

Alumnus of distinction

Mel Hartsfield (PIMS, '78) was one of the first alumni to serve in a leadership role with the FSU College of Medicine when he assumed duties as dean of the Tallahassee Regional Campus. Hartsfield served as the campus dean for five years through 2011, before returning to Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville, Georgia, where he is chief medical officer.

Hartsfield, who earned a B.S. in biology and a J.D. at Florida State, recently received the College of Medicine's first Distinguished Alumni Award.

"It's an honor for me, especially when I know of so many others, including many of my classmates, who are so deserving of such recognition," Hartsfield said.

"I am humbled and truly appreciative. I believe it's important to do whatever we can as alumni to support the mission and the work of the FSU College of Medicine, and I certainly enjoyed my time working with students and our outstanding community physicians at the Tallahassee Regional Campus."

The next Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented at the College of Medicine's annual spring reunion in April 2015. Interested in nominating a classmate or other PIMS or College of Medicine graduate for the award? Send an email to Chelsea Knott, alumni relations and special events coordinator: chelsea.knott@med.fsu.edu

