



Frank Walker (center) with Dean John P. Fogarty (left) and Tallahassee Campus Dean Ron Hartsfield.

## Alumni, distinguished

Ten years after graduating its first class, the College of Medicine is just getting started honoring its alumni. In August, in its second rendition, the PIMS and College of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award moved to a bigger stage.

During the Class of 2019 White Coat Ceremony, the medical school's newest students got a chance to meet some of its finest alumni. Many of them likely recognized at least one of the winners.

**Frank Walker**, a Tallahassee pediatrician, was a member of the third group of students to complete the PIMS program (1974). Not long after establishing a pediatrics practice 30 years ago, Walker joined the PIMS admissions committee. He became the committee's chair and continues in that role today with the College of Medicine admissions committee.

He was nominated for the Distinguished Alumni Award by Class of 2019 student Andrew Kropp, who shadowed Walker for four years as an FSU undergraduate.

"I've had people tell me that they choose to drive hours from home in order to visit him because he cares the most and gives the utmost attention to their children," Kropp said. "Despite having hundreds of patients, Dr. Walker can tell you the social history of virtually anyone without having to look at their chart. Sometimes it's because he treated the parents when they were children."

The other 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award winner is **Robin Albritton (M.D., '07)**. He came to medical school from Marianna, where the college has a rural medicine education site, and said all along that he wanted to go back to practice, because that's where he was needed.

Albritton stayed true to his mission, no matter the challenges. For an idea about his life, and his work, see: **ALBRITTON: HAPPY (AND FRAZZLED) IN MARIANNA**, on Page 24.

Robin Albritton



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