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Florida State University College of Medicine Fort Pierce campus honors faculty

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George Fyffe, M.D., 2011 FSU Guardian of the Mission, and Jimmy Lockhart, M.D., 2011 FSU Outstanding Community Faculty Educator

FORT PIERCE — Two prestigious awards were given out Tuesday, Aug. 30, 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 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 246 active Treasure Coast physicians who take turns teaching 36 third- and fourth-year medical students. The students work one-on-one with the physicians and gain clinical experience through seeing



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patients in the local hospitals, surgery centers, physicians' offices and 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." This award was presented to George Fyffe, M.D., an obstetrics/gynecology physician at Partners in Women's Health, in Vero Beach. He has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2008, teaching the third year students at his office and [Indian River Medical Center](#). Some comments from them include: "He was wonderful. He is devoted to his patients and has a strong desire to teach me. He was a great teacher and was really helpful and patient."

Dr. Juliette Lomax-Homier, the obstetrics/gynecology clerkship director who nominated Dr. Fyffe said, "Our honoree is generally a soft spoken gentleman, who serves as an excellent role model for our students. He is able to direct his teachings to the learner's needs, without minimizing them. His career path has directed him to those patients with the least voice, and often, the greatest need. He is an excellent role model for our students and is a shining example of a faculty member who fulfills our mission."

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. This award went to Jimmy Lockhart, M.D., a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist. He is the Medical Director of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Vero Beach. In addition, he is on the 12 member national physician advisory board for the HealthSouth corporation. He teaches the FSU medical students in their fourth year geriatrics clerkship. During that rotation he meets with the students in the hospital setting, teaching them about the care of patients after the initial hospitalization. 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. He is down to earth, practical, with a sense of humor that makes the experience both educational and fun. He spent 15 years in the army as an enlisted Sergeant First Class, earning the meritorious service medal, commendation medal, and the army achievement medal. Dr. Michael Gilels, the geriatrics clerkship director who nominated Dr. Lockhart said, "He's a valued and trusted resource for our fourth year students, and he enthusiastically volunteers to help us with guest lectures."

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