

FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce honors faculty

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FORT PIERCE — Two prestigious awards were given out Sept. 20, when the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine gathered its faculty members for a night of appreciation and academic updates.

The star-studded evening event took place at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex on the campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. The keynote speaker was John P. Fogarty, M.D., dean of the FSU College of Medicine, presenting his State of the College address.

The regional campus faculty is composed of over 240 active Treasure Coast physicians who take turns teaching 38 third- and fourth-year medical students. The students work one-on-one with the physicians and gain clinical experience through seeing patients in the local hospitals, surgery centers, physicians' offices and other ambulatory care facilities.

Two faculty members received awards from Randall Bertolette, M.D., dean of the Fort Pierce campus.

One, titled Guardian of the Mission, is for a physician whose activities have furthered the college's mission: 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 and underserved populations."

Michael Jampol, MD, FSU pediatrics clerkship director, presented this award to Lynn Scheel, MD, a pediatrician at Florida Community Health Center in Port St. Lucie. She has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2007, teaching the first-year Summer Clinical Practicum course and the third-year pediatrics clerkship at her office and St. Lucie Medical Center.

Some comments from them include: "One of her greatest strengths is her compassion for her patients. She is truly an advocate for their health. She is also very interested in learning new things and keeps abreast of new drugs, technology and ways to make patient care better. She is very knowledgeable about diseases, treatments and resources for her patients in the community."

The other award, Outstanding Community Faculty Educator, is for exemplary achievement in meeting student educational needs, working collaboratively, dedication to the curriculum principles and enthusiasm for teaching.

Bill Hood, MD, FSU internal medicine clerkship director, presented this award to Ian Boykin, MD, an internal medicine physician in private practice in Fort Pierce with privileges at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and St. Lucie Medical Center.

Boykin teaches the FSU medical students in the first-year Summer Clinical Practicum and the third- and fourth-year internal medicine courses. He has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2007, and is one of the favorite instructors of the students.

The students who have worked with him commented, “Dr. Boykin was a wonderful teacher, doctor, and person. He was great at challenging what you know and pushing you to your best. He is well respected by his patients and colleagues, and is well-liked in this community. He is a good role model and one that I look up to and aspire to emulate. His energy and enthusiasm are incredible. He was very encouraging and gave criticism in a constructive manner. He is a true patient advocate, with an incredible ability to communicate with them.”

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