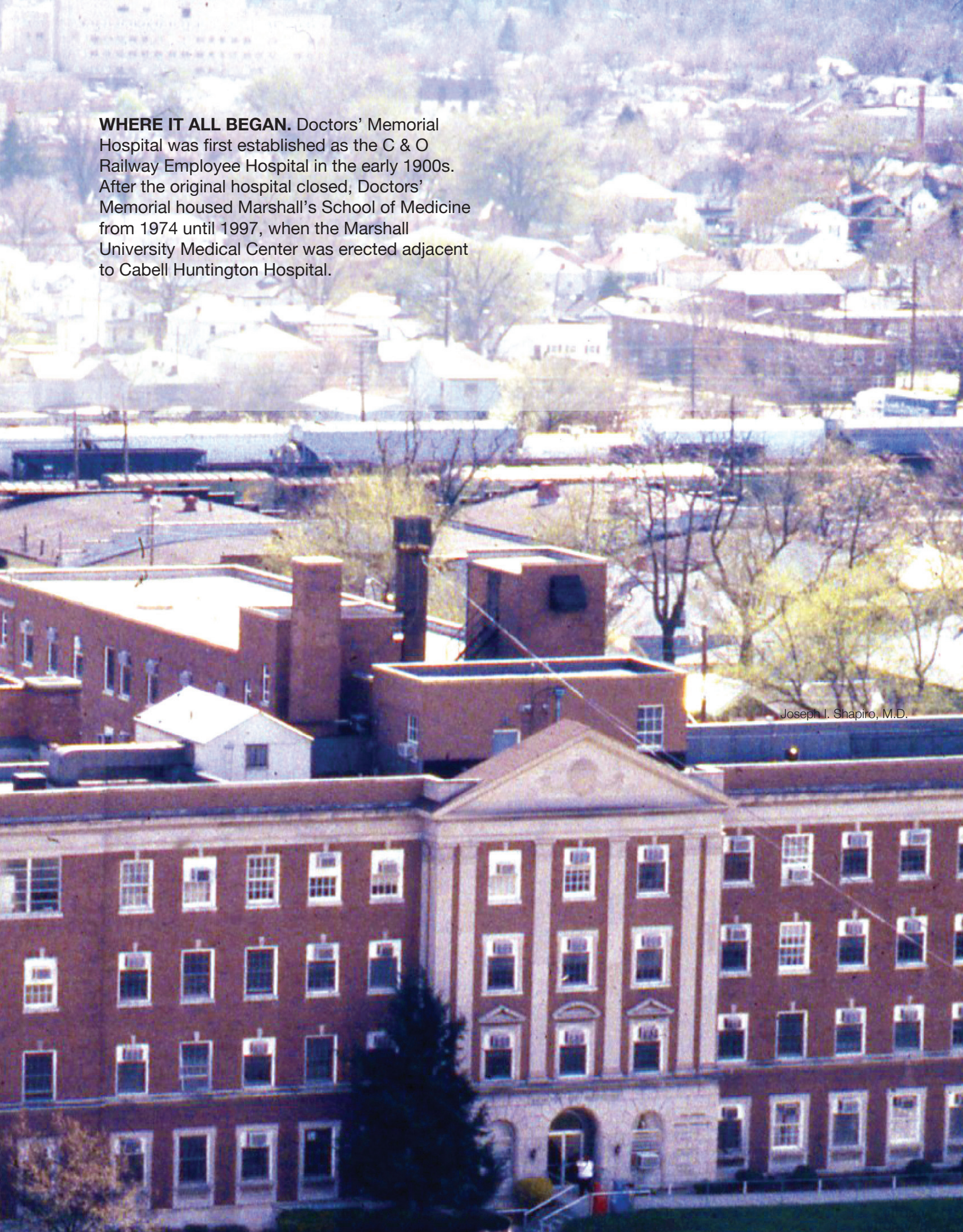
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FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE MARSHALL UNIVERSITY JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## **A VISION** *of Success*

For the McCorkle family, celebrating the  
School of Medicine's  
40th anniversary  
is a family affair.



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Huntington, West Virginia. In the foreground, a large, multi-story brick building with a classical facade, featuring a central portico with columns, is visible. This is the Doctors' Memorial Hospital. Behind it, the city extends up a hillside, with numerous residential houses and other commercial buildings. The image has a slightly faded, historical quality.

**WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.** Doctors' Memorial Hospital was first established as the C & O Railway Employee Hospital in the early 1900s. After the original hospital closed, Doctors' Memorial housed Marshall's School of Medicine from 1974 until 1997, when the Marshall University Medical Center was erected adjacent to Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D.



## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK .....

### Forty Years & Still a Family



Forty years ago, we were just starting out. A small, rural medical school with just 24 students and several dozen faculty.

Fast forward four decades and Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is now the hub of a bustling academic medical enterprise with a robust patient base, medical education and physician training programs that only continue to grow and a dynamic foundation of clinical and basic science research.

What was a class size of just 24 students has grown to 75, in addition to a handful of other master's and doctoral programs. We now have more than 200 resident physicians and fellows. And, development of a new physician assistant program is underway. Last year, we distributed \$2.9 million in scholarships to these students — a number we must continue to grow.

Despite shrinking state support, the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is a thriving medical enterprise providing valuable patient care, education and training to the far-reaching corners of our state thanks to 300 full-time faculty members and hundreds of other volunteer faculty.

The acquisition of St. Mary's Medical Center by our primary teaching hospital, Cabell Huntington Hospital, will undoubtedly open the doors for expanded training programs and well as clinical care.

Marshall continues to improve its research posture in the clinical, translational and basic sciences through a number of pilot programs and partnerships with other institutions. Research funding to the school of medicine now sits at around \$43.7 million — the largest in our school's history.

Over the years, we've managed to maintain the essence of who we were in the early days — a family. When our alumni return to Marshall, we hear the phrase "we were a family" echoed over and over. I tend to think it's that synergy that has made Marshall what it is today. There's a team spirit that embodies our medical student education evidenced by newly integrated learning communities. Hands-on clinical and rural health rotations give our students experiences that better prepare them for competitive residency programs.

This is part of who we are as a medical school. We are training compassionate physicians and preparing them to deliver advanced care to all patients.

Warm regards,

Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D.  
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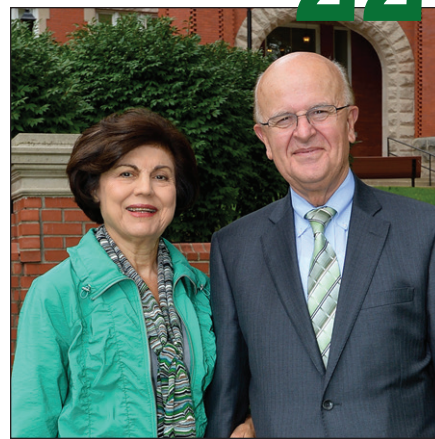
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**ON THE COVER:** DR. DOUGLAS C. McCORKLE AND HIS WIFE DR. LYNN HARRIS-McCORKLE POSE AT THEIR HOME IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. PHOTO BY KATYA BALABAN.



## Marshall University breaks ground on new school of pharmacy, graduate student housing complex

Construction is underway on a new \$56 million school of pharmacy academic building and graduate student housing complex on Marshall University's health science campus.

The new academic building, which will be located at the corner of Hal Greer Boulevard and Charleston Avenue in Huntington, will house research, instructional, communal and administrative areas. The graduate housing project, adjacent to the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center, will feature 200 units for apartment-style living and will accommodate pharmacy and medical students as well as resident physicians.

"Construction of this new pharmacy facility and graduate student housing complex will be a turning



An architect's rendering of the new graduate student housing complex adjacent to the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center.

point in the revitalization of this neighborhood and this community," said Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert, Ph.D. "We can leverage this project, along with the resources of our existing health science campus and Cabell Huntington Hospital, to reimagine what the Hal Greer Boulevard corridor can be."

The new facilities are the result of a public-private partnership between the university and private investment firm Signet LLC. Signet is managing the financing, design and construction of the project, which will be funded primarily through proceeds from the housing complex.

The new complex is expected to be completed in August 2019.

Marshall University celebrated a ceremonial groundbreaking for the complex on June 18, 2018.



## Marshall University oral health program honored with national award

The Marshall University/West Virginia Oral Health Coalition, an outreach of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, received the 2018 Smiles Across America® Program Champion Award from Oral Health America (OHA) for its work in advancing oral health for more than 100,000 low-income children in rural West Virginia and its contributions to the OHA webinar series.

The Marshall University/West Virginia Oral Health

Coalition was a founding partner of Smiles Across America, which helps address and educate children and their families on the importance of oral health care. It was also instrumental in establishing the West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition, a nonprofit that brings together organizations and state agencies in a collaborative effort to improve the health of West Virginia children and families.



## Dean Shapiro achieves honor of Mastership from American College of Physicians



Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D.

Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., was approved for Mastership by the American College of Physicians. Election to Mastership recognizes outstanding and extraordinary career accomplishments. Masters must have made a notable contribution to medicine.

Dr. Shapiro is one of only two physicians at Marshall University ever awarded Mastership — with the first being Maurice A. Mufson, M.D.

Dr. Shapiro will be recognized at the annual convocation ceremony during the Internal Medicine Meeting in April 2019.

## Marshall forms Department of Urology

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine established a formal Department of Urology in July 2018.

Although the school of medicine and Marshall Health have been providing urology services since 2005 under the school's department of surgery, the formation of a department means added opportunities for training and patient care.

"It is our hope that this expansion will pave the way for expanded urology services, clinical research opportunities and a urology residency program," said Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D.

James C. Jensen, M.D., a professor, urologic oncologist and acting medical director of the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center at Cabell Huntington Hospital, has been tapped to lead and grow the department as its first chairman.

## Expansion of Graduate Medical Education

### Two additional psychiatry fellowships approved

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine received initial accreditation to move forward with two new fellowship programs in the department of psychiatry and behavioral medicine.

Approval for the child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship and the geriatric psychiatry fellowship was issued by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical

Education (ACGME) in February 2018. The approval signals expansion for both education and clinical care for the school and community, respectively.

The child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship is two years with four approved positions, while the geriatric fellowship is one year with one approved position. The programs will begin July 1, 2019.

### Dental residency earns full accreditation

The Commission on Dental Accreditation has awarded accreditation to the dental residency program, which began in 2016 under the joint umbrella of Marshall University and Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Dental residents experience an intensive 12-month program designed to train general dentists in the management of medically complex situations and special needs patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

### Community consortium launches family medicine residency

The Marshall Community Health Consortium, a group of regional health care providers including Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall Health, received accreditation of its first medical residency program.

The Holzer Osteopathic Family Medicine Residency Program received full accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as

part of a move toward a single graduate medical education (GME) accreditation system that will integrate both allopathic and osteopathic programs.

The Marshall Community Health Consortium was created to support primary care residency programs in small communities. The consortium is composed of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital and Valley Health Systems.

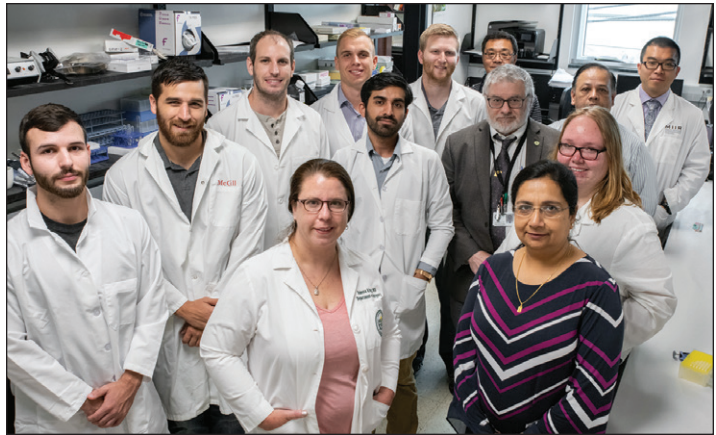


## Research News

### Marshall School of Medicine research team defines possible anti-aging intervention

New research from a team at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine demonstrates that the Na/K-ATPase oxidant amplification loop (NAKL) is intimately involved in the aging process and may serve as a target for anti-aging interventions. The researchers were also able to successfully demonstrate the therapeutic potential of pNaKtide, a synthetic peptide, in improving impaired physiological functions and slowing disease development.

The team's extensive, yearlong study first focused on aging mice who were given a Western diet to stimulate oxidant stress to antagonize the NAKL. The Western diet increased the functional and structural evidence for aging; however, the introduction of pNaKtide slowed these changes in the mice. The same results were then replicated when human dermal fibroblasts were exposed to different types of oxidant stress in vitro by stimulating the NAKL, increasing expression of senescence markers, and causing cell injury. With pNaKtide treatment, the researchers demonstrated that the negative attributes associated with aging were significantly dampened.



From left (front row): Cameron Cotrill; Rebecca L. Klug, M.D.; Komal Sodhi, M.D.; (center row) Scott Thiesfeldt, MS-2; David E. Bartlett, MS-2; Athar Nawab; Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D.; Rebecca Pratt; (back row) Brian Snoad, MS-1; Richard B. Miller, MS-2; Jiang Liu, M.D., Ph.D.; Juan R. Sanabria, M.D.; and Xiaoliang Wang, Ph.D.. Not pictured are: Alexandra Nichols; Amrita Mallick, Ph.D.; Krithika Srikanthn, M.D.; Perrine Goguet-Rubio, Ph.D.; Megan N. Lilly; Zijian Xie, Ph.D.; Nader G. Abraham, Ph.D., Dr. H.C., FAHA.

The findings are published in the June 26, 2018, edition of *Scientific Reports*, an online journal from the publishers of *Nature*.

### Marshall School of Medicine receives multi-million dollar grant to research obesity and related diseases

Uma Sundaram, M.D., vice dean for research at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and a board-certified gastroenterologist, was awarded a five-year, \$10.78 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to investigate obesity and obesity-related conditions.

This is the first time in nearly 15 years that Marshall's medical school has received a prestigious Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant and is the largest programmatic award in the school's history. The federal funding is designed to help strengthen an institution's biomedical research infrastructure.

### Marshall scientist receives Young Investigator Award for neonatal brain research

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine researcher W. Christopher Risher, Ph.D., was awarded a 2018 NARSAD Young Investigator Grant for his work with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). Dr. Risher, an assistant professor in the department of biomedical sciences received a two-year, \$70,000 grant from the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation to investigate brain development in babies born with NAS. He will use a mouse model to determine how prenatal opioid exposure affects nervous system structure and connectivity.



W. Christopher Risher, Ph.D.



## Retirees

Since July 1, 2017, the school of medicine announced the retirement of these faculty members.

**Thank you for your dedication to our students, research and the practice of medicine.**

### John W. Leidy Jr., M.D., Ph.D.

Professor  
Department of Internal  
Medicine

Dates of employment  
July 1, 1986  
~  
June 30, 2018



### Linda G. Brown, M.D.



Professor & Chair  
Department of Pathology

Dates of employment  
January 1, 1998  
~  
January 3, 2018

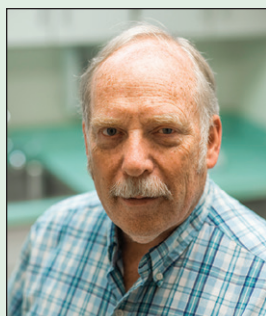
### Gerard J. Oakley, M.D.

Professor  
Department of Obstetrics  
& Gynecology

Dates of employment  
February 1, 1997  
~  
February 2, 2018



### Benjamin M. Edwards, M.D.



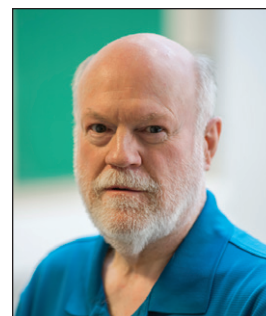
Assistant Professor  
Department of Obstetrics  
& Gynecology

Dates of employment  
January 3, 1994  
~  
August 30, 2018

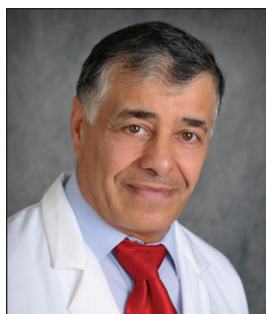
### Ross M. Patton, M.D.

Professor  
Department of Family &  
Community Health

Dates of employment  
July 1, 1987  
~  
June 30, 2018



### Yoram Elitsur, M.D.



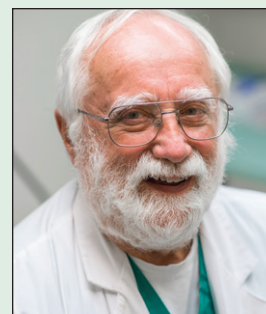
Professor  
Department of Pediatrics

Dates of employment  
August 7, 1990  
~  
December 5, 2018

### Bruce A. Ratcliff, M.D.

Professor  
Department of Obstetrics  
& Gynecology

Dates of employment  
December 1, 1999  
~  
September 5, 2018

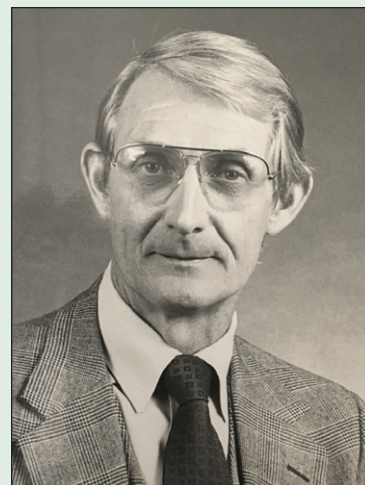




## In Memoriam

### Lester R. Bryant, M.D.

Dr. Bryant passed away May 2, 2018, at the age of 87. Dr. Bryant was an accomplished cardiothoracic surgeon and researcher when he was named dean of the Marshall School of Medicine in 1985, following Dr. Robert Coon. Dr. Bryant left Marshall in 1989 for the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he initiated an era of growth focused on rural medicine and telehealth until his retirement in 2000.



### Robert B. Hayes, Ph.D.

Dr. Hayes passed away May 11, 2018, at the age of 92. Dr. Hayes served Marshall University as its 11th president from 1974 to 1983. His term in office has been called the “Decade of Progress” due to the academic achievements and facility improvements that took place during his tenure, including the creation of the School of Medicine and construction of the medical education building adjacent to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Huntington.

In 2006, in collaboration with C.T. Mitchell, Dr. Hayes penned “\$7,000 in the Bank: The Remarkable Story of Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine,” chronicling the journey of creating the medical school.

“Dr. Hayes was a remarkable visionary for Marshall University. In particular, he played a critical role in establishing the Marshall University School of Medicine,” said Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D. “The impact of his work continues to benefit the citizens of West Virginia in general and the Tri-State region in particular. His legacy is immense. We extend our most sincere condolences to his family and share in the grieving at the passing of this great man.”



### Laura L. Richardson, Ph.D.

Dr. Richardson, director of pre-clinical education and professor of anatomy at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, passed away unexpectedly on May 31, 2018. She also led the school’s Human Gift Registry program. Dr. Richardson’s contributions during her nearly 20 years at the School of Medicine are too many to list. A memorial service was held by the school on July 29, 2018. The Class of 2021 dedicated their scholarship to her memory.





# A VISION *of Success*

BY KATHERINE PYLES

PHOTOS BY KATYA BALABAN





For the  
**McCorkle** family,  
celebrating  
the School of  
Medicine's **40th**  
anniversary is a  
*family affair.*

**I**t was a shared vision of success that brought Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D., and 23 of his peers to the Marshall University School of Medicine in 1978. As the medical school's inaugural class, their dreams of success were not only for themselves but also for the fledgling school.

"I didn't know any of the people in my class, but we all became friendly immediately," said McCorkle, who was one of 18 to graduate in 1981. "None of us knew how to act as medical students — there were no upperclassmen we could ask — so we were all figuring out together how to make this thing successful. It was an unusual environment, but it was a good place to be. We were all invested in the success of the school, and the school was invested in us."

McCorkle, an ENT physician, remains as invested in the School of Medicine's success today as he was 40 years ago. Earlier this year, he and his wife, Lynn Harris-McCorkle, M.D., made the largest one-time gift by a graduate in the school's history, establishing the McCorkle Family



Scholarship in honor of the individuals who have impacted Doug's life and career.

"Lynn and I are so fortunate to be in a position to give back to Marshall," McCorkle said. "It really feels good to say thanks to the school and recognize the individuals who've figured prominently in our lives. We'll always have a deep sense of gratitude to Marshall and the wonderful people there."

Individuals recognized in the endowment include Doug's beloved mother Jane Ann Hayden McCorkle; Dr. Albert C. Esposito, a pioneer in the creation of the medical school; Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., then-chair of the admissions committee and former dean; Cynthia A. Warren, assistant dean of admissions; and Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs.

"To have one of the graduates of our first class, one of our true pioneers, doing something so significant for our future students is a testament to not only Doug's success as a physician but also his loyalty," Holmes said. "I can't thank Doug and Lynn enough for the impact they've made, and going forward I hope others will join them in making a difference."

McCorkle, a native of Huntington who now resides near Baltimore, said he knew from a young age that he wanted to be an ENT doctor, having spent numerous summers with his uncle Dr. G. Douglas Hayden, an ENT physician in Richmond.

"It sounds strange to say you've wanted to be an ENT doctor since you were 6 years old, but it's true," McCorkle said. "My uncle would take me on rounds, even as a small child, and I loved hearing the positive feedback he got from his patients."

McCorkle attended the University of Richmond to be near his uncle and was earning a master's degree in biology there when he began to hear exciting news from Huntington. His mother, a friend of Drs. McKown and Esposito, had been following Marshall's plans to start a medical school. When she told McCorkle that

the dream was coming to fruition, it was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"The thought of coming home for medical school was exciting to me," he said. "Once I got the acceptance letter, I didn't even think about other

options. My parents were thrilled, of course, but it was a good option for me, too. I thought, 'I can live at home and save money and get my mom to do my laundry.'"

After graduating from the School of Medicine in 1981, McCorkle com-

**"We'll always have a deep sense of gratitude to Marshall and the wonderful people there."**

*— Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D.*





“Life, for us, is about balancing our professional careers, our family and our interests and hobbies. Find an aspect of medicine that you enjoy, and work hard at it to be good. But find other things that make you happy, too.”

— Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D.

pleted his ENT residency at WVU, where the lifelong Thundering Herd fan learned Morgantown wasn’t such a bad place after all — in part because it was where he met Lynn, a third-year medical student working toward a career as a radiologist. The pair were married in 1983 and now have three children, Harrison, Lindsay and Colin. Harrison works in insurance in Houston, and Lindsay works in investment banking in New York City. Colin, following in his father’s

footsteps, recently completed his first year of medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. As a member of the school’s 40th class, he will graduate exactly 40 years after his father.

Holmes said the McCorkles’ 40-year legacy story embodies four decades of success at the medical school and one of her favorite sayings, “We’re not just training students. We’re training the parents of future students.”

With an ENT physician for a

father, a radiologist for a mother and a son in medical school, you’d think conversations around the McCorkle family dinner table would be esoteric. But for the McCorkles, between their summer cottage on Chesapeake Bay, their extensive collection of modern art, their love of history and their passion for traveling, it’s all about balance. Doug is a fellow at the Corning Museum of Glass in New York and is an avid collector of antiques as well.

“Life, for us, is about balancing our professional careers, our family and our interests and hobbies,” he said, offering a few words of wisdom for aspiring doctors. “Find an aspect of medicine that you enjoy, and work hard at it to be good. But find other things that make you happy, too.”

Looking back on the faculty, staff and community that supported his class while they navigated those early years of the medical school together, he said what set the school apart 40 years ago is what continues to set it apart today: the people.

“The Marshall University School of Medicine is newer and bigger. It’s a mature medical school now. More specialties are offered, and the physical plant has changed. But the people are the constant,” McCorkle said. “When you’ve been away for a while, you think you remember how nice and warm and welcoming everyone is — but when you come back, the experience always surpasses whatever I remembered.”

McCorkle said it’s an honor to pay back that kindness and support by investing in the school’s future. The vision of success he had for Marshall 40 years ago remains unchanged today.

“I’ve had a successful career over the past 40 years, and the Marshall School of Medicine is where it all started,” he said. “I owe a lot to Marshall, and I want only the best for the medical school.”

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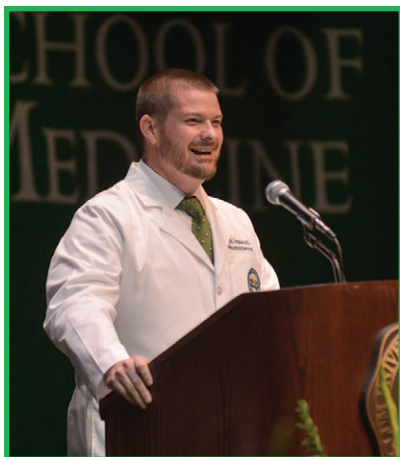
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# *Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's Class of 2021* **WHITE COAT CEREMONY** *August 4, 2017*

**T**he Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association gratefully extends its appreciation for the generosity of the alumni,

faculty, staff and friends who have purchased white coats and medical instruments for the Class of 2021. Names of donors and student recipients are on the next two pages.



The guest speaker was Paul B. Ferguson, M.D., ('07) chairman of the department of neurology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the 2017 recipient of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation's Leonard Tow Award, which recognizes faculty members who demonstrate clinical excellence and compassion.



**The tradition lives on.** The annual White Coat Ceremony took place on Aug. 4, 2017.



**Live the Legacy.** The Class of 2021 includes six legacy students, meaning one or both parents are Marshall School of Medicine alumni. Front row (L to R) Amanda R. Clark; James P. Clark, M.D. ('91); Carol H. Cooper, M.D. ('89); Ryan F. Cooper; A. Wayne Thacker, M.D. ('90); R. Erin Thacker; Teresa R. Thacker, M.D. ('90); Victor F. Nease, M.D. ('85); and Cecilia M. Nease. Back row (L to R) Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D. ('81); Colin E. McCorkle; Daniel W. Russell, M.D. ('90); and Benjamin T. Russell.



**75 Thank Yous.** The Class of 2021 extends its appreciation to Joseph B. Touma, M.D., and his wife, Omayma T. Touma, M.D., who once again generously donated funds to provide each student with a stethoscope and presented the gifts during the ceremony. Pictured are Dr. Joseph B. Touma and Nathan Baisden.



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine welcomed 75 new medical students into the Class of 2021 with its 21st annual white coat ceremony.

## White Coats

| ALUMNI & FRIENDS                         | CLASS YEAR | SOM STUDENT             | ALUMNI & FRIENDS                         | CLASS YEAR     | SOM STUDENT             |
|--|------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------|
| Kelleé E. Abner, M.D.                    | 1992       | Samantha A. Smith       | Susanna A. Kapourales, M.D.              | 2011           | Hannah B. Asebes        |
| Quartel-Ayne Amjad, M.D.                 | 2007       | Madison M. Jennings     | Imran T. Khawaja, M.D.                   | Faculty        | Ryan F. Cooper          |
| Jerome B. Aya-ay, M.D.                   | 2004       | Mohamed Amine Feliachi  | Michael E. Kilkenny, M.D.                | 1982           | Zachary L. Casto        |
| James B. Becker, M.D.                    | 1993       | Amanda R. Clark         | Joseph M. King, M.D.                     | 2007           | Jett A. MacPherson      |
| E. Fritz Braunlich, M.D.                 | 1994       | W. Anthony Hayes        | Devin A. King, M.D.                      | 1999           | Mark T. Castle          |
| Peter A. Chirico, M.D.                   | Faculty    | Kara V. Anderson        | Amber L. Kuhl, M.D.                      | 2000           | Angela M. Haikal        |
| Mark E. Coggins, M.D.                    | 1987       | Ibrahim Alhaji Mohammed | M. Ann Kuhn, M.D.                        | 1996           | Keegan A. Zacharie      |
| Kevin J. Conaway, M.D.                   | 1991       | Timothy M. Kocher       | Dr. James M. & Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis      | Faculty        | Jesse C. Lewis          |
| Amy L. Conley, M.D.                      | 1998       | Carly A. Clark          | John M. Maher, Ph.D.                     | Friend         | Kevin A. Clark          |
| Robert J. Cure, M.D.                     | 1998       | John D. Young           | David L. Martin Jr., M.D.                | 2005           | David E. Bartlett       |
| Dr. Ramona A. & Mr. Timothy J. Dagostine | 1995       | Samuel C. Wood          | Drs. Douglas C. & Lynn H. McCorkle       | 1981           | Colin E. McCorkle       |
| Samuel R. Davis, M.D.                    | 1983       | Timothy C. Adkins       | Aaron M. McGuffin, M.D.                  | 1999           | Ryann N. Conley         |
| Larry D. Dial Jr., M.D.                  | 1999       | Adam N. Bick            | Brenda L. Mitchell, M.D.                 | Faculty        | Sarah L. Cole           |
| Yoram Elitsur, M.D.                      | Faculty    | Daniel S. Jayasuriya    | Dr. Maurice A. & Mrs. Diane C. Mufson    | Faculty        | Christine Z. Yu         |
| Joseph E. Evans, M.D.                    | 1982       | Anthony S. Workman      | Muhammed A. Muzaffar, M.D.               | Faculty        | Jordan N. Dever         |
| Dr. Adam M. & Mrs. Emily K. Franks       | 1999       | Amber R. Stewart        | Nancy B. Norton, M.D.                    | 1999           | Madison N. Crank        |
| Dr. Frank E. & Mrs. Lisa Fumich          | 1999       | Rachel L. Wargacki      | Dr. Nizar D. & Mrs. Zeinab Nouredine     | 2004           | Shafali Khanna          |
| Drs. Adrian S. & Amy L. Garmestani       | 2001       | Dylan S. Weaver         | Dr. Gretchen E. & Mr. Stephen A. Oley    | 1982           | Allison C. Thompson     |
| Dr. Jeffry T. & Mrs. Mary S. Gee         | 1996       | Landon D. Thompson      | John A. Parker Jr., M.D.                 | Faculty        | Richard Benjamin Miller |
| W. Douglas Given, M.D.                   | 1983       | Benjamin J. Frear       | Terry G. Pritt, M.D.                     | 1985           | Sydney M. Graham        |
| Lynne J. Goebel, M.D.                    | Faculty    | Caitlin M. Mulvihill    | Mohammed I. Ranavaya, M.D.               | Faculty        | Mohammed I. Ranavaya II |
| Shea M. Goodrich, M.D.                   | 2011       | Heather M. Bucur        | Leslie Pack Ranken, M.D.                 | 2006           | Ruth Vaughan Knouse     |
| Rose A. Goodwin, M.D.                    | 1982       | Callie H. Seaman        | Ezra B. Riber, M.D.                      | 1984           | Nicholas W. Lehman      |
| Dr. Nancy B. & Mr. P. Nolan Graham       | 1987       | Noor Mozahem            | Daniel W. Russell, M.D.                  | 1990           | Benjamin T. Russell     |
| Dr. Bobby L. & Mr. Eric K. Hardin-Miller | 1997       | Matthew J. Cincotta     | Joseph C. Shanklin, M.D.                 | 1996           | David C. L. Mounts      |
| Glenn A. Harper, M.D.                    | 1995       | Matthew S. Schade       | W. Mitch Shaver, M.D.                    | 1990           | Jonathan W. Ray         |
| Curtis W. Harrison Jr., M.D.             | 1998       | Evan M. McClanahan      | Tina M. Sias, M.D.                       | 1992           | Katina K. Nicoloudakis  |
| Nathan R. Hatfield, M.D.                 | 2011       | Mercy O. Babatope       | Stephen C. Smith, M.D.                   | 1981           | Drake A. Securro        |
| Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica W. Hatfield    | 1983       | Rebecca Erin Thacker    | Mr. Terry A. & Mrs. Amy M. Smith         | Friend/Faculty | Nicholas J. E. Newell   |
| J. Robert Hayes, M.D.                    | 2008       | Harsha S. Iyer          | Mary E. Smyrnioudis, M.D.                | 2009           | Cherishma Nagisetty     |
| Tracy L. Hendershot, M.D.                | 2008       | James F. Richey Jr.     | Staci K. Stalcup, M.D.                   | 2002           | Meagen M. Carter        |
| Robert A. Hess, M.D.                     | 1984       | Halley J. Alberts       | Drs. David P. Rupp & Katherine J. Steele | 2010/2013      | Hannah R. Leport        |
| Becki S. Hill, M.D.                      | 1994       | Kayla S. Rodriguez      | Thomas B. Styer, M.D.                    | 1982           | Nathan A. Baisden       |
| Drs. Caleb R. Huff & Andrea M. Lauffer   | 2013/2010  | Logan R. Godfrey        | Amy A. Vaughan, M.D.                     | 1992           | Hannah R. Datz          |
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|  |            |                         | Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, M.D.        | 1984           | Charity C. Powers       |

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| Kelleé E. Abner, M.D.        | 1992       | Samantha A. Smith      | E. Fritz Braunlich, M.D.     | 1994       | W. Anthony Hayes        |
| Hagger Ali, M.D.             | 2016       | Angela M. Haikal       | Peter A. Chirico, M.D.       | Faculty    | Kara V. Anderson        |
| Quartel-Ayne Amjad, M.D.     | 2007       | Madison M. Jennings    | Charles W. Clements II, M.D. | 1997       | Timothy M. Kocher       |
| Jerome B. Aya-ay, M.D.       | 2004       | Mohamed Amine Feliachi | Mark E. Coggins, M.D.        | 1987       | Ibrahim Alhaji Mohammed |
| James B. Becker, M.D.        | 1993       | Amanda R. Clark        | Amy L. Conley, M.D.          | 1998       | Carly A. Clark          |
| Lauren E. Bevins Cline, M.D. | 2012       | Sarah L. Cole          | Robert J. Cure, M.D.         | 1998       | John D. Young           |



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| Jerry A. Dague, M.D.                         | 2000       | Jordan N. Dever      | Drs. Douglas C. & Lynn H. McCorkle       | 1981       | Colin E. McCorkle       |
| Samuel R. Davis, M.D.                        | 1983       | Timothy C. Adkins    | Aaron M. McGuffin, M.D.                  | 1999       | Ryann N. Conley         |
| Larry D. Dial Jr., M.D.                      | 1999       | Adam N. Bick         | Ken F. McNeil, M.D.                      | 1986       | Nicholas J. E. Newell   |
| Dr. Adam M. & Mrs. Emily K. Franks           | 1999       | Amber R. Stewart     | Lea Ann Moricle, M.D.                    | 1985       | Meagen M. Carter        |
| Dr. Frank E. & Mrs. Lisa Fumich              | 1999       | Rachel L. Wargacki   | Dr. Maurice A. & Mrs. Diane C. Mufson    | Faculty    | Christine Z. Yu         |
| Drs. Adrian S. & Amy L. Garmestani           | 2001       | Dylan S. Weaver      | Michael J. Nerenberg, M.D.               | 1985       | Ryan F. Cooper          |
| Dr. Jeffry T. & Mrs. Mary S. Gee             | 1996       | Landon D. Thompson   | Nancy B. Norton, M.D.                    | 1999       | Madison N. Crank        |
| Robert B. Gray, M.D.                         | 1999       | Benjamin J. Frear    | Dr. Gretchen E. & Mr. Stephen A. Oley    | 1982       | Allison C. Thompson     |
| Dr. Bobby L. & Mr. Eric K. Hardin-Miller     | 1997       | Matthew J. Cincotta  | John A. Parker Jr., M.D.                 | Faculty    | Richard Benjamin Miller |
| Curtis W. Harrison Jr., M.D.                 | 1998       | Evan M. McClanahan   | Amanda N. Pauley, M.D.                   | 2008       | Callie H. Seaman        |
| Drs. Forrest S. Harrison & Megan E. Docherty | 2011       | Daniel S. Jayasuriya | Leela V. Raju, M.D.                      | 2003       | Noor Mozaheem           |
| Nathan R. Hatfield, M.D.                     | 2011       | Mercy O. Babatope    | Mohammed I. Ranavaya, M.D.               | Faculty    | Mohammed I. Ranavaya II |
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| J. Robert Hayes, M.D.                        | 2008       | Harsha S. Iyer       | Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D.                  | 1991       | Heather M. Bucur        |
| Mary J. Haynes, M.D.                         | 1997       | Sydney M. Graham     | Ezra B. Riber, M.D.                      | 1984       | Nicholas W. Lehman      |
| Tracy L. Hendershot, M.D.                    | 2008       | James F. Richey Jr.  | Cris R. Richardson, M.D.                 | 1994       | Shafali Khanna          |
| Gregory S. Hendricks, M.D.                   | 2001       | Anthony S. Workman   | Rhonda S. Ross, M.D.                     | 1994       | Amy L. Smith            |
| Jonathan A. Hess, M.D.                       | 2012       | Halley J. Alberts    | Daniel W. Russell, M.D.                  | 1990       | Benjamin T. Russell     |
| Becki S. Hill, M.D.                          | 1994       | Kayla S. Rodriguez   | Joseph C. Shanklin, M.D.                 | 1996       | David C. L. Mounts      |
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| Michael E. Kilkenny, M.D.                    | 1982       | Zachary L. Casto     | Drs. David P. Rupp & Katherine J. Steele | 2010/2013  | Hannah R. Lepore        |
| Joseph M. King, M.D.                         | 2007       | Jett A. MacPherson   | Thomas B. Styer, M.D.                    | 1982       | Nathan A. Baisden       |
| Devin A. King, M.D.                          | 1999       | Mark T. Castle       | Amy A. Vaughan, M.D.                     | 1992       | Hannah R. Datz          |
| M. Ann Kuhn, M.D.                            | 1996       | Keegan A. Zacharie   | Krista T. Wagoner, M.D.                  | 2012       | Charity C. Powers       |
| Dr. Jay R. & Mrs. Kaitlin A. Lakhani         | 2007       | Logan R. Godfrey     | Janet N. Wallace, M.D.                   | 1992       | Cecilia M. Nease        |
| Dr. James M. & Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis          | Faculty    | Jesse C. Lewis       | Tsailing Wang, M.D.                      | 1991       | Ifeoluwatomi Fuwape     |
| John M. Maher, Ph.D.                         | Friend     | Kevin A. Clark       | Patricia L. Wilson, M.D.                 | 1994       | Samuel P. Dungan        |
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| Robert B. Gray, M.D.                  | 1999       | Andrea D. Marcum Vallejos, M.D. | 2006       | Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D.   | 1991       |
| Dr. R. Mark & Mrs. Monica W. Hatfield | 1983       | David L. Martin Jr., M.D.       | 2005       | Ezra B. Riber, M.D.       | 1984       |
| J. Robert Hayes, M.D.                 | 2008       | James C. McCabe, M.D.           | 1988       | Cris R. Richardson, M.D.  | 1994       |
| Mary J. Haynes, M.D.                  | 1997       | Reginald J. McClung, M.D.       | 1983       | Hobart K. Richey, M.D.    | 1983       |
| Jonathan A. Hess, M.D.                | 2012       | Ken F. McNeil, M.D.             | 1986       | Rhonda S. Ross, M.D.      | 1994       |
| Robert A. Hess, M.D.                  | 1984       | Tristan F. Meador, M.D.         | 2011       | Sandra L. Skar, M.D.      | 1997       |
| James T. Holbrook, M.D.               | 1987       | Mario R. Morenas, M.D.          | 1995       | Brenda C. Smith, M.D.     | 1981       |
| Nathan M. Jesse, M.D.                 | 2001       | Eric A. Morgan, M.D.            | 1991       | Kevin S. Smith, M.D.      | 1986       |
| David C. Jude, M.D.                   | 1988       | Lea Ann Moricle, M.D.           | 1985       | Mary E. Smyrnioudis, M.D. | 2009       |
| Robert W. Keefover, M.D.              | 1982       | Michael J. Nerenberg, M.D.      | 1985       | Ron D. Stollings, M.D.    | 1982       |
| Michael E. Kilkenny, M.D.             | 1982       | Julia L. Pasquale, M.D.         | 2003       | James E. Tomblin II, M.D. | 1986       |
|                                       |            | Steve Pribanich, M.D.           | 1991       |                           |            |

# *Leading in the* WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

**How three School of Medicine alumni are impacting West Virginia through serving in the State Legislature**



Senator Mike Maroney, Delegate Matt Rohrbach and Senator Ron Stollings.

**I**t's different from any clinic, operating room or hospital they've ever worked in. They trade in their white coats and stethoscopes for suits and sessions.

For about two months out of the year, three Joan C. Edwards Marshall University School of Medicine alumni serve West Virginia in the state legislature.

Mike Maroney, M.D., R-Marshall, graduated from Marshall's medical school in 1994. He has served as a state senator representing District 2, covering several counties in the northern part of the state, since being elected in 2016.

"It's completely different to anything that I've ever

done," Maroney said. "In that first year, you feel like you're in someone else's house, playing a game that they made up and you're only one who doesn't know all the rules."

Now in his second term, Maroney chairs the health and human resources committee.

"The first year, I was treading water and learning the ropes. The second year felt more productive, but you definitely have a role producing legislation and, at least in my opinion, it will benefit the state," Maroney said.

Ron Stollings, M.D., D-Boone, also serves as a state senator, representing District 7, including Boone, Lincoln,

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Logan, part of Mingo, and part of Wayne counties. He was first elected in 2006 and graduated from Marshall's medical school in 1982.

Stollings has a strong background in economic development, which has undoubtedly benefited him in his role in the legislature.

"I became a community and regional education and economic development activist, so I was exposed to the legislature through LOCEA (Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability)," Stollings said. "I just thought that after serving as a member of the University System Board of Trustees and as a member of the Higher Education Policy Commission the next step to be more impactful would be to serve in the legislature."

Also on the medical school's roster of alumni in the legislature is Matthew Rohrbach, M.D., R-Cabell, serving in the House of Delegates. Rohrbach graduated from Marshall with his undergraduate degree and later completed medical school at Marshall in 1984. He has served in the house since 2014, representing District 17, which covers parts of Cabell and Wayne counties.

"My decision to run for the House of Delegates was basically because of the drug problem. I was just tired of watching what was going on and we needed some action," Rohrbach said.

### Impacting the Population

Of the 134 state senators and delegates, a variety of careers are represented, but as the alumni point out, physician representation in the legislature is important.

"I believe as much as anyone there, I interact on a daily basis with my constituents. I think this probably gives me a better handle on what people are thinking than an awful lot of my colleagues," Rohrbach said.

When working in Madison, West Virginia, Stollings said he often interacts with about 20 to 30 patients per day, which keeps him in tune with their concerns and problems.

"Being a physician provides one of the best roles to interact with your constituents, because you know your constituents not only as a patient, but also as a citizen in your area," Stollings said.

Maroney practices radiology and gets less of a chance for direct interaction with constituents, although when he does, he uses it as an opportunity to listen.

"This is a small state, these are small communities, and everyone knows for the most part who people are, so I do get to hear feedback, positive and negative, on a weekly basis," Maroney said.

The role of physicians in the legislature can often provide specific insight to healthcare bills, affecting policy by their expertise in that area.

"I think physicians are respected in the legislature, they're looked up to and other legislators seek guid-

ance from us with regard, particularly to health policy, but it's just like you build relationships with your patients and your colleagues, you build relationships with your fellow legislators and that is very beneficial for the future of West Virginia," Stollings said.

### All in a Day's Work

Coming with the position is its own set of challenges. All three still balance working as medical professionals and serving in the legislature.

Rohrbach recently completed two procedures in Huntington in the morning, then made the drive to Charleston to report for a special legislative session.

"As physicians, we act quickly, we make decisions and handle it and get on to the next issue and of course you're one of 134 people up there and certainly you can't get it done as quickly, so it's frustrating at times," Stollings said.

Even through those frustrations, the school of medicine alumni have still found a way to impact policy affecting public health, economic development, education and more.

"You and your party, or anyone else for that matter, comes up with something that you think is going to benefit the state, and you've got to run with it," Maroney said. "You push it through the Senate, try to gather some support in the House and you get the Governor to sign it — you feel like you actually have made a law and you potentially have changed the state for the better."

### Marshall Family First

Regardless of their party affiliations or policy wins they get, all three physicians are proud Sons of Marshall.

"I'm not only proud of the school, but I think the school's proud of its graduates and the fact that so many of its graduates stayed locally and attempted to be in primary care," Stollings said.

Rohrbach serves on the education committee in the House of Delegates and has for the past four years, where he has received the opportunity to advocate for the university.

"I'm amazed at the growth both in the college and in the medical school, so I'm very proud to have went to Marshall University and I'm proud to represent Marshall in the legislature," Rohrbach said.

Maroney said the connections he made in the radiology department while learning at Marshall pushed him to reach his goals.

"It afforded me the chance to spend my life doing what I wanted to do, I will never forget the opportunity that I had because of Marshall."

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*Kasey Stevens is the managing editor of Benefactor.*



# Another MARCH, Another MATCH

Marshall celebrates outstanding residency matches with fourth-year students in the National Residency Matching Program's annual Match Day on March 16, 2018.



(Right) Andrew Vess of Verdunville, West Virginia, matches to The Ohio State University in anesthesiology.



(Below) The excitement in the air is palpable as Joseph E. Klaus of Hampstead, Maryland, and his classmates find out where they matched. He was one of five from Marshall to match in anesthesiology this year.



(Above) Deena Hossino of Charleston, West Virginia, pins her match Charleston Area Medical Center to the board.



(Left) Leah D. Stalnaker of St. Albans, West Virginia, opens her match results for a triple board residency in pediatrics/psychiatry/child psychiatry.

- 17% of students from the Class of 2018 remained in West Virginia for residency.
- 53% of members from the Class of 2018 entered primary care residencies.



# RESIDENCY MATCHES FOR THE CLASS OF 2018 .....

## ARIZONA

**Hayden A. Ansinelli** *Tucson* Transitional Year at University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Ocala, Florida, followed by Radiation Oncology at University of Arizona College of Medicine

## CALIFORNIA

**Olumayowa M. Dayo** *Oakland* Obstetrics-Gynecology at Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center

**Anu Pokharel** *Oakland* Internal Medicine at Alameda Health System-Highland Hospital

## CONNECTICUT

**Justin M. Pacor** *New Haven* Internal Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital

**Aladdin Tarakji** *Farmington* Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University, followed by Radiology-Diagnostic at University of Connecticut School of Medicine

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Saloni Bhatt** *Washington* Pediatrics at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

## FLORIDA

**Joseph AbuRahma** *Gainesville* Anesthesiology at University of Florida College of Medicine - Shands Hospital

**Rachael J. Hager** *Gainesville* Family Medicine at University of Florida College of Medicine - Shands Hospital

**Keegan S. Mullins** *Orlando* Emergency Medicine at Orlando Health Wayne State University

## ILLINOIS

**Stacey M. Lewis** *Oaklawn* Pediatrics at Advocate Health Care

## INDIANA

**Leah D. Stainaker** *Indianapolis* Pediatrics/Psychiatry/Child Psychiatry at Indiana University School of Medicine

## KANSAS

**Brent J. Smith Jr.** *Kansas City* Medicine-Preliminary at University of Kansas School of Medicine, followed by Radiology- Diagnostic at University of Kansas School of Medicine

## KENTUCKY

**Jeremy M. Adkins** *Lexington* Neurological Surgery at University of Kentucky Medical Center

**Brooke C. Andrews** *Lexington* Obstetrics-Gynecology at University of Kentucky Medical Center

**Forest H. Lefevre** *Lexington* Emergency Medicine at University of Kentucky Medical Center

**Travis D. Parkulo** *Louisville* Orthopaedic Surgery at University of Louisville School of Medicine

**Caleb P. Webb** *Louisville* Emergency Medicine at University of Louisville School of Medicine

## LOUISIANA

**Kimiknu Mentore** *New Orleans* Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at Louisiana State University School of Medicine

## MARYLAND

**Joseph E. Klaus** *Baltimore* Medicine-Preliminary at MedStar Harbour Hospital, Baltimore, followed by Anesthesiology at Johns Hopkins Hospital

## MISSOURI

**Mohit Harsh** *St. Louis* Internal Medicine at Barnes-Jewish Hospital

## NEW YORK

**Lucas A. Bracero** *Port Jefferson* Anesthesiology at Stony Brook Teaching Hospital

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Kelsey D. Ash** *Concord* Family Medicine at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast

**Alexandria D. Cremeans** *Charlotte* Pediatrics at Carolinas Medical Center - NC

**Diane T. Dawley** *Greenville* Emergency Medicine at Vidant Medical Center/East Carolina University

**Lawrence E. Harbrecht** *Greensboro* Internal Medicine at Cone Health

**Jenna C. Kerby** *Winston-Salem* Emergency Medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

## OHIO

**Chase W. Chambers** *Dayton* Pediatrics at Wright Patterson Medical Center - United States Air Force

**Lacey D. Chambers** *Dayton* Pediatrics at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

**Mary E. Hanks** *Columbus* Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at Ohio State University Medical Center

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|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>Melissa C. Saab</b>    | <i>Cincinnati</i> | Family Medicine at Christ Hospital                        |
| <b>Adam C. Shaver</b>     | <i>Columbus</i>   | Internal Medicine at Ohio State University Medical Center |
| <b>Alexander R. Vance</b> | <i>Cincinnati</i> | Family Medicine at Christ Hospital                        |
| <b>Andrew D. Vess</b>     | <i>Columbus</i>   | Anesthesiology at Ohio State University Medical Center    |

## OREGON

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|----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Joseph D. Barbera</b>   | <i>Portland</i> | Internal Medicine at Providence Health             |
| <b>Chelsea L. Gilliam</b>  | <i>Portland</i> | Pediatrics at Oregon Health and Science University |
| <b>Rachael W. Starcher</b> | <i>Portland</i> | Internal Medicine at Providence Health             |

## PENNSYLVANIA

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>Daniel B. Desiderio</b>  | <i>Erie</i>       | Emergency Medicine at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center |
| <b>Shaheed M. Elhamdani</b> | <i>Pittsburgh</i> | Neurological Surgery at Allegheny General Hospital            |
| <b>Zeynep C. Koc</b>        | <i>Hershey</i>    | Obstetrics-Gynecology at Penn State Hershey Medical Center    |

## RHODE ISLAND

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|---------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Bradford C. Gillon</b> | <i>Providence</i> | Medicine-Preliminary at Rhode Island Hospital - Brown University, followed by Anesthesiology at Rhode Island Hospital - Brown University |
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## SOUTH CAROLINA

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| <b>Aubrey T. Fleming</b>   | <i>Greenville</i> | Pediatrics at Greenville Health Systems - University of South Carolina |
| <b>Zachary D. Hunter</b>   | <i>Columbia</i>   | Emergency Medicine at Palmetto Health Richland                         |
| <b>M. Ganga Navada</b>     | <i>Charleston</i> | Neurology at Medical University of South Carolina                      |
| <b>Joseph Ta</b>           | <i>Charleston</i> | Neurology at Medical University of South Carolina                      |
| <b>Kathryn B. Thornton</b> | <i>Columbia</i>   | Neurology at Palmetto Health Richland                                  |

## TENNESSEE

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|------------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Jacob T. DePolo</b> | <i>Knoxville</i> | Transitional Year at University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine, followed by Radiology-Diagnostic at University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine |
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| <b>Michael F. Matheney</b> | <i>Nashville</i> | Internal Medicine at University of Tennessee St. Thomas Hospitals |
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## TEXAS

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| <b>M. Zach Moore</b> | <i>Houston</i> | Neurology at Baylor College of Medicine |
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## VIRGINIA

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| <b>Raj Singh</b> | <i>Richmond</i> | Transitional Year at Stony Brook Teaching Hospitals, Port Jefferson, NY, followed by Radiation Oncology at Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems |
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## WEST VIRGINIA

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| <b>Jenna K. Barbour</b>    | <i>Huntington</i> | Family Medicine at Marshall University  |
| <b>Basem A. Dahshan</b>    | <i>Morgantown</i> | Medicine-Preliminary at Marshall University, followed by Radiation Oncology at West Virginia University School of Medicine        |
| <b>Niccia C. diTrapano</b> | <i>Huntington</i> | Obstetrics-Gynecology at Marshall University  |
| <b>Andrew S. Feyh</b>      | <i>Huntington</i> | General Surgery at Marshall University  |
| <b>Luke W. Finley</b>      | <i>Huntington</i> | Family Medicine at Marshall University  |
| <b>Deena Hossino</b>       | <i>Charleston</i> | General Surgery at Charleston Area Medical Center   |
| <b>Tariq M. Latif</b>      | <i>Huntington</i> | Internal Medicine at Marshall University  |
| <b>Brandon S. Merritt</b>  | <i>Charleston</i> | Family Medicine at Charleston Area Medical Center-West Virginia University School of Medicine                                     |
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# *Residency... here we come!* INVESTITURE 2018

As the 38th graduating class of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, the Class of 2018 concluded its journey as medical students on May 4, 2018, at the school's annual investiture ceremony at the historic Keith-Albee Theater.

Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert, Ph.D., conferred 68 doctor of medicine degrees.



Dean Joseph Shapiro, M.D., with Raj Singh, M.D., who was selected by his class to deliver the Oath of Hippocrates.





Nora D. Volkow, M.D., director of the Institute on Drug Abuse at the National Institutes of Health, delivered a fitting keynote address on the science of addiction during the evening's ceremony.



Drs. Nesreen BenHamed and Mehیار El-Hamdani, with their son, Shaheed M. Elhamdani, M.D.



Bradford C. Gillon, M.D., president of the Class of 2018, addresses his class by reflecting on his time in medical school saying, "Marshall encouraged our eagerness and pushed us to become better physicians."



R. Mark Hatfield, O.D., M.D., Class of 1983, with his daughter Makenzie E. Hatfield Kresch, M.D.

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# *The Touma Family* DEDICATED TO MEDICINE Past, Present & Future

BY SHANE ARRINGTON

PHOTOS by RICK HAYE



The Touma Museum of Medicine is located at 314 Ninth Street in Huntington.

Few things are more defining of a doctor than a stethoscope. It's one of the first tools a new medical practitioner receives, and if it's of good quality and taken care of, one that can stay with them for many years. It's an item so commonplace, that it's not truly appreciated until it's gone.

Dr. Jeff Mullins, a 2010 Marshall University School of Medicine graduate, used one stethoscope for more than a decade — his first, gifted to him at his White Coat Ceremony in 2006. He used it nearly every day, until someone stole it last year.

"I wasn't aware of the difference in quality until I had to buy one myself," Mullins said. "I went through two

or three before finally settling on the one I have now. It's just one of those things you don't think about when it's given to you."

The stethoscope presented to Mullins at the beginning of his journey into medicine was one of the first, of now many, stethoscopes given to beginning medical students by Drs. Joseph and Omayma Touma. Mullins' lamentation over the loss of his first stethoscope didn't come as a surprise to Joseph Touma, who said he and his wife made sure that the tools they provided were "top-of-the-line."

Providing hundreds of students with stethoscopes over the years is generous by itself, but when it comes

to giving back to the Marshall medical community, of which both Toumas served nearly half a century, they both agree that it's important to always strive to do more.

"We love Marshall, we love Huntington," Joseph Touma said. "My wife and I have been involved with the medical school since its inception. I feel that support from a community, from donors, is the difference between a good medical school and a great medical school. We want to help create a place that recruits better students, creates better physicians. And, that's exactly what we have here in our community."

Touma and his wife have both retired, but continue to find new ways to improve the future of Marshall's medical community. Besides the stethoscopes given to new medical students, they also fund The Touma Family Scholarship. The fund targets future minority doctors, a group Touma said is underrepresented, and therefore feels it's important to help those doctors to be successful and provide positive role models to future generations.

Mullins said the amount of debt any student, but perhaps especially medical students, can be staggering. Everything from scholarships worth thousands, to a good-quality stethoscope can help make the difference. He admits it may be a while, he is still fairly new in his career, before he can contribute to the level of the Touma family, but he started giving back to the medical community that made him as soon as he could.

"I will never forget how fortunate I am, and the help I received," Mullins said. "What the Toumas and others are doing puts a whole new perspective in paying it forward based on the huge scope of what they do. One of the largest burdens on any new physician is the debt we take on to become doctors, and everything helps. Personally, I've purchased some of the white coats they present during the ceremony, and look to do more as I progress in my career."

Paying it forward, fostering the next generation —

things Mullins said he's always felt important, but he saw first-hand the impact it can make on new doctors through the generosity of those such as the Touma family.

The future of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is obviously dear to the Toumas. But at the same time, it's important to remember the past. Anyone who knows Joseph Touma knows his love of medical history. For decades, his increasingly large collection of antique medical equipment and his personal museum was the stuff of legends in

the Huntington medical community. His "labor of love" was donated to the medical school in 2017, after his spending more than 40 years collecting pieces.

"I remember asking my wife 'what's next?'" Joseph Touma said. "We don't get younger, we get older, and I have been doing this a long time. I didn't want the museum to be broken up, sold into pieces for cash, so donating to the school as a no-brainer. This way everything stays under one roof, and everyone at the medical school and in the community can continue to enjoy it."

The 3,000-plus collection details the history of medicine, specifically the equipment and its evolution over the years. Touma said he's always been fascinated by the everyday, what the doc-

tors throughout history used day in and day out to treat their patients.

Which brings us back to the stethoscope.

Invented in 1816, it's a medical device that has stayed relatively the same compared to most other medical equipment advances in the last 200 years. A bridge of sorts to the medical past and medical future — it's the perfect item for the Touma family, a family dedicated to medicine's past, present and future, to donate to new school of medicine students.



Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma Touma have generously supported the School of Medicine for more than two decades.

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*Shane Arrington is a freelance writer living in South Point, Ohio.*





Dear fellow alumni and friends,

One of the things I've learned over the years is just how important it is to find your passion.

As a pathologist, I love the mystery that occurs when figuring out a new diagnosis for a patient. As a mom, I've gotten the chance to watch that passion develop in my kids through dance and marching band. As an alumna, my passion for our alma mater has evolved over the years.

Medical school was my first introduction to many things — long nights studying for gross anatomy exams, rounding on patients early in the morning, holding retractors during long hours of surgery — and what it felt like to be part of the Marshall family. Over the years, I kept in contact with a few of my classmates and get a peek into the lives of others through social media. When I joined the Marshall faculty in 2009 that solidified my bond with our school of medicine even further.

Now, I have the honor and privilege to serve as your alumni association president and that has truly given me a greater insight into how I can help. Getting involved has allowed me to channel my energies into ways that I can truly make a difference at Marshall. That passion may look different for each of us.

Maybe scholarships are your passion — giving so that current medical students can pursue their dreams.

Just two years ago, our Immediate Past President, Dr. Tina Sias ('92), set a goal for every graduating class to complete its class scholarship. We're now just six classes away from reaching that goal!!

Maybe you'd be interested in serving a term on the alumni association. We're always looking for a few willing participants to lead that charge.

Maybe you're willing to host a student on a visiting rotation or residency interview, or treat them to a warm meal while they're town.

The ways in which you can make a difference are limitless. Join me this year in reinvigorating your passion for our school of medicine.

Best Wishes,

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— Cindy A. Warren, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Annual Fund Chair

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Myra L. Wilkerson, M.D.  
Patricia J. Wilson, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1993

(47 members, 2 deceased, 15% participation)  
Christopher G. Anton, M.D.  
James B. Becker, M.D.

Shane A. Bowen, M.D.  
Philip J. Ferkler, M.D.  
Jeffrey S. Holmes, M.D.  
Sanjeev S. Sharma, M.D.  
Joanne R. Wunderlich, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1992

(40 members, 2 Deceased, 31% participation)  
Kellee E. Abner, M.D.  
Ann M. Lamberndis Akins, M.D.  
John J. Anton, M.D.  
Kimberly A. Burgess, M.D.  
Philip L. Casingal, M.D.  
Jamie L. Jeffrey, M.D.  
William E. Passodelis, M.D.  
Dianna L. Shipley, M.D.  
Tina M. Sias, M.D.  
Timothy B. Tabor, M.D.  
Amy A. Vaughan, M.D.  
Janet N. Wallace, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1991

(44 members, 32% participation)  
Ronald E. Barebo, M.D.  
Kevin J. Conaway, M.D.  
Deborah H. Gillispie, M.D.  
Bradley D. Henry, M.D.  
Joel T. Hummer, M.D.  
William R. Jeffrey, M.D.  
Jack L. Kinder Jr., M.D.  
Joan B. Lehmann, M.D.  
Eric A. Morgan, M.D.  
Steven Pribanich III, M.D.  
Charlotte A. Rhee, M.D.  
Friday G. Simpson, M.D.  
Maria Teresa Vives-Aceves, M.D.  
Tsailing Wang, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1990

(37 members, 24% participation)  
C. David Adair, M.D.  
Jayne A. Barr, M.D.  
R. Todd Chambers, M.D.  
Greta V. Guyer, M.D.  
Terry S. Hummer, M.D.  
John D. Roth, M.D.  
Daniel W. Russell, M.D.  
W. Mitchel Shaver, M.D.  
Bernie M. Simons, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1989

(38 members, 3 deceased, 26% participation)  
Robert C. Anton, M.D.  
Pamela A. Cyrus, M.D.  
Karen E. Clark Gerbo, M.D.  
Michael W. Gibbs, M.D.  
Mary Ann M. Griffith, M.D.  
Joseph H. Lock Jr., M.D.  
Sandra K. Marshall, M.D.  
Debra J. Stultz, M.D.  
William N. White II, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1988

(42 members, 33% participation)  
Joseph P. Assaley, M.D.  
M. Wayne Bosserman, M.D.  
Carolyn A. Cline, M.D.  
Michael K. Hurst, M.D.  
David C. Jude, M.D.  
Joan A. Lynch, M.D.  
James C. McCabe, M.D.  
James M. Mears, M.D.  
James F. O'Neal, M.D.  
Dr. J. Greg Rosencrance, M.D.  
Mitsuko P. Shannon, M.D.  
Lisa A. Atkinson Spech, M.D.  
M. Catherine Slusher, M.D.  
Sheryl L. Stephens, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1987

(40 members, 27% participation)  
Mark E. Coggins, M.D.  
Nancy B. Graham, M.D.  
Darlene Y. Gruetter, M.D.  
Christopher E. Hayner, M.D.  
James T. Holbrook, M.D.  
Manuel E. Molina, M.D.  
Daniel M. Phillips, M.D.  
Yaacov R. Pushkin, M.D.  
Mark F. Sheridan, M.D.  
Gary R. Youmans, M.D.  
Jeanne M. Zekan, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1986

(46 members, 3 deceased, 25% participation)  
William R. Brooks Jr., M.D.  
Elaine L. Flanders, M.D.  
John A. Hoffman, M.D.  
Eric W. Janssen, M.D.  
Mary Nan S. Mallory, M.D.  
Kenneth F. McNeil, M.D.  
Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, M.D.  
David S. Parks, M.D.  
Elizabeth L. Spangler, M.D.  
Kevin S. Smith, M.D.  
James E. Tomblin II, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1985

(34 members, 2 deceased, 34% participation)  
Simon K. Chang, M.D.  
Cheryl L. Cook, M.D.  
F. Mark Goodwin, M.D.  
Scot D. Hines, M.D.  
Lea Ann Moricle, M.D.  
Michael J. Nerenberg, M.D.  
Terry G. Pritt, M.D.  
Sara L. Rochester, M.D.  
Helen R. Thornton, M.D.  
Kevin J. Willis, M.D.  
Kevin W. Yingling, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1984

(36 members, 5 deceased, 45% participation)  
Evelyn R. Banks, M.D.

James W. Banks III, M.D.<sup>#</sup>  
Timothy D. Canterbury, M.D.  
Robert T. Gallaher, M.D.  
Robert A. Hess, M.D.  
Michael A. Istfan, M.D.  
Kathleen E. Lucas, M.D.  
Thomas B. Maloney, M.D.  
C. Douglas Phillips, M.D.  
Ezra B. Riber, M.D.  
Susan A. Terry, M.D.  
Donnah S. Wolodkin Whitaker, M.D.  
Christopher J. Whitten, M.D.  
Philip N. Zambos, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1983

(36 members, 1 deceased, 40% participation)  
Lou G. Bartram, M.D.  
Gerald G. Blackwell, M.D.  
Craig L. Bookout, M.D.  
Samuel R. Davis, M.D.  
W. Douglas Given, M.D.  
Garrie J. Haas Jr., M.D.  
R. Mark Hatfield, M.D.  
Harry J. Magee, M.D.  
Reginald J. McClung, M.D.  
Daniel B. Ray, M.D.  
Hobart K. Richey, M.D.  
William S. Sheils Jr., M.D.  
Mark K. Stephens, M.D.  
Samuel D. Wellman Jr., M.D.

## CLASS OF 1982

(23 members, 2 deceased, 62% participation)  
John G. Boswell, M.D.  
Joseph E. Evans, M.D.  
Brian P. Fawcett, M.D.  
Rose Anne Goodwin, M.D.  
Robert W. Keefover, M.D.  
Michael E. Kilkenny, M.D.  
Michael P. Kruger, M.D.  
Scott E. Miller, M.D.  
Gretchen E. Oley, M.D.  
Ron D. Stollings, M.D.  
Katherine M. Stone, M.D.  
Thomas B. Styer, M.D.  
Curtis A. Winter, M.D.

## CLASS OF 1981

(18 members, 2 deceased, 37% participation)  
Emmett F. Branigan, M.D.  
Les N. Heddleston, M.D.  
Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D.  
Stephen T. Pyles, M.D.  
Brenda C. Smith, M.D.  
Stephen C. Smith, M.D.

*Of the 1,741 School of Medicine graduates representing the classes of 1981-2017, there were 291 donors for an overall participation of 17%.*



# 2018 School of Medicine SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN

Academic scholarships at the school of medicine are based on both merit and financial need. These scholarships ensure that we attract the most promising students in West Virginia and all corners of the country. Listed in alphabetical order on these two pages are the scholarships created during the past year. We are extremely grateful to the donors who endow and continue to support all of our medical student scholarships. They are essential to student success.

## AT&T Scholarship

AT&T has established an endowed scholarship fund at the School of Medicine. The scholarship is designated for a first-year medical student, with preference given to an underrepresented minority as identified by the American Medical Association. It is renewable for three additional years.

## Linda G. Brown, M.D., Scholarship



Linda G. Brown, M.D.

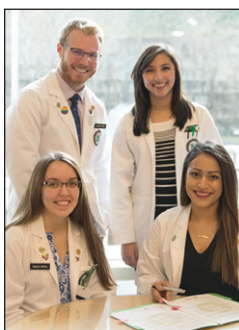
Cabell Huntington Hospital and Marshall Health established an endowed scholarship fund in honor of retiring physician Linda G. Brown, M.D., Class of 1993. Dr. Brown, an anatomical and clinical pathologist, joined the school of medicine faculty in 1998, and became chair of the department of pathology in 2011. Dr. Brown retired on Jan. 19, 2018.

This scholarship is designated for a fourth-year medical student who is pursuing a career in pathology and has demonstrated academic achievement.

## Class of 2018 Scholarship

The Class of 2018 graduated in May, leaving an endowed scholarship as part of its legacy. The scholarship is designated for an entering first-year medical student and is renewable for three additional years.

## Class of 2020 Scholarship



Less than halfway through their medical school career, 81 medical students in the Class of 2020 became the first class to endow a scholarship well before their graduation from medical

Class of 2020 officers — Katie Rollins (seated at left), Preeya Shah (seated at right), Dakota May (standing at left) and Alexandrine Ratnani.

school. The students raised more than \$20,000 during the past year and a half through apparel sales, the school's annual gala, an auction on social media and the generosity of the students, alumni, family members and friends. The class will continue adding to their scholarship fund during the remainder of their time in medical school.

The scholarship is designated for a first-year medical student with financial need, with first preference given to students who have not received any other scholarships at the time of award. The inaugural recipient is Maggie Hager, Class of 2022.

## McCorkle Family Scholarship



Dr. Doug McCorkle (right), and his wife, Dr. Lynn Harris-McCorkle (left), with their son, Colin, a second-year medical student, at his white coat ceremony in August 2017.

With the largest one-time gift by a graduate in school of medicine history, alumnus Douglas C. McCorkle, M.D., Class of 1981, and his wife, Lynn Harris-McCorkle, M.D., established their endowed family scholarship. The scholarship is a tribute to the individuals

who have impacted their lives, including Jane Ann Hayden McCorkle, Doug's beloved mother; Dr. Albert C. Esposito, a pioneer in the creation of the medical school; Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., then-chair of the admissions committee and former dean; Cynthia A. Warren, assistant dean of admissions; and Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs.

The scholarship is designated as a one-time award for a fourth-year medical student who best embodies the following characteristics the McCorkles value and have served them well as physicians — a commitment to academic excellence, compassion, willingness to help others and leadership.

Classes working to reach the  
\$15,000 endowment goal are:  
1995, 2003, 2005, 2007,  
2010 and 2015.

In order for a scholarship to reach the endowed status, at least \$15,000 must be invested in the scholarship's corpus through The Marshall University Foundation, Inc. Based on current market conditions and earnings, it is our recommendation that donors consider a \$25,000 minimum in order to reach a great payout benefit for the recipient(s).

## Gerard J. Oakley, M.D., Scholarship



Gerard J. Oakley, M.D.

Cabell Huntington Hospital and Marshall Health established an endowed scholarship fund in honor of retiring physician Gerard J. Oakley, M.D. Dr. Oakley, a gynecologic oncologist, longtime cancer specialist and chief of the division of gynecologic oncology at the school of medicine, and joined the school's OB/GYN faculty in 1997. He is a founding physician of the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer

Center and the first executive director of perioperative services at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Dr. Oakley retired on Jan. 12, 2018.

This scholarship is designated for a fourth-year medical student who is pursuing a career in obstetrics and gynecology and has demonstrated academic achievement.

medicine, founding dean of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy and a practicing physician with Marshall Health. He is the current chair of the Cabell Huntington Hospital board of directors. Mary Alice is a lifelong Cabell County resident and a 1981 graduate of Marshall University with a Master of Arts in Speech and Language Pathology. This renewable scholarship is designated for an entering first-year medical student with financial need, with first preference given to students from Cabell, Wayne, Mason, Logan or Lincoln counties in West Virginia and second preference given to students from West Virginia.



Dr. Kevin W. & Mrs. Mary Alice Nash Yingling

## Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, M.D., Scholarship



Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, M.D.

The Honorable Judge Dan O'Hanlon established an endowed scholarship in honor of his wife, Kathleen M. O'Hanlon, M.D., Class of 1986, a professor and clerkship director in the department of family and community health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

"I'm so proud of Kathy's accomplishments throughout her career," said Judge O'Hanlon. "This is perfect way to honor her on our 42nd wedding anniversary and as she celebrates a milestone birthday."

Since it was established in December 2017, a number of Dr. O'Hanlon's friends and family have contributed to the scholarship in her honor, which is awarded to an entering first-year medical student.

## Dr. Elmer T. & Mrs. Mary M. Vega Scholarship



Dr. Michael & Mrs. Paula Vega



Dr. Elmer & Mrs. Mary Vega

Michael E. Vega, M.D., and his wife, Paula, established an endowed scholarship in memory of his parents, Dr. Elmer T. and Mrs. Mary M. Vega. Dr. Elmer Vega was the first board-certified anesthesiologist in the area, performing the region's first epidural anesthetic. He helped pioneer the open-heart surgery program at St. Mary's Hospital and was instrumental in the founding of the Marshall School of Medicine. Mary Vega was a schoolteacher. They both passed away in 2016.

The renewable scholarship is for an entering first-year medical student from Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike or Scioto county in Ohio or Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Johnson, Lawrence, Martin or Pike county in Kentucky, with first preference given to a student from Chesapeake, Ohio.

## N.A. "Buzz" Nash Jr. and Norma Nash Scholarship

Kevin W. Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., Class of 1985, and his wife Mary Alice Nash Yingling, M.A., established an endowed scholarship fund honoring Mary Alice's parents. Kevin is a former chair of the department of internal



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# 2017-2018 School of Medicine SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Thanks to the generous support of alumni, patients, families and friends, scholarship funding for Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine students continues to grow and make a greater impact in reducing student debt.

## JOAN C. EDWARDS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

### Class of 2018

Joseph AbuRahma; Jeremy Adkins; Brooke Andrews; Hayden Ansinelli; Kelsey Ash; Joseph Barbera; Jenna Barbour; Lucas Bracero; Chase Chambers; Lacey Chambers; Alexandria Cremeans; Basem Dahshan; Olumayowa Dayo; Daniel Desiderio; Niccia DiTrapano; Shaheed Elhamdani; Andrew Feyh; Luke Finley; Aubrey Fleming; Chelsea Gilliam; Bradford Gillon; Rachael Hager; Mary Hanks; Mohit Harsh; Makenzie Hatfield Kresch; Casey Hazlewood; Henry Heisey; Deena Hossino; Zachary Hunter; Jenna Kerby; Joseph Klaus; Zeynep Koc; Tariq Latif; Forest Lefevre; Stacey Lewis; Brittani Lowe; Michael Matheney; Brandon Merritt; M. Zach Moore; Mallory Morris; Keegan Mullins; Justin Pacor; Travis Parkulo; Anu Pokharel; Melissa Saab; Adam Shaver; Raj Singh; Paulina Skaff; Leah Stalnaker; Joseph Ta; Lauren Tufts; Alexander Vance; Andrew Vess; Christian Warner

### Class of 2019

Jameson Akins; Leesah Al-Qawasmi; Christopher Blackwell; Neil Blanchard; Heath Blankenship; Matthew Bruner; Harold Burke; Kristie Burks; Christopher Burrell; Anthony Cantrell; Erin Casey; Taylor Cater; Jeniece Clark; Harley Davis; Travis Dinsmore; Adeel Elhamdani; Erin Fankhanel;

Tyler Farley; Brett Floyd; Jared Galloway; Justin Gande; Miles Gray; Fadi Hanna; Benjamin Jude; Amanda Krauss; Joshua Leonard; Bina Malapur; Dylan Maldonado; Rachel Marteney; Richard Nguyen; Ellen Petryna; Aeesha Ranavaya; Samantha Richardson; Matthew Riley; Lindsey Robinson; Matthew Saab; Steven Sagun; Karl Shaver; John Urian; Brian Warner; Aaron Whiteman; Emily Wright; Kristin Yasuda

### Class of 2020

Anthony Abadir; Meghan Anderson; Christopher Atkins; Lloyd Border; Fadi Chanaa; Evan Childers; Seth Deskins; Iman Ferdjallah; Andrea Hart; Allison Hines; Haleigh Jeffrey; Jordan Kahle; Cameron Killmer; Andre Lamyaithong; Caleb Lee; Stephanie Lipscomb; Marjorie McCoy; Steven McHenry; Tyler Miller; Shane Musick; Sang Hyun Park; Julia Poe; Luke Prudich; Zachary Robateau; Alexander Schlarb; Preeya Shah; Eric Sias; Joseph Simmons; Tyler Skidmore; Lauren Smaltz; Dakota Stevenson; Benjamin Williams; Wesley Wright; Ian Yahnke

### Class of 2021

Amanda Clark; Shefali Khanna; Evan McClanahan; Ibrahim Mohammed; Cecilia Nease; Mohammed Ranavaya; Rebecca Wingfield

## JAMES & JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

### Class of 2021

Zachary Casto • Cecilia Nease

### Class of 2020

Christopher Atkins

### Class of 2019

Brian Warner • Emily Wright

### Class of 2018

Shaheed Elhamdani

## CLASS of 2018

| RECIPIENTS       | SCHOLARSHIP(S)   | RECIPIENTS        | SCHOLARSHIP(S)                                      |
|------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| Jeremy Adkins    | Bertha M. & Lake Polan; Evans Family; Walter E. Duling; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable Lead Trust; Slater Trust | Olumayowa Dayo    | Touma Family  |
| Hayden Ansinelli | Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable Lead Trust   | Niccia DiTrapano  | BrickStreet; Dr. Frederick J. & Agnes Marie Hoitash |
| Joseph Barbera   | Dr. Thomas B. Styer; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable Lead Trust  | Shaheed Elhamdani | Marshall Surgery                                    |
| Jenna Barbour    | Milton & Betty Ferguson; The Health Plan   | Andrew Feyh       | Walter E. Duling; Dr. Henry Hatfield                |
| Lacey Chambers   | Dr. Charles McKown Jr.   | Luke Finley       | Milton & Betty Ferguson                             |
|                  |  | Aubrey Fleming    | Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable Lead Trust        |

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

|                                 |  |                        |  |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| <b>Bradford Gillon</b>          | Slater Trust                                 | <b>Mallory Morris</b>  | Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker                               |
| <b>Mary Hanks</b>               | Norval Carter Memorial                       | <b>Travis Parkulo</b>  | Mahmood Heydarian, M.D.                                    |
| <b>Mohit Harsh</b>              | Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable Lead Trust | <b>Anu Pokharel</b>    | Ruth E. Butler   |
| <b>Zeynep Koc</b>               | Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable Lead Trust | <b>Adam Shaver</b>     | Slater Trust; Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable Lead Trust |
| <b>Makenzie Hatfield Kresch</b> | Dr. Dorothy E. Hicks                         | <b>Leah Stalnaker</b>  | General School of Medicine; Slater Trust                   |
| <b>Forest Lefevre</b>           | Fox Family                                   | <b>Lauren Tufts</b>    | Milton & Betty Ferguson<br>Dr. Thomas Folsom Pediatrics    |
| <b>Stacey Lewis</b>             | Meadows' Pediatric Scholarship               | <b>Alexander Vance</b> | Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable Lead Trust               |
| <b>Brittani Lowe</b>            | Slater Trust                                 | <b>Andrew Vess</b>     | The Health Plan  |
| <b>Michael Matheney</b>         | Dr. Maurice A. & Diane W. Mufson             | <b>Caleb Webb</b>      | Milton & Betty Ferguson                                    |
| <b>Kimiknu Mentore</b>          | Touma Family                                 |                        |  |
| <b>Zach Moore</b>               | W.B. "Bart" & Doris Andrews                  |                        |  |

### CLASS of 2019

| RECIPIENTS               | SCHOLARSHIP(S)                   | RECIPIENTS                 | SCHOLARSHIP(S)                                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Christian Adams</b>   | The Health Plan                  | <b>Benjamin Jude</b>       | Milton & Betty Ferguson                        |
| <b>Leesah Al-Qawasmi</b> | Herschel Howard Sargent Memorial | <b>Kyle Maxwell</b>        | Dr. Norval Carter Memorial                     |
| <b>Michael Amos</b>      | Dr. Winfield C. John Memorial    | <b>Julia Preusch</b>       | C. Douglas Phillips, M.D.                      |
| <b>Heath Blankenship</b> | Walter E. Duling                 | <b>Samantha Richardson</b> | Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker                   |
| <b>Taylor Cater</b>      | Touma Family                     | <b>Karl Shaver</b>         | Herschel Howard Sargent Memorial; Slater Trust |
| <b>Jeniece Clark</b>     | Touma Family                     | <b>Kyle Smith</b>          | Alpha Natural Resources                        |
| <b>Jared Galloway</b>    | MUSOM Class of 2006              | <b>Saidat Sola-Rufai</b>   | Touma Family                                   |
| <b>Justin Gandee</b>     | BrickStreet                      | <b>Brian Warner</b>        | Drs. Subhash & Rashmi Kumar                    |
| <b>Miles Gray</b>        | Touma Family                     |                            |  |

### CLASS of 2020

| RECIPIENTS                 | SCHOLARSHIP(S)                    | RECIPIENTS             | SCHOLARSHIP(S)   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>Anthony Abadir</b>      | BrickStreet; C. Stafford Clay     | <b>Adam Christian</b>  | Philip N. Zambos, M.D.   |
| <b>Meghan Anderson</b>     | School of Medicine Alumni         | <b>Anne DeFruscio</b>  | Dr. Patrick I. Brown; Slater Trust; Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker |
| <b>Jasmyn Atalla</b>       | BrickStreet                       | <b>Seth Deskins</b>    | Dr. Gary Tolley Memorial   |
| <b>Christopher Atkins</b>  | Clyde Albert Burgess, M.D.        | <b>Iman Ferdjallah</b> | Alma M. Stollings Memorial                                       |
| <b>Rebecca Barnes</b>      | Dr. Emily A. Seidler              | <b>William Freeman</b> | Norma J. Bromley   |
| <b>Lloyd Border</b>        | Charles B. & Margaret Lewis       | <b>Andrea Hart</b>     | Dr. R.J. Wilkinson Memorial                                      |
| <b>Gabriella Casinelli</b> | The Health Plan                   | <b>Allison Hines</b>   | David C. Griffin, M.D.; Mid-Ohio Valley Bison Alumni Club        |
| <b>Fadi Chanaa</b>         | School of Medicine Memorial       | <b>Haleigh Jeffrey</b> | Walter E. Duling   |
| <b>Evan Childers</b>       | Sylvia & Milton Marshall Memorial |                        |  |



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Jordan Kahle</b>       | Bernice Dorsey Douthat & Lyell V. Douthat; Walter E. Duling           |
| <b>Cameron Killmer</b>    | Dr. Maurice A. & Diane C. Mufson                                      |
| <b>Caleb Lee</b>          | Walter E. Duling; Guy C. & Mae E. Nangle                              |
| <b>Stephanie Lipscomb</b> | Ernest Leaberry Memorial  |
| <b>Dakota May</b>         | Walter E. Duling;<br>Nadar Family Foundation                          |
| <b>Marjorie McCoy</b>     | Robert C. Bailey Memorial   |
| <b>Shane Musick</b>       | Dr. Mark & Janet Sheridan   |
| <b>Julia Poe</b>          | Charles R. & Mary Burris<br>McCollister Memorial                      |
| <b>Jordan Preston</b>     | Dr. Amy & Col. James Conley;<br>Dr. Dorothy E. Hicks; The Health Plan |
| <b>Zachary Robateau</b>   | Joan & Arthur Weisberg Charitable<br>Lead Trust                       |

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Katie Rollins</b>     | David A. Brosius Memorial   |
| <b>Preeya Shah</b>       | Harry & Elisa Carnahan;<br>Goodwin Family; Slater Trust                                   |
| <b>Eric Sias</b>         | Carl Hensley & Robert Walton Thomas   |
| <b>Joseph Simmons</b>    | Ramsey Endowed  |
| <b>Tyler Skidmore</b>    | BrickStreet; MUSOM Faculty  |
| <b>Jordan Tate</b>       | Dr. Paul & Allison Ferguson   |
| <b>Benjamin Williams</b> | Darby Family Scholarship  |
| <b>Brandon Wright</b>    | Walter E. Duling  |
| <b>Wesley Wright</b>     | Kenneth E. Guyer Sr. & Hazel O.<br>Guyer; Joan & Arthur Weisberg<br>Charitable Lead Trust |
| <b>Ian Yahnke</b>        | Bettye Esposito   |

## CLASS of 2021

| RECIPIENTS                 | SCHOLARSHIP(S)   |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Timothy Adkins</b>      | Paul R. Durst, MD; Walter E. Duling                            |
| <b>Halley Alberts</b>      | W. Carl Kappes;<br>Dr. Elmer & Mary Vega                       |
| <b>Kara Anderson</b>       | Slater Trust   |
| <b>Mercy Babatope</b>      | Dr. Amir Rashid Piracha; Touma Family                          |
| <b>Nathan Baisden</b>      | General School of Medicine;<br>Gregory D. VanMeter Memorial    |
| <b>David Bartlett</b>      | Bettye Esposito  |
| <b>Adam Bicak</b>          | Charles B. & Margaret Lewis                                    |
| <b>Carly Clark</b>         | BrickStreet; Bertha M. & Lake Polan;<br>John & Donna Underwood |
| <b>Kevin Clark</b>         | Brent A. Marsteller  |
| <b>Sarah Cole</b>          | Charles B. & Margaret Lewis                                    |
| <b>Madison Crank</b>       | Bertha M. & Lake Polan   |
| <b>Mohamed Feliachi</b>    | Touma Family   |
| <b>Ifeoluwatomi Fuwape</b> | Touma Family   |
| <b>Logan Godfrey</b>       | Dr. & Mrs. Charles Reynolds                                    |
| <b>William Hayes</b>       | Daniel & Teresa Cowell Memorial                                |
| <b>Harsha Iyer</b>         | MUSOM Class of 1984  |
| <b>Shefali Khanna</b>      | WV State Medical Association Alliance                          |
| <b>Timothy Kocher</b>      | Dr. & Mrs. Charles Reynolds                                    |

| RECIPIENTS                 | SCHOLARSHIP(S)  |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Hannah Leport</b>       | Joseph & Karen McDonie  |
| <b>Jesse Lewis</b>         | Dr. Charles Joseph Anton Jr. &<br>Mary Anton; MUSOM Class of 1986   |
| <b>Jett MacPherson</b>     | General School of Medicine  |
| <b>Evan McClanahan</b>     | BrickStreet; Huntington Clinical<br>Foundation                      |
| <b>Richard Miller</b>      | Bertha M. & Lake Polan;<br>Bernard & Pansy Wellington               |
| <b>Ibrahim Mohammed</b>    | Walter E. Duling; Touma Family                                      |
| <b>Cecilia Nease</b>       | Virginia D. Kirkwood;<br>Bertha M. & Lake Polan                     |
| <b>Katina Nicoloudakis</b> | MUSOM Class of 2017   |
| <b>Mohammed Ranavaya</b>   | MUSOM Class of 1982   |
| <b>Callie Seaman</b>       | MUSOM Class of 1981   |
| <b>Samantha Smith</b>      | Brent A. Marsteller   |
| <b>Landon Thompson</b>     | BrickStreet; Huntington Clinical<br>Foundation; MUSOM Class of 2002 |
| <b>Dylan Weaver</b>        | Mid-Ohio Valley Bison Alumni Club                                   |
| <b>Rebecca Wingfield</b>   | Huntington Clinical Foundation;<br>John R. Karickhoff, M.D.         |
| <b>Anthony Workman</b>     | Charles W. & Norma C. Carroll                                       |
| <b>Amber Wright</b>        | Brent A. Marsteller   |
| <b>John Young</b>          | MUSOM Class of 1983   |

# 2017-2018 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

*Each year, the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association has the distinct pleasure of honoring two very special individuals.*

## 2018 FACULTY CHOICE Award

This special honor is presented to the most outstanding fourth-year medical student as selected by the faculty.



### Leah D. Stalnaker, M.D.

Dr. Stalnaker is a native of St. Albans, West Virginia, who earned her undergraduate degree from West Virginia State University in Institute. Dr. Stalnaker was one of the organizers for the school's 2017 medical mission trip to Honduras. She was also a 2017 inductee into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She is completing a combined residency in pediatrics/psychiatry/child psychiatry at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

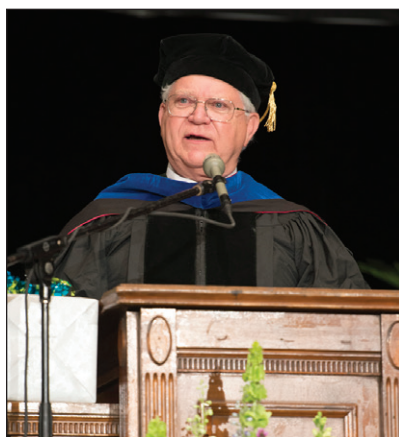
Director of Development & Alumni Affairs Linda S. Holmes presents the 2018 Faculty Choice Award to Leah D. Stalnaker, M.D.

Our **SPECIAL THANKS** to  
**TINA M. SIAS, M.D.**, Class of 1992,  
for her service as president of the  
School of Medicine Alumni Association  
from 2015-2017.



## 2018 HONORARY ALUMNUS Award

This special honor is presented annually at the investiture ceremony to the individual who is not a graduate of the school of medicine but has most exemplified distinguished service to our school and/or the medical community we serve.



Gary O. Rankin, Ph.D.

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Dr. Rankin is a veteran scientist, researcher, mentor and educator who has rendered outstanding service to our school of medicine since its very beginning.

After earning his Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Mississippi, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in pharmacology at the Medical College of Ohio. In 1978, as Marshall University welcomed its first class of medical students, he joined the university as an associate professor in the department of pharmacology. He is among a small few who have had the distinction of teaching every Marshall medical student over the years.

Since 1986, Dr. Rankin has served in various leadership roles within the school of medicine, including nearly 20 years as chairman of the department of pharmacology, as well as associate dean for biomedical graduate education and research development, and, most recently, as professor and chair of the department of pharmacology, physiology and toxicology. He currently serves as vice dean for basic sciences and chairman of the department of biomedical sciences.

His innovative research focuses on halogenated anilines exposure, methadone and nephrotoxicity. During his tenure, he has brought more than \$60 million in grants and awards to Marshall University and authored more than 130 research publications. He also serves as associate editor of the *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics*, one of the discipline's top journals.

We applaud Dr. Rankin's determined leadership both in the classroom and his field and thank him for making a profound difference in Marshall's research enterprise throughout his career.



# 20th Annual Golf Classic

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HOSTED ITS 20th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC AT SUGARWOOD GOLF CLUB IN LAVALETTE, WEST VIRGINIA, ON MAY 1, 2018. AS PART OF THE GRADUATION WEEK FESTIVITIES, THE GOLF OUTING ALSO SERVED AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE CLASS OF 2018 SCHOLARSHIP.

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These new doctors from the Class of 2018 came in as Best of the Worst. Drs. Chase and Lacey Chambers, Jenna Kerby and Christian Warner.



Bragging rights as best dressed goes once again to Class of 2007 alumni Drs. Andy Gilliland, Shabbir Matcheswalla, Jeff Harris and Jay Shepherd.



This year's winning foursome was the team from Marshall Athletics with Matt Grobe, Mitch Jacobs, Matt Miller and Brooke Burkhammer. Head Men's Golf Coach Matt Grobe also took home a win for the 2018 Putting Contest.



# Standing Out IN OUR FIELD 5



**Service with a smile.** One of the unique things about Standing Out in Our Field is that our medical students provide table service to guests during the event, giving attendees the opportunity to interact with them and ask about their experience. More than 40 medical students volunteered for the event.





**I**t was **HOT** on the farm this year but we had the grill cranked up, the dance floor hoppin' and a record-breaking 500 guests. The hard work and generosity of community volunteers and sponsors added more than \$140,000 to the School of Medicine scholarship endowment.



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## STANDING OUT IN OUR FIELD 5 .....



Classmates and spouses from the Class of 1983. Pictured left to right are (front row) Rosemary Adams and Elaine Endicott and (back row) J.W. Endicott, M.D., R. Mark Hatfield, M.D., Monica Hatfield, and Fred D. Adams, M.D.



Husband-wife doctor duo Andrea Lauffer, Class of 2010, and Caleb Huff, Class of 2013.



Event Co-Chairs Dr. Pete & Mrs. Clare Chirico pulled off an amazing event for this record crowd.



Guests were greeted with a bandana and a shot of Fireball whisky upon entering the saloon.



Jill Nelson (left) and Terry Justice enjoying the evening.



Co-chair Pete Chirico, M.D., with development director Linda S. Holmes and James P. Clark, M.D., Class of 1991.



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## 31ST ANNUAL HOMECOMING & REUNION WEEKEND



Five members from the Class of 1987. L to R: Drs. Manny Molina, Mark Coggins, Gary Youmans, Darlene Gruetter and Randy Hawkins.

The Class of 1982 celebrates 35 years. L to R: Drs. Don Chaffin Jr., Ron Stollings, Class President Jim Bennett, Joe Evans, Gretchen Oley, Michael Kilkenny, Rose Ann Goodwin, Tom Styer, John Boswell and Sam Davis.





## HOMECOMING



Drs. Kristi Hensley, Bobby Miller, Ish Stevens and Chuck Clements, co-class president, reconnected from the Class of 1997.



Drs. Drema Hunt, Hank Preston, Kim Burgess, Phil Casingal and Tina Sias met up from the Class of 1992.



Class of 2007 alumnus Andy Gilliland, M.D., enjoys the tailgate with his daughter.



Laurel Hensley Fedor, M.D., Class of 2007, catches up with Cindy Warren at our annual homecoming tailgate.



Linda Holmes with Class of 1981 graduate Dr. Steve Smith and wife Judy.



Joseph E. Evans, M.D., Class of 1982, receives the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Dean Joseph Shapiro, M.D., and Linda Holmes, director of development & alumni affairs.



The Class of 2007 celebrates its 10-year reunion, and these classmates came out in full force to reconnect with one another. L to R: Drs. Paul Ferguson, Mary Beth Muldoon, Nicole Franklin, Nicole Leedy, Jay Lakhani, Kristin Canterbury, Susan Flesher, Elizabeth Saunders, Meghan Watts Shepherd, Betsy Dovec, Christy Robinson, Joe King, Andrea Kellar, Andy Gilliland and Larry Hutchison.



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## Just What the Doctor Ordered!

Is there a new future Marshall doctor in the family? If you're a Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine alum who is expecting or you've recently expanded your family, please let us know so we can send you a

"Marshall Medicine" bib. Be sure to share your baby pictures (along with name and date of birth) with us at [holmes@marshall.edu](mailto:holmes@marshall.edu) for the 2019 issue of *Benefactor*. #FutureMarshallDoc



## '80s

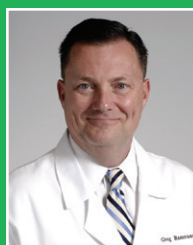
**Brenda C. Smith**, Class of 1981, of Moon Township, Pennsylvania, retired from Heritage Valley Health Center in Sewickley, Pa. After several years of retirement, Smith returned to work part time as a hospitalist.

**Curtis A. Winter**, Class of 1982, and his wife, Cynthia, welcomed a new granddaughter. Claire Elizabeth Winter was born March 23, 2018, to Daniel Luke Winter (DDS, WVU) and Pamela McDonald Winter (DDS, WVU). Both parents are pediatric dentists practicing in Chesapeake, Virginia.

**Bijan J. Goodarzi**, Class of 1983, has been honored by having the former Muskingum Valley Health Center (MVHC) in South Zanesville, Ohio, renamed the Dr. Bijan Joseph Goodarzi Health Center. In 1988, Goodarzi established a hospital-based



Claire Elizabeth Winter



J. Gregory Rosencrance

prenatal care program at Bethesda Hospital, which later moved to MVHC. The program provided prenatal care to a community where such care was lacking.

**James H. "Jim" Morgan III**, Class of 1988, is with Randolph Health Medical Group. He has a special interest in surgery for the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. His practice also includes a broad range of surgical procedures such as surgery of the GI tract, abdominal cancer surgery, complex hernia repairs, advanced laparoscopic surgery and endoscopy.

**J. Gregory Rosencrance**, Class of 1988, is president of Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, Florida, following a merger of Indian River Medical Center and the Cleveland Clinic. He previously served as chairman of the Cleveland Clinic's Medicine Institute. He joined the staff of Cleveland Clinic Florida in 2014.



**R. MARK HATFIELD**, president of the Class of 1983, was the Spirit of Philanthropy honoree at The Foundation for Thomas Health's 25th Silver Anniversary Gala. He was selected for his giving spirit, selfless acts and dedication to his patients and his home of West Virginia. The gala was Nov. 3, 2018, at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center. Pictured from left to right: Linda S. Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs, MUJCESOM; Frank Fofie, Class of 2017; Monica & Mark Hatfield; Saveria Fofie; Katie and Russ Richardson, both class of 2013; and daughter Makenzie Hatfield Kresch, Class of 2018.



## '90s

**Steven Pribanich III**, Class of 1991, family medicine physician and owner of Plateau Medical Specialists in Crossville, Tennessee, was named the 2018 LMU-DCOM Preceptor of the Year by Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. Pribanich is a member of the active medical staff at Cumberland Medical Center, an affiliate of Covenant Health, East Tennessee's top performing healthcare network. He also provides inpatient care at Cumberland Medical Center with the TeamHealth Hospitalist Department.

**Kimberly A. Burgess**, Class of 1992, has retired from the U.S. Army after 34 years, effective August 2018. She has been working part-time in Sidney, Montana, near the North Dakota and Canadian borders in the Bakken Oil fields at a 21-bed,



Steven Pribanich with Preceptor of the Year award



Kimberly Burgess on Boone's Mountain in the East Boulder River area of south-central Montana, 9,500 feet (give or take)

critical access facility in a town of about 6,000.

**Gary W. Procop**, Class of 1992, is chair of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Committee on Continuing Certification, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of ABMS. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI).

**David C. Fisher**, Class of 1993, has opened an MDVIP-affiliated practice, joining more than 20 other MDVIP physician affiliates across the state of South Carolina to deliver a better healthcare experience with an emphasis on health prevention, as well as the treatment of illness. Fisher completed his internship and residency at Palmetto Health/USC Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina, and is affiliated with Palmetto Health Richland Hospital and Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital.

## ALUMNI of DISTINCTION



Mark A. Studeny

brought an innovative level of heart care to the Huntington area.

**Mark A. Studeny, M.D.**, Class of 1986, was also honored as the school's Alumnus of Distinction at the 80th Annual Awards Banquet on April 22, 2017. Dr. Studeny is professor and chair of the school's department of cardiovascular services who has

**Bobby Miller, M.D.**, Class of 1997, was honored as the School of Medicine's Alumnus of Distinction at the Marshall University Alumni Association 81st Alumni Awards Banquet on March 31, 2018. Dr. Miller is the school's vice dean of medical education, professor of pediatrics and a neonatologist caring for the region's tiniest patients.



Bobby Miller

**Rebecca B. Young**, Class of 1993, joined the physician's assistant department at the University of Lynchburg after more than 20 years of private practice. She continues to work with Centra Hospice on a part-time basis in addition to her teaching responsibilities. Young has served as medical director of the Centra Hospice House and as a team physician for the Roanoke Express Professional Ice Hockey team and the Roanoke Valley Vipers.

**Kim A. Oxley**, Class of 1994, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, has joined Georgetown Pediatrics, part of St. James-Santee Family Health Centers, located in Georgetown, South Carolina.

**Cmdr. Richard L. "Rick" Siemens**, Class of 1993, is chief of staff at the Martinsburg (West Virginia) VA Medical Center. He was previously chief of staff at the VA Medical Center in Amarillo, Texas. Prior to attending medical school, Siemens earned a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the West Virginia University College of Law before serving six years of active duty with the Navy JAG Corps in Washington, D.C., and in the Philippines. During his final year of JAG Corps service he was a staff attorney at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He remained associated with the Navy in various capacities, including senior medical officer for the 31 ships of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Surface Combatant Force and, after promotion to commander, served more than a year in al-Anbar Province, Iraq, as IMEF Force health protection officer. Following this



Rebecca Young



Richard Siemens



Charles "Ted" Shuff



Marie Frazier

tour, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

**Charles E. "Ted" Shuff**, Class of 1997, has joined Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Shuff and his wife, Amanda, an internal medicine physician, have four daughters, Anna-Kate, Meredith, Caroline and Adelaide, and one son, Rhett.

**Michael J. White**, Class of 1999, has been named chief medical officer (CMO) of Shared Health Services, a Tennessee-based wound care and hyperbaric oxygen therapy management company in Johnson City. He is board-certified in family medicine, undersea and hyperbaric medicine, and is a certified wound specialist. He lectures frequently on the subjects of wound care and hyperbaric oxygen therapy throughout the United States as a faculty member with Wound Care Education Partners.

## '00s

**Marie D. Frazier**, Class of 2001, is assistant dean of academic affairs at the MUJCESOM. She is also an associate professor of pediatrics and a board-certified pediatric critical care specialist at Marshall Health. Since joining Marshall's clinical faculty in 2007, Frazier has served in various leadership positions, including director of international medicine for the School of Medicine and medical director of the Children's Advocacy Center and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Hoops Family Children's Hospital.



**Christopher S. “Chris” Goode**, Class of 2002, is interim chair of the academic department at the WVU School of Medicine and interim chair of emergency medicine and assistant vice president for emergency medicine for WVU Medicine. He is also active with the Harrison County Emergency (EMS) Squad and sits on its board of directors. He and his wife, Kristi, have two sons, Colby and Kaden.

**B. Hunter Boshell**, Class of 2003 president, has joined Central Kentucky Radiology in Lexington. He and his wife, Amy, have a daughter, Hunter Grace.

**Nicole L. Grieve Varela**, Class of 2005, joined the anesthesiology department in the Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea and Austin, Texas, in August 2018.

**Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Williams**, Class of 2005, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. A ceremony to honor Williams was held on May 5, 2018, at McConnell Air Force Base, in Sedgwick County, Kan. He is a family physician at Mercy Hospital in Derby, Kansas. As a traveling physician, he travels to multiple critical access hospitals and provides care to the surrounding population.

**Brock J. Niceler**, Class of 2006, and his wife, Morgan, welcomed a son, Bear James, seven weeks early on March 16, 2018. The proud father claims Bear came early in order to watch the Marshall vs. Wichita State game.

**Sara Safder**, Class of 2006, was selected in June 2018 to the American



Christopher Goode



Nicole Varela



Brock Niceler and son Bear James



Nicole Franklin



Lucia Soltis (right) with Shu-Chung Lu, a psychiatrist from Taiwan, at the World Doctors Orchestra in Poland



John Majjub

Health Council's Board of Physicians for her outstanding contributions to the medical field. She is a radiologist at Lakeland Regional Health, a facility within the Radiology and Imaging Specialties network, in Windermere, Florida.

**Courtney B. Saunders**, Class of 2006, passed the American Board of Internal Medicine 2018 Advanced Heart Failure/Transplant Cardiology certification examination. She is now quadruple-boarded as she previously qualified in Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine.

**Nicole Y. Franklin**, Class of 2007, joined The Institute of Psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston as a child and adolescent psychiatrist. She and husband, Darren, have a daughter, Abigail.

**Lucia I. Soltis**, Class of 2008, works at Lincoln Primary Care Center and is team physician for Lincoln County High School. She recently traveled to Poland to play the viola with the World Doctors Orchestra.

**S. Nichelle Graham Jadhav**, Class of 2009, works at St. Joseph Main Hospital and St. Joseph East in Lexington, Kentucky. She and her husband, Sushil D. Jadhav, M.D., have a baby on the way, due in December. Jadhav is a legacy graduate. Her mother is **Nancy Graham**, Class of 1987.

## '10s

**Nathan S. Hill**, Class of 2010, is working for Central Radiology

Associates, which covers Baptist Health Lexington (formerly Central Baptist), in Lexington, Kentucky.

**John G. Maijub**, Class of 2010, completed a vascular surgery fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, in July and accepted a position at Indiana University School of Medicine. His wife, Elizabeth, is completing her master's degree in nursing from Marshall University. They are the parents of a daughter, Kendall.

**Brittany L. Adams Beymer**, Class of 2011, and her husband, Bryan, welcomed a son, Wesley Bryan, on Oct. 16, 2018. They also have a daughter, Brooklyn. Beymer is an anesthesiologist with River Cities Anesthesia Inc., a subsidiary of Northstar. The proud grandfather is **Dr. Fred Adams**, Class of 1983.

**Karim W. Boukhemis**, Class of 2011, completed a foot and ankle fellowship at the University of California (UC Davis Health — Department of Orthopaedic Surgery) and is now practicing at Scott Orthopedic Center in Huntington. He and his wife, Josi, reside in Huntington.

**Neil R. Copeland**, Class of 2011, and his wife, Morgan, moved from Anchorage, Alaska, to Elkins, West Virginia. He is currently an assistant professor with West Virginia University Health Sciences Center and working as a pediatric hospitalist at Charleston Area Medical Center.

**Adam P. Sweeney**, Class of 2011, is an assistant professor of neuroradiology at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. His wife, Erica



Adam Sweeney



Henry Foster Cromie



Miriah and Ryan Taylor



Norah Scout Grambos



(L to R) Pierson, Piper, Pearl and baby Penelope Poole



Johnson Walker

Wilt Sweeney, Class of 2013, is an assistant professor of neurology at Wake Forest. They reside in Clemmons, North Carolina.

**Megan McKee Thomas**, Class of 2011, completed her maternal fetal medicine fellowship at Memorial Health Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, and joined TriHealth Maternal-Fetal Medicine Associates in Clifton and Cincinnati, Ohio. She and her husband, Jeremy, are parents to three children.

**Courtney N. Dugan Cromie**, Class of 2012, and her husband, Zachary, welcomed a son, Henry Foster, on July 23, 2018. Cromie practices family medicine with Allegheny Health Network (Allegheny Township Medical Associates).

**Miriah C. Gillispie-Taylor**, Class of 2012, completed her fellowship in June at Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital and started as a pediatric rheumatologist at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. She married Ryan Taylor in April.

**Zachary T. "Zack" Grambos**, Class of 2012, and his wife, Michelle, welcomed a daughter, Norah Scout, on Feb. 7, 2018. Grambos is an emergency physician.

**Daniel J. Poole**, Class of 2012, is a hospitalist at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He and his wife, Jessica, have four children, Piper, Pierson, Pearl and Penelope.

**Johnson B. Walker**, Class of 2012, is doing surgical critical care and trauma surgery at McLeod Regional Medical



Center in Florence, South Carolina. He completed a surgery residency at Marshall and a fellowship in Trauma/Surgical Critical Care at the University of Louisville.

**Kathryne J. Blair**, Class of 2013, completed her surgery residency at MUJCESOM in June 2018 and joined KentuckyOne Health as a general surgeon at St. Joseph Hospital in London, Kentucky, in August 2018.

**Dana S. Lycans**, Class of 2013, completed his orthopaedic residency at Marshall, and is doing a one-year primary care sports medicine fellowship at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Alabama. He will join the Marshall Orthopaedic Department in August 2019.

**Rachel E. Edwards Yung**, Class of 2013, is in private OB/GYN practice at London Women's Care in London, Kentucky. She and her husband, Dr. Marco Yung, a former surgery resident, welcomed their first child, daughter Laurel, on Oct. 12, 2018.

**Brent D. Kidd**, Class of 2013, completed a critical care fellowship at Emory University, and has joined the faculty of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City.

**Alex C. Overmiller**, Class of 2013, of La Barque Creek, Missouri, is doing an emergency medicine residency at St. Louis University. He is still with the U.S. Air Force but



Laurel Yung



Brent, Ashley and Oliver Kidd



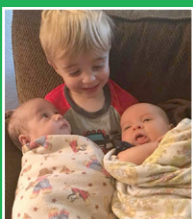
Ander and Ruby Overmiller



Cordelia Diane Payne



Isabella Ann Seminara



Twins Penelope Rose and Sebastian Oliver Muncy join big brother, Jack

assigned to that location for training. He and his wife, Nikki, have two children, Ander and Ruby.

**Kristen McClung Payne**, Class of 2013, is an attending with Tulane University in New Orleans. Her husband, Bryan, is chief of neurosurgery at the Veteran's Administration working with LSU residents. They became parents of a daughter, Cordelia Diane, on Aug. 21, 2018. Proud grandfather is **Dr. Reggie McClung**, Class of 1983.

**Brittany L. Venci Seminara**, Class of 2013, is completing a GI fellowship in Charlotte, North Carolina, at Carolinas HealthCare System. She and her husband, Jacob, welcomed a daughter, Isabella Ann, on Feb. 27, 2018.

**Lindsay M. Edwards Muncy**, Class of 2014, is the medical director for the combined troops medical clinic at Fort Polk, Louisiana. She and her husband, David, welcomed twins, Penelope Rose and Sebastian Oliver on April 14, 2018. The twins joined big brother, Jack.

**Freddie W. Vaughan II**, Class of 2014, is director of Student Health for Marshall Family Medicine. He joined the department as an assistant professor in August 2017.

**Amanda W. Adkins** and **Brian D. Adkins**, both Class of 2015, welcomed their first baby, Benjamin Patrick, on Feb. 8, 2018. Amanda is assistant professor of clinical pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Outreach Medicine, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. Brian

is a resident in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology at Vanderbilt.

**Carl N. Chotas**, Class of 2015, is working for Samaritan's Purse, a Christian charity with a medical branch. He will be at a hospital in Kenya for two or more years.

**Christopher H. "Chris" Fine**, Class of 2015, is a first year fellow of the University of Louisville Division of Cardiovascular Medicine.

**Steven W. Nakano**, Class of 2015, and his wife, Hanna, welcomed their second daughter, Gentry "Gigi" Miyoko, on Sept. 18, 2018. Gigi joins big sister Mila.

**Adam T. Short**, Class of 2015, moved to Morrisville, North Carolina, to complete a foot and ankle fellowship at Duke University. He and his family plan to move back to Louisville, Kentucky, once the one-year program is completed.

**Afton E. Turner**, Class of 2015, completed her pediatric residency at the University of Florida College of Medicine and is practicing outpatient pediatrics at Rainbow Pediatrics in Jacksonville.

**Amos T. Turner**, also Class of 2015, began an addiction fellowship at Yale University in July after completing a psychiatry residency at the University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville.

**Indira Bhavsar**, Class of 2016, of Franklin, and Dr. Sean Burke, of Charlottesville, Virginia, were

married on Oct. 13, 2018. Bhavsar is an internal medicine resident at the University of Virginia. Burke is employed in the University of Virginia Health System.

**Matthew M. "Matt" Snyder**, Class of 2016 president, and his wife, Holly, welcomed a son, Wells Marshall, on May 24, 2018. Snyder is doing a general surgery residency at North Western in Chicago, Illinois.

**Evan J. Madden**, Class of 2017, is doing a family medicine residency at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood, South Carolina. Madden and his wife, Cecelia, welcomed their first child, Lillian "Lily" Rae, on June 15, 2018.

**Kasey D. Stickler**, Class of 2017, was selected as MUJCESOM Resident of the Month for October. Stickler is completing her second year of the three-year family medicine residency, and is an inaugural member of the school of medicine's rural residency program. After completing her residency in June 2020, Stickler plans to enter a sports medicine fellowship.

**Makenzie E. Hatfield Kresch**, Class of 2018, was awarded the Above and Beyond Award for patient care and advocacy by the Medical College of Wisconsin psychiatry residency program. She was nominated for this award by the attending psychiatrist and assistant professor, Dr. Suraj Singh, stating, "It is people like her that bring change."



Christopher "Chris" Fine



Gentry "Gigi" Nakano



Afton Turner



Wells Marshall Snyder



Lillian "Lily" Rae Madden



Dr. Kasey Stickler (left) receives the Resident of the Month award from Dr. Tammy Bannister.



**M. Jeremiah Matson**, Class of 2018, who is in the MD/PhD program, is completing the final year of the PhD program at the Virus Ecology Unit at NIH/NIAID Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, Mont. Matson is due to graduate in 2021. Matson and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a son, Ira Lekh, on Nov. 17, 2017.

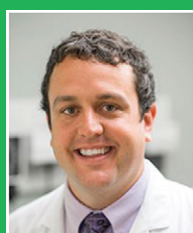
## And...

**J. Blake Epling**, Class of 2013, and **Tariq Latif**, Class of 2018, received Bronze Oak Leaf Awards from the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center in Huntington. Recipients of the award are nominated by a veteran in recognition of their outstanding customer service. Epling recently completed an endocrinology fellowship at Marshall, and completed his residency at West Virginia University in Morgantown. He is now practicing at Marietta (Ohio) Memorial Hospital. Latif was nominated by a veteran under his medical care during his recent sub-internship. He began his internal medicine residency with Marshall in July.

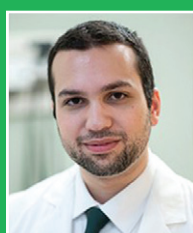
**Lora B. Fetty**, Class of 2014, and **Brandon S. Shiflett**, Class of 2015, have joined the MUJCESOM as assistant professors. Additionally, at Marshall Health, Fetty specializes in internal medicine, adolescent medicine and primary care. Shiflett is an intensivist, providing hospital inpatient care as well as services for the internal medicine walk-in clinic at the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center.



Ira Lekh Matson



J. Blake Epling



Tariq Latif



Lora Fetty



Brandon Shiflett

## In Memoriam

### **MAJESTER N. ABDUL-JALIL, M.D.**

Class of 2002, passed away July 30, 2018, at age 51. He



leaves behind wife, Anne; daughter, Maryam; and sons, Majester and Zakariya. He was most recently practicing medicine in Hanford, California, while Anne remained in their home base of Charleston, West Virginia, to finish raising their children. A graduate of Colby College, Majester left behind a legion of close family members, friends, colleagues, mentors and patients who he felt so very honored to serve.

### **JAMES W. "JIM" BANKS III, M.D.**

Class of 1984, passed away July 18, 2018. A Beckley, West Virginia,

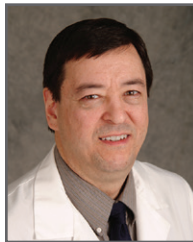


native, Jim grew up in Hagerstown, Maryland. One of his unusual accomplishments was being on the first USA National Boomerang Team in the early 1980s. For many years, he practiced medicine, as he would say, "from birth to the grave." Then, Jim became a headache specialist. Most recently, he had been appointed to the board of the National Headache Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Rector Banks, M.D., Class of 1984; four children, Rebekah (Gray) Ewing, Rachel (Stefan) Novosel, Ian Banks, and James W. Banks IV; and three grandchildren. Please send any

stories or memories of Jim you would be willing to share to the family at banksfamily0723@gmail.com or 1563 Foxleigh Ct., St. Louis, MO 63131.

**PAUL R. DURST, M.D.,**

Class of 1984, of Huntington, passed away April 1, 2018.



Paul was a retired pathologist and assistant professor at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He was beloved by medical students who bestowed countless teaching awards to him. He considered it a privilege to mentor medical students. He was a member of Norway Avenue Church of Christ, where he served as an Elder. God and family were most important to Paul, but he also showed his love and compassion for everyone he encountered. Paul is survived by his wife, Carol Lewis Durst; his mother, Hisae "Rose" Durst; two sons, Robert Durst and Eric (Jessica) Durst; and two grandchildren. In honor of Paul's life, memorial gifts may be made to the Paul R. Durst, MD Scholarship, c/o the Marshall School of Medicine.

**EDWARD J. "ED" GREY, M.D.,**

Class of 1992, of Charleston, West Virginia, passed away July 26, 2018, at the age of 65. Ed grew up in the



projects in Brooklyn, New York, working his way to an associate degree at Manhattan Community College. He moved to West Virginia in the mid-1970s to begin a respiratory therapy education program. In his mid-30s, Ed decided to pursue a career in medicine. Throughout his career, he taught hundreds of students and physicians in training about the art of medicine and pulmonology as a clinical professor. He owned a thriving pulmonary practice in Charleston before joining Pulmonary Associates of Charleston in 2011. He served as chief of staff of the Charleston Area Medical Center in 2006. He is survived by his children, Carl R. Grey, M.D. (Abby), Melissa A. Baldwin (David), and Paul E. Grey; three grandchildren; and seven brothers and sisters.

**BOBBY A. MILLER II, M.D.,** Class of 1984, of Huntington, passed away May 7, 2018.



He was 60. He was a forensic psychiatrist and neurologist with his own private practice in Huntington. He also served as medical director at Mildred Mitchell Bateman Hospital and as a staff physician at River Park Hospital, both in Huntington. Bobby is survived by his wife, Rebecca "Becky" Pauley Miller; his mother, Nettie Chapman Miller; and a daughter, Kaitlyn Christine "K.C." Miller.

**CHRISTINIA L. "CHRISSY" WHITAKER, M.D.,** Class of 2001, of Clarendon Township, Michigan,



passed away Jan. 27, 2018, at the age of 43. Before attending medical school at Marshall, she earned a bachelor's degree in biomedical ethics from the University of Virginia. Chrissy opened her own family practice in Michigan. She is survived by her children, Cerey and Quinn Whitaker; and her mother, Cindy Harris.

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## ALUMNI PROFILE



### Bryan D. Springer, M.D., Class of 1999



- Attending Orthopedic Surgeon
- Fellowship Director
- OrthoCarolina Hip and Knee Center
- Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery Carolinas Medical Center/Atrium Healthcare

#### Where is your hometown?

Annapolis, Maryland.

#### Where do you live now?

Charlotte, North Carolina

#### When did you know you wanted to be a doctor?

I was a sophomore in college majoring in athletic training and had a wonderful mentor in head athletic trainer, Pat Aronson. She convinced me I should consider going into medicine. If it wasn't for her encouragement, I would have never considered medicine as a career.

#### What are your clinical interests?

My practice is solely focused on hip and knee replacement surgery. About 20 to 25 percent of my practice is focused on revising (redoing) patients who have had failed hip and knee replacement surgeries for a variety of reasons. We are constantly evaluating why joint replacements fail, how we can minimize failures and improve longevity. Every patient and every case is so different. There is a common misconception that doing hip and knee replacement is just cookie-cutter, but all patients have different anatomy, different deformity that makes each case unique and challenging.

#### What type of research are you working on?

I am fortunate to be a part of a wonderful research team at OrthoCarolina Research Institute. Currently, we are looking at the best ways to treat periprosthetic joint infection after hip and knee replacement. When infection occurs, it is associated with very high rates of morbidity and mortality, so we are trying to determine the best ways for treatment and minimize the risk of patients for developing infection.

#### Tell us about the nonprofit you started.

Our nonprofit is called Operation Walk Carolinas. We started this organization three years ago and it has truly been one of the most fulfilling things I have done in my medical career. Our mission is to provide

free hip and knee replacement surgeries to patients in developing countries who would otherwise have no access to these life-changing operations. We have been fortunate to visit Panama, Cuba and Honduras and have already performed more than 125 joint replacements in these countries. In addition, we teach the in-country doctors, nurses and therapists so they can provide better care.

#### How do you achieve a work-life balance between your practice, research, nonprofit and being a father of five?

I think the biggest thing is that you have to prioritize certain things at certain times but always realize that family comes first. We can always be busier, do more research, see more patients, but I only have one chance to see my kids grow up, make that baseball game or soccer game. My wife, Summerson, is amazing. She does it all and makes it look so easy. She is my hero. She keeps us all grounded, after all she is from West Virginia ... and a Marshall grad.

#### What is your favorite hobby?

I always tell people my hobby is my family. Having five children keeps my wife and me busy outside of work and we enjoy watching and spending time at their activities. In my free time, I enjoy trying to stay active with swimming, biking and running. My wife and I try to do some kind of physical exercise every day before work.

#### Why do you remain engaged with the school of medicine as an alumnus?

I will always have a special bond with the school of medicine and Marshall. They gave me a chance when they didn't have to, when others didn't, and for that, I will always be grateful. When I was a medical student, there was not a Department of Orthopaedics. I have gotten to know Dr. Ali Oliashirazi very well, and he is a good friend and mentor. I try to go back once a year give lectures to the residents and med students.

#### Parting words...

I just want to emphasize what a special place Marshall is and how fortunate students and alumni should feel to have the opportunity to be a part of it. We are all afforded so much and the best way we share spread our talents and have an influence on others is to give back. It does not always have to be money — it can be through teaching, mentoring or just giving some of your time.



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  - Loves the family environment of Marshall's small community.
  - Biggest challenge? Striking the “perfect” work-life balance.
  - For fun, unwinds with family and friends, travels or works out.
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