The Florida State University College of Medicine reached yet another milestone this year. As the first new school of the 21st Century, we also became the first new school to undergo the reaccreditation process through the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME). Preparation for the process began 18 months before the LCME site visit and consisted of a process that demands introspection and self-analysis of our resources, methods, and outcomes. None doubted that full reaccreditation would be achieved, but there is never any certainty as to the nature of the official LCME report. What we do know is that after a detailed 5-day review of our medical school, the LCME site visit team left with a clear understanding of our model and how superbly it is working. They found committed and enthusiastic faculty, students and staff at every visit and every campus. The team was impressed by our strengths in curriculum management, self-evaluation methods and peer-review, our one-on-one faculty-student apprenticeship model, our resolute mission focus, community faculty development program, and emphasis on being a student-centered medical school. Dean Fogarty remarked that the LCME arrived as very interested skeptics and departed, highly respectful of our accomplishments. Their final decision on our status will take place in October. We have every reason to expect that it will be as good as the site visit. I am willing to predict that we will receive commendations in areas of several educational standards.

In this newsletter we present more stories of student successes and faculty achievements that once again highlight the impressive 10-year outcomes of our college. Our students continue to impress us and their residency programs and we are rightly proud. Our next steps are to enhance our curriculum and develop it further as an integrated, competency-based, and resourced method. We are poised and excited to enter our next decade of grand achievement.

Our mission is to educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge, and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority & underserved populations.
Congratulations to the Class of 2011

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Graduation Day

Dr. Jan Garavaglia, FSU College of Medicine Orlando regional campus faculty member and star of Discovery Health Channel’s “Dr. G: Medical Examiner,” was invited to speak at the Class of 2011 graduation ceremony.

Dr. Garavaglia closed by saying, “Each day, I walk into a room full of dead people, all of whom were alive the day before. It is a lesson that has kept me happy throughout my career and life: that you should live your life in a state of gratefulness that you are alive, and if you do, you will find purpose in that day and make that day count.”

For more information about the Class of 2011 graduation ceremony and to read Dr. Garavaglia’s full speech, please click [here](#).
The Orlando Regional Campus Class of 2013

Welcome to Our New Students!
Hail to the Chiefs

An impressive number of Florida State University College of Medicine graduates have gone on to be Chief Residents at their residency programs. Here are the stories of three of them who have affected the central Florida area.

Dr. Regan Rostorfer (FSUCOM 2006) completed his Internal Medicine residency at Orlando Health where he was named Chief Resident. He went on to a 2-year Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Orlando. He was recently named a third-year Chief Resident Fellow at MD Anderson. In all of his Chief positions, Regan has had plenty of occasions to work with our medical students and he is known as an outstanding leader, clinician, and educator. Regan hopes to stay in the Orlando area after training in clinical Hematology/Oncology.

Dr. Manny Herrera (FSUCOM 2006) completed his Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency training at the Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies at Orlando Health where he was also named Chief Resident. At the age of 23 Manny precariously escaped from Cuba to come to America. He quickly learned English and became an honors student at Miami-Dade County Community College after which was accepted to FSU where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. At FSU College of Medicine he won the Excellence in Obstetrics and Gynecology Award at graduation, and he maintained that level of distinction during his residency, chief residency, and now in clinical practice in OB/GYN in Clermont, Florida. There he continues to meet the mission of FSU COM that attracted him to our school in the first place as he provides for the underserved population in his area. As life comes full circle, Manny is now teaching FSU Orlando Regional Campus students in the required third year OB/GYN Clerkship. Do not be surprised if a teaching award comes his way in the next few years.

Dr. Erin Connelly was a FSU COM graduate from the Tallahassee Regional Campus. She finished her 3-year Pediatric Residency at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children at Orlando Health. She was named a 4th year Chief Pediatric Resident in Orlando for 2010-2011. As a resident and as Chief, Erin taught many FSU students on the Pediatrics Clerkship and Pediatrics Electives. She also taught and supervised a number of FSU COM Alumni who chose Arnold Palmer Hospital for their training. After her chief residency she was selected for the highly competitive Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, Indiana. Fellows are selected every three years. Erin was the last candidate interviewed for their application cycle for this year, but she was clearly the best among applicants from across the nation. The fellowship involves training in comprehensive forensic physical and sexual examinations, as well as training in advocacy and the legal system.

The quality of these individuals as clinicians and now educators, as well as their commitment to the Florida State University College of Medicine mission and model are a true testimony to the quality of our College, its curriculum and dedicated faculty.

Faculty Spotlight

This year, Dr. Herndon Harding was elected Clerkship Director of the Year by the Orlando Campus Class of 2011. Dr. Harding is the Clerkship Director for Psychiatry and has been an Orlando Campus faculty member since 2002. Here, Dr. Lauren Engelmann, Class of 2011, shares her thoughts about her experience with Dr. Harding:

“Our clerkship director of the year was a fairly constant presence in our education since we arrived in Orlando. That Dr. Harding is an admirable clinician and a doctor that his patients truly respect and appreciate goes without saying. Within five minutes of meeting him, you know that he unequivocally loves what he does, but he passes no judgment if you choose a different path. He genuinely wanted to know his students as future colleagues, and he made sure to recognize and foster our individual talents. We will all be better doctors because of the way he taught us to look at patients as their sum total and to treat them as human beings. To Dr. Harding, medicine is still truly an art. He is gracious, wickedly funny, and my personal mentor. I hope to one day become a psychiatrist of his caliber and I’m appreciative that he continues to support my journey into the field.”

Dr. Engelmann began her residency in Psychiatry this summer at the University of Colorado - Denver.
Student Awards

College of Medicine Awards

This year, three Class of 2011 Orlando regional campus students were recognized at the College-wide pre-graduation program held in Tallahassee.

Dr. Matthew Cox was the recipient of the Campus Dean’s Award which is given to “the most outstanding student at each College of Medicine regional campus.” Dr. Cox began his residency in Otolaryngology this summer at the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Natalie Ciomek earned the FSU Student Research Award, given to the graduating student who exhibits excellence in clinical research. Dr. Ciomek conducted much of her work under the outstanding supervision of Drs. Sarfraz Ahmad and Susan Blaydes Ingersoll in the research laboratories of the Florida Hospital Cancer Institute Dr. Ciomek began her residency in Pathology this summer at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Justin Casey received the FSU Myra M. Hurt Leadership in Medicine Award. This is awarded for “exemplary leadership in one or more areas of Medicine.” Dr. Casey matched in Otolaryngology at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine.

For a complete list of the awards presented to the Class of 2011, please click here.

National Recognitions

In addition to our students receiving College awards, three Orlando regional campus students were recognized by national organizations this year. These students represent the Class of 2012.


Natasha Demehri and Michael Silverstein were recently selected for induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. “GHHS honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.”

For information about GHHS please click here.

We at the Orlando regional campus are extremely proud of our students and offer congratulations to Drs. Cox, Casey, and Ciomek, and to Jordan, Natasha, and Michael for their hard work and dedication.

Supporting the Mission: Donor Appreciation

The faculty listed below have recently pledged monetary support for the Florida State University College of Medicine Orlando Regional Campus Scholarship Fund through donation of their compensation for teaching FSU students. We appreciate their support of our mission and programs for the benefit of our students.

Jeffrey Cohen, M.D.
Michael Degnan, M.D.
Cara Jakob, M.D.
Joseph Savona, M.D.

If you would like to contribute to the Orlando Regional Campus student scholarships, contact our Campus Administrator, Leeanne Parker or Campus Dean, Dr. Michael Muszynski at 407-835-4103.
Recent Student Research Presentations

**Ciomek, N., Stoltzfus G., Ahmad S., Merchant M., Finkler N., Holloway R.W., and Ingersoll S.B.**. Analyses of Gene Expression and microRNA Profiles in Ovarian Cancer Cells and Xenograph Tumors: Implications in Aggressive Tumor Phenotype; The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening: SBS 17th Annual Conference & Exhibition.


Shafran I., **Cangemi D.**, Burgunder P.: Efficacy of adalimumab therapy in patients with crohn’s disease who were unresponsive to or intolerant of infliximab: six years of experience in a single gastroenterology center. American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting.

**Wardrop M.**, Lube M., DuCoin C.: Platelet counts in trauma patients admitted to the intensive care unit that receive enoxaparin (lovenox™) for venous thrombo-embolism prophylaxis. SCCM Annual Congress, Critical Care Medicine.

Kosko J., **Casey J.**: Retropharyngeal Abscesses: Surgical vs. Medical Management. Annual Meeting of the Society for Ear, Nose and Throat Advances in Children.


Al Achkar M., **Rogers J.S.**, Koo D., Needham E., Muszynski M.J.: Pantoea sepsis associated with sickle cell crisis in a pregnant woman with a history of pica, American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) National Conference.


**Campbell C.**, Ziajka P.: Differential effects of statin therapy plus ezetimibe versus statin therapy alone on lipid profiles in different races, sex, and age. American College of Physicians Florida Chapter Scientific Meeting.

Khaja F., **Campbell C.**, Tang L.: Syphilis and HIV - Same story, different ending. American College of Physicians Florida Chapter Scientific Meeting.


Faculty Development guidelines require that each Clerkship faculty member accumulate a prescribed number of faculty development hours, based on specific teaching role and years of service. For a full description of FSU COM faculty development requirements please click here.

There are several ways in which to earn faculty development hours, but one of the most effective is to attend a live session at the Orlando campus. Each month the Orlando campus hosts a session emphasizing different aspects of clinical teaching, using a variety of speakers and mediums. Most of the live sessions also offer CME in addition to faculty development hours. The newest FSU COM session is “Strategies for Teaching Procedural Skills” which will be held in Orlando on 11/09/2011.

Faculty may also earn hours by completing modules online. There are 15 modules available to all FSU COM faculty on the College Intranet. If you are interested in completing an online module please click here.

Each new faculty member is sent an appointment packet in the mail containing a CD with six modules worth two hours each. CDs are also available upon request to any Orlando regional campus faculty member, regardless of their length of appointment.

For any questions or concerns about faculty development please contact:

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Our Newest Faculty

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Maria Bello, MD
Elly Benzaquen Parkes, MD
Jack Berger, MD
Janis Black, DO
George Brick, MD
Terri-Ann Brogan, DO
Jean-Felert Cadet, MD
Nicole Cameron, MD
Christina Chen, MD
Jerome Chen, MD
Jane Cook, DO
Joyce Cortes, MD
Robin Creamer, DO
Gail Dudley, DO
Timothy Farley, MD
William Felix-Rodriguez, MD
Jessica Ferencz, MD
Pierre Fotso, MD
Joel Garcia, MD
Robert Goldstein, MD
Rema Gupta, MD
George Haidukewych, MD
Manuel Herrera, MD
Karoly Horvath, MD
William Huether, MD
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Kenneth Koval, MD
Nelson Kraucak, MD
Gene Krishignner, MD
Bela Kudish, MD
Sergio Larach, MD
Katrina Lesher, MD
Elizabeth Loika, MSARNP
Diane Luciani, DO
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Brian Reeves, DO
Christopher Rush, MD
Laura Slack, MD
Hubert Swana, MD
Joshua Trabin, MD
Sam Venus, MD
Robert Williams, MD
Lee Yang, MD
Myeong Yoon, MD

During the academic year 2010-2011, 196 Orlando faculty members earned a total of 1,092 hours of faculty development!