



Cianna Hatfield, general surgeon

Some medical specialties lean way more toward one sex than the other. General surgery, for example, is an overwhelmingly male pursuit — but not entirely. Among the College of Medicine’s female alumni practicing general surgery are Laura Dacks (M.D., ’05), Maria Castilla (M.D., ’09) Jada Leahy (M.D., ’09) and, as of this summer, **Cianna (Pender) Hatfield** (M.D., ’11).

What’s more, both Cianna and her husband/classmate, **Jackson Hatfield**, who recently completed their residency training at Louisiana State University, are practicing within a stone’s

throw of the Big Bend, where they grew up.

“Cianna and I accepted jobs in Thomasville, Georgia, and began the last week of August,” said Jackson, a family physician. “Thomasville is close to both of our families and favorite fishing spots. It will give us the opportunity to practice in a rural community but still have excellent medical facilities. Cianna joined a hospital-employed group of six general surgeons. I will be the fourth doctor in a hospital-employed group and will be able to do outpatient and inpatient medicine.”

Alumni tailgate and reunion

Match Day, one of the most action-packed dates on the College of Medicine calendar, is getting even better. Starting in 2017, Match Day also will be the anchor of the Alumni Reunion weekend.

So in addition to fourth-year students converging on the main campus from every regional campus, alumni will also be joining the celebration. Although all alumni are welcome at every reunion, the upcoming reunion especially features the Classes of 2007 and ’12, in addition to the Program in Medical Sciences Classes of T-’77, ’82, ’87, ’92 and ’97.

Alumni, please consider not only attending but also serving as a reunion volunteer. The No. 1 role of those volunteers is to encourage classmates to attend. If you’re interested, call Alumni Relations Coordinator Chelsea Knott at (850) 645-9428 or email her at chelsea.knott@med.fsu.edu.

Coming up much sooner on the calendar is the Oct. 15 Fall Tailgate, in the College of Medicine courtyard on FSU Homecoming weekend. This year FSU is playing Wake Forest, and the tailgate will begin four hours before the game starts. (Kickoff time TBA.) Depending on the time, there will be either a catered brunch or a catered lunch, free of charge. There will be games for kids, too, so we encourage you alumni and friends to bring your families.