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Two Local Physicians Receive Faculty Awards From FSU's College of Medicine

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PENSACOLA, FL – Two local physicians who teach third- and fourth- year medical students at the Florida State University College of Medicine Pensacola regional campus received awards for their dedication to teaching and commitment to upholding the college's mission. Dr. John Gage, clerkship faculty member in surgery, received the Outstanding Community Faculty Educator award. This awards honors one faculty member who "demonstrates consistent dedication to the six College of Medicine principles of the curriculum, consistent dedication to identifying and meeting the educational needs of students; enthusiasm for teaching; participation in faculty development; and, willingness to work collaboratively with clerkship directors/clerkship faculty/regional campus staff to deliver the College of Medicine's clinical curriculum to students." In announcing the selection for Outstanding Community Faculty Educator, Dr. Paul McLeod, dean of the FSU College of Medicine's Pensacola campus, noted that "Dr. John Gage is our "go to guy" for surgery. As a member of our outstanding surgery faculty, he lectures to all of the students as a part of the Doctoring 3 course, teaches third year students on the general surgery rotation and offers one our most popular electives to 4th year students. He is so popular that we keep asking for more and he keeps saying yes. Even at the last minute, he is willing to accept a student who needs his mentoring. Dr. Gage is a great example of our mission in action. We are very lucky to have him on our team." Dr. Marian Stewart, clerkship faculty for third-year required rotations in pediatrics, received the "Guardian of the Mission" Community Faculty Award. A clinical faculty member who had distinguished himself/herself by participating in activities that model the FSU College of Medicine 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." Dr. Stewart was nominated by Dr. Robert Wilson, clerkship director in pediatrics. He noted Stewart's contributions the Pensacola regional campus. "No student ever leaves the Jay pediatric experience who is not a better physician-in-training and person and who hasn't been exposed on a continuous basis to patient-centered health care." wrote Wilson. "These physicians are illustrative of our entire faculty. They are just the type of models we want for our students and truly represent the mission of the FSU College of Medicine," said Dr. Paul McLeod. "We are proud to have them as a part of our faculty." The FSU College of Medicine is the first fully accredited allopathic medical school (M.D. program) to open in the United States since 1982. First- and second-year basic sciences and clinical skills are taught in a new state-of-the-art facility in Tallahassee. Third- and fourth-year clinical clerkships are taught at one of six regional campuses by board certified physicians in local hospitals, ambulatory care facilities, and physician offices.