

Dr. G to address FSU medical school grads

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When the 114 members of FSU's College of Medicine graduate on Saturday, they will have a celebrity physician in their midst.

The scheduled keynote speaker — provided a pressing homicide isn't keeping her in lockdown in Orlando — is Dr. Jan Garavaglia, star of Discovery Health Channel's series "Dr. G: Medical Examiner."

While she will be an expert witness in the upcoming, high-pro-



Garavaglia

file Caylee Anthony murder trial — Garavaglia determined that the remains of a small child found on Dec. 11,

2008 near the Anthony residence were Caylee's — Garavaglia is quick to point out that this is a far cry from how she spends the majority of her time.

"We do a lot more than

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homicide cases; we determine why people die when nobody else can figure it out," she said. "A lot of family members are in limbo when they don't know when their loved ones die.

"We try to take the suspicion of f of them and give them some sort of closure."

A St. Louis native, Garavaglia, 54, did a post-residency fellowship in forensic pathology at the Dade County Medical Examiner's Office. She spent 10 years in San Antonio and has been the chief medical examiner for Orange and Osceola counties since 2003.

Her Discovery series — Garavaglia calls it "my major hobby — that and laundry is about the only thing I can do" — started in 2004.

Dr. Lisa Flannagan, associate medical examiner for District 2, which includes Leon County, regards Garavaglia as an exemplary role model for medical school students.

"She is well respected by her colleagues. Her show shows the whole scope of what we do," Flannagan said.

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